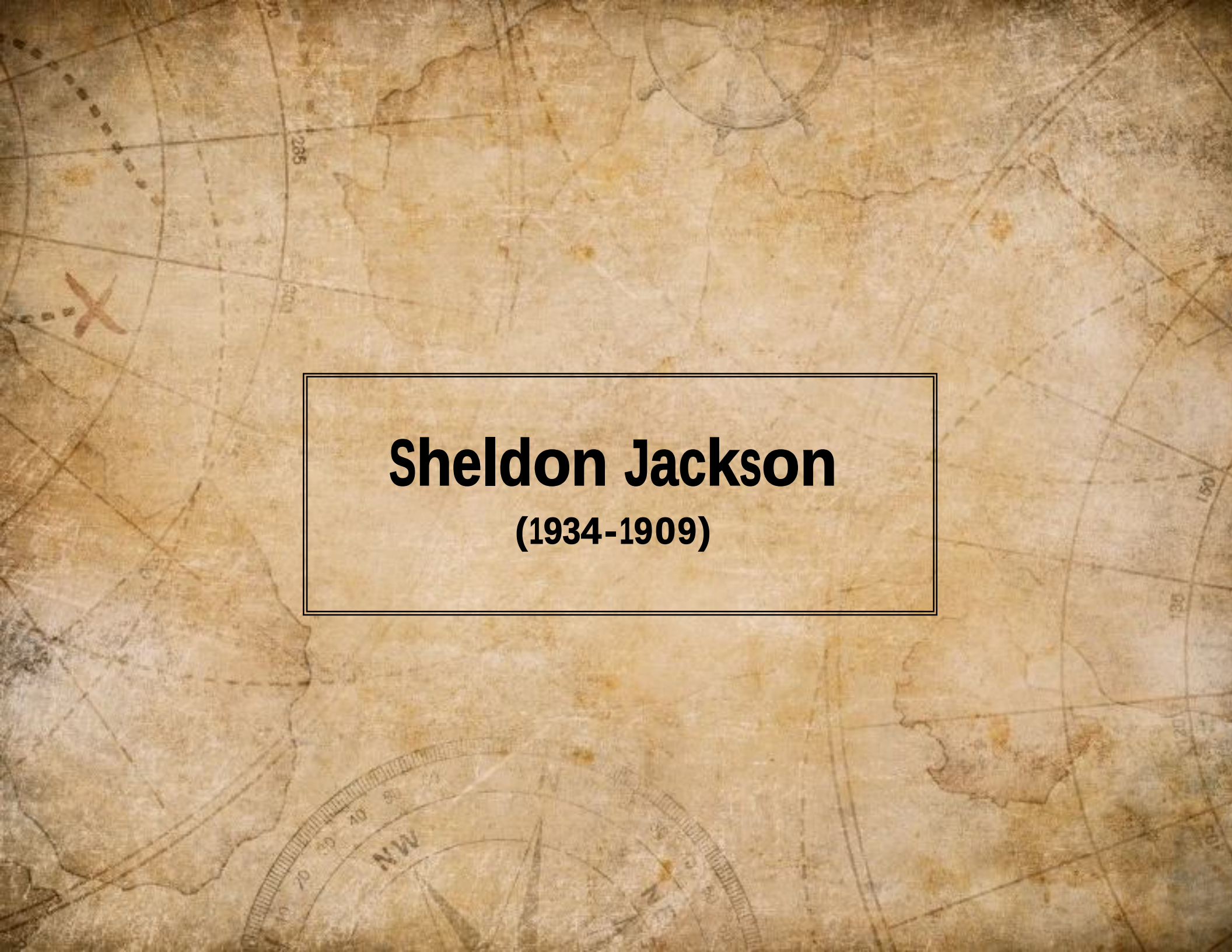




FACES *and* PLACES

from the England Expedition

The background is a detailed, aged map of the world, showing continents and oceans. A compass rose is visible in the lower-left corner, and a red 'X' is marked on the left side of the map. The map has a yellowish-brown, weathered appearance with various lines and numbers indicating latitude and longitude.

Sheldon Jackson

(1934-1909)



Portraits of Sheldon Jackson



Some Indian Children who Attended School



Sheldon Jackson on the U.S.S. Bear (Third Person from the Right)



Sheldon Jackson Landing in Alaska with Reindeer, 1892



Other Reindeer arriving in Alaska, 1892

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

A rare jewel that reflects a bright and enduring facet of Alaska's Heritage



The Reverend Dr. Sheldon Jackson was a Presbyterian missionary and first General Agent of Education for Alaska. As one of the organizers of the Alaska Society of Natural History and Ethnology, he recognized the importance of saving objects for the benefit of future generations.

In 1890, a building resembling a Northwest Coast Indian community house was constructed to display the growing collection of artifacts. By 1895, that building had become too small so Jackson donated and helped raise funds to design and build a new facility. The result was the present museum, the first concrete structure in Alaska, completed in 1897.

Alaska's oldest continually operating museum,
this collection represents
Alaska's Native cultures in transition,
gathered between 1888 and 1898
by missionary educator,
the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Welcome!



One of two official Alaska State Museums, the Sheldon Jackson Museum is charged with collecting and interpreting Alaska ethnographic materials made through the early 20th century. From Alaska Native watercraft to tools, equipment, clothing and ceremonial objects, the visitor has the opportunity to see a broad spectrum of Alaska Native material culture.

The majority of artifacts in the Sheldon Jackson Museum were collected between 1888 and 1898. The present collections are representative of the five major Native groups in Alaska: Tlingit, Inupiat, Iñupiat, Aleut, Athabascan and Northwest Coast.

Summer Hours

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday
[mid-May to mid-September]

Winter Hours

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday
[mid-September to mid-May]

Closed Holidays

Sheldon Jackson Museum Sign



Some Eskimo Necklaces and Bracelets in the Museum

