

Tantalus Butte After Zeus' Son

The name Tantalus Butte, about 120 miles north of Whitehorse at Carmacks, Yukon, was named after the son of Zeus who was condemned to stand up to his chin in water that receded whenever he stooped to drink.

It was named by Lieutenant Fredrich Schwatka, an American explorer, when he explored the Yukon river near the mouth of the Nordenskiold river in the 1800's, who said he was "glad enough" to see the last of it.