



Louis Marcus Prindle

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Louis M. Prindle worked in Alaska for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from 1902 to 1911 with a primary focus on geology and mineral occurrences in Interior Alaska. During that short time span, he wrote pioneering summaries of the Fairbanks, Circle, Rampart, Bonnifield, Kantishna, McKinley, and Fortymile Mining districts. Prindle's oldest publication dates to a 1903 visit to the Fairbanks Mining District, less than a year after gold was discovered there. Prindle's eagerness to talk and listen to miners and prospectors during his early visits to Interior Alaska mining districts were well-received by the pioneer mining fraternity. This open dialog set the stage for nearly 40 years of annual visits to mining districts across Alaska by USGS and Alaskan Territorial geologists.

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