

Mme Tremblay's Store

Recognized Federal Heritage Building,
Dawson City historical complex



Corner view of Mme Tremblay's Store, 1948.
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Mme Tremblay's Store is located at the intersection of King Street and Third Avenue in Dawson City, on the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

The building was constructed in 1899, but it wasn't until 1913 that Émilie Tremblay opened her hat shop and dry goods business. The store is renowned for its architecture and the important role it played in Dawson City's development.

Émilie Tremblay (née Fortin in 1872 in Hébertville, Québec) is a key figure in the history of the Yukon and its French-speaking community. In 1894, after an 8,000-kilometre honeymoon journey, she arrived in Forty Mile, Yukon. She was one of the first non-Indigenous women to cross the Chilkoot Pass. This pioneering businesswoman was known for her social and community involvement. In 1985, the Yukon's first French-language school was named after her.

This colouring sheet highlights Franco-Yukonnaise history – for more, take a look at the colouring sheets for Yukon Crossing and the Overland Trail!



Émilie Tremblay in front of her store.
Box 16-90, Ann Hollenbeck, Parks Canada, Dawson City collection



On the back is a depiction of Mme Tremblay's Store by artist Virginie Hamel. Add a touch of colour, then cut, glue and choose which window to put the accessories in!

Virginie Hamel works with photo collage and papers of different textures and eras. She explores humans' sensory, emotional and spiritual relationship with geography, folklore and the animal world, which is woven into the fabric of our identity.

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