



## **Alfred Hulse Brooks**

**1871–1924**

Alfred Hulse Brooks was a true pioneer. He served as Chief Geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey Alaska Branch from 1903 to 1924 and served as Geological Curator of Alaska mineral resources. Between 1899 and 1911 he led six epic expeditions traversing Alaska by foot and horseback mapping the geology, topography, and mineral resources in diverse areas from the Lynn Canal to the North Slope. He postulated that the Brooks Range is separate from the Rocky Mountains and made major contributions to understanding the geologic framework of Alaska. The Brooks Range was named after him. He was a prolific author, publishing 64 reports between 1900 and 1923. His trailblazing exploits are documented in his 1953 book *Blazing Alaska's Trails*.

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