



HB 87 Women's History Month

Representative Carolyn Hall



- **Nora Guinn** (1920-2005) was a teacher, US Commissioner, magistrate, and the first Alaska Native district judge, based at Bethel. Among other aspects, she was celebrated for translating court proceedings into Yup'ik.



- **M. Ashley Dickerson** (1920-2005) was a homesteader, lawyer, and author, the first Black attorney in Alaska. She was also a childhood friend of Rosa Parks.

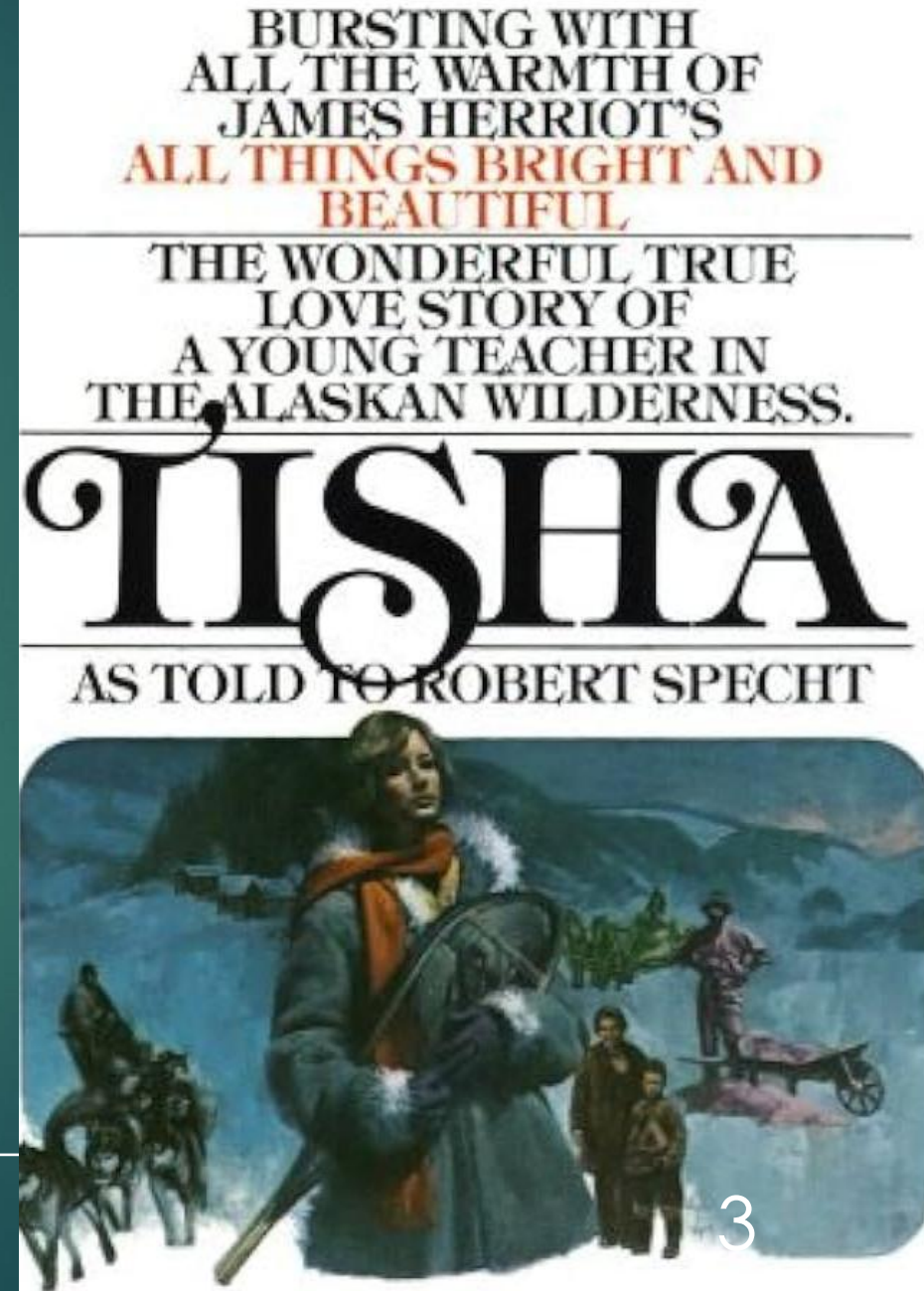




- **Dale DeArmond** (1914-2006) was a mother and artist best known for her woodblock prints.



- **Anne Hobbs Purdy** (1901-1987) was a schoolteacher and the bestselling author of *Tisha*. She adopted eleven children and did her best to keep the legend of Chicken, Alaska alive.





- **Martha “Mother” White** (1867-1919) was a member of the 1890s Cook Inlet Gold Rush and hotel proprietor in early Anchorage renowned for her generosity.



- **Martha “Babe” White**, daughter of Martha “Mother” White, was born in Tyonek, likely the first settler child born in the Upper Cook Inlet. In 1915, she drove a ceremonial first spike for the Alaska Railroad.





- **Benzie "Rusty" Dow** (1894-1989) was a homesteader, miner, truck driver, painter, and raised bear cubs. She was the first woman to drive the Alcan Highway and through the Whittier tunnel.



- **Cecilia "Ceil" Braund** (1940-1987) was a longtime Anchorage area bartender, notably at Diamond Jim's in Indian.





Mrs. Nell Scott

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- In 1936, Seldovia secretary **Nell Scott** became the first woman elected to the Alaska legislature.

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- In 1942, Mildred "Mickey" Romig became the first woman elected to the Anchorage City Council.

Final tabulations for election follow:

FOR MAYOR

William Stolt 531

Keith Capper 310

FOR COUNCIL

Tom Culhane 405

Dr. L. W. Hines 324

John Parsons 357

Mrs. Howard Romig 485

William J. Wagner 366

Ray Wolfe 606

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

C. O. Bjore 739



- **Thelma Buchholdt** (1934-2007) was a lawyer, historian, and politician. In 1974, the Filipino American Buchholdt became the first Asian American elected to the Alaska legislature and was reelected three times. She also wrote the key text on early Alaska Filipino history.

