Below is a list of Beckey’s most frequent climbing partners. The list also includes other prominent climbers who made some climbs with Beckey, such as Yvon Chouinard, Galen Rowell, Layton Kor, Harvey Carter, Louis Stur, Heinrich Harrer and Brian Greenwood.

A word of caution about the accuracy of these statistics. On many of Beckey’s climbs, his climbing partners are unknown or there is a discrepancy. So, here is an opportunity for the climbing community to provide me input to improve the accuracy of the statistics on Beckey's climbing partners.

Some recognition and praise should be stated about Beckey’s climbing partners, concerning Fred’s unsuccessful summit attempts. Occasionally Beckey would fail to reach the summit because he became sick or suffered from a minor injury and believe or not he had to return home to go to work!

There are over 50 of these unsuccessful climbs by Beckey, where his climbing partners would go on to reach the summit and, in most cases, they would achieve a first ascent or new route. I don’t want to leave the impression that because Beckey was unsuccessful, that the whole climbing party failed to reach the summit each time.

The numbers in the first table below, reflect Beckey’s success or failure with that climbing partner. If Beckey succeeded with that climbing partner, the table shows what Fred’s first ascent or new route totals were with that person.

When Fred failed on a climb because of illness, injury or for whatever reason and the other climbing partners succeeded, the first ascent or new route for his climbing partners are ***not*** included in the first table shown below.

For example, on September 9, 1956, John Rupley, Don Gordon and Fred Beckey set off to climb Mt Stuart, via the North Ridge. On the approach Beckey became ill and returned home. Don Gordon and John Rupley went on to achieve a new route on Mt Stuart by the North Ridge. This new route is not reflected in the new route totals for John Rupley and Don Gordon in the first table shown below, because Beckey failed on this attempt of Mt Stuart. But John Rupley and Don Gordon certainly deserve credit for establishing a new route on Mt Stuart.

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| **Climber** | **Years** | **Total** | **Succeeded** | **Failed** | **FA** | **NR** | **FWA** | **Alp** | **RC** |
| Eric Bjornstad | 1960-1985 | **66** | 50 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 21 | **45** |
| Helmy Beckey | 1933-1946 | 57 | **53** | 4 | 18 | 4 | 0 | **51** | 6 |
| John Rupley | 1956-1985 | 53 | 36 | 17 | 5 | 22 | 0 | 40 | 13 |
| Don Gordon | 1953-1964 | 47 | 41 | 6 | 3 | **26** | 1 | 23 | 24 |
| Pete Schoening | 1949-1951 | 47 | 41 | 6 | **27** | 5 | 0 | 41 | 6 |
| Herb Staley | 1945-1966 | 38 | 31 | 5 | 20 | 7 | 0 | 34 | 4 |
| Ralph Widrig | 1948-1950 | 36 | 34 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 1 |
| Dave Beckstead | 1963-1996 | 32 | 26 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 21 | 11 |
| Dan Davis | 1961-1977 | 32 | 32 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 0 | 25 | 7 |
| Jack Schwabland | 1945-1952 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 1 |
| Joe Hieb | 1948-1958 | 31 | 28 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 28 | 3 |
| Steve Marts | 1962-1965 | 30 | 29 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 24 | 6 |
| Ed Cooper | 1958-1960 | 28 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 12 | 16 |
| Jerry Fuller | 1961-1966 | 26 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| Dougal McCarty | 1973-1990 | 25 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 23 | 2 |
| Harry King | 1948-1957 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Pat Callis | 1963-1982 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| Hank Mather | 1958-1966 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Jim Nelson | 1982-2009 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Pat Callis | 1963-1982 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| Yvon Chouinard | **1959-2010** | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 2 |
| Wes Grande | 1948-1958 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| Bob Craig | 1940-1947 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Layton Kor | 1960-1967 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Galen Rowell | 1967-1976 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 4 |
| John Dudra | 1952 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| Alan Bartlett | 1974-1998 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Alex Bertulis | 1964-1988 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Charles Welsh | 1946-1957 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| Reed Cundiff | 1971-1976 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
| Lloyd Anderson | 1939-1942 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Harvey Carter | 1965-1967 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Brian Greenwood | 1959-1963 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Louis Stur | 1961 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Heinrich Harrer | 1954 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Dave Beckstead, Eric Bjornstad, Herb Staley, Dougal McCarty, Bill Pilling, Pat Callis, Jim Nelson, Alex Bertulis, Yvon Chouinard and John Rupley climbed with Fred for three or more decades. While others climbed with Fred for two to four years, but still racked up many climbs, such as Pete Schoening, Ralph Widrig, and Ed Cooper. Steve Marts accumulated all but one of his climbs with Beckey, during a 12-month period in 1962-1963. While John Dudra climbed with Fred for just over two months in 1952 and compiled some impressive numbers.

There are numerous climbs in the 1930s and 1940s, in which Fred’s climbing partner(s) are unknown. Odds are, Helmy Beckey was his climbing partner for some of these climbs, so his totals could surpass Eric Bjornstad's totals.

The next table is a list of climbs in which Beckey's climbing partners succeeded, even though Beckey did not. Most of the climbs were either a new route or a first ascent.

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| **Ascent Date** | **Peak** | **Route** | **FA** | **NR** | **Climbers** | **Grade** | **Location** |
| 1941-05-31 | Mt Shuksan | Nooksack Glacier |  | X | Helmy Beckey, Lyman Boyer | IV | WA-Cascade Range |
| 1948-09-01 | The Hook | South Ridge | X |  | Pete Schoening | Class 5 | WA-Cascade Range |
| 1950-07-02 | Forbidden Peak | South Face-West Side |  | X | Bill Fix, Pete Schoening | IV, Class 5 & aid | WA-Cascade Range |
| 1956-09-09 | Mt Stuart | North Ridge |  | X | John Rupley, Don Gordon | III, 5.7 | WA-Cascade Range |
| 1962-06-26 | The Monument | East Face |  | X | Dan Davis | Class 5, A2 | WA-Cascade Range |
| 1965-Mid August | Mt Waddington | East Spur, then regular route to summit |  | X | Jerry Fuller, Don Liska, Alice Liska, Leif-Norman Patterson | TD+, Class 5, 50 degrees | BC-Waddington Range |
| 1973-07-02 | Quincy Adams | South Ridge |  | X | Dusan Jagersky, Greg Marko, Jim Wickwire |  | AK-Fairweather Range |
| 1973-07-09 | Mt Fairweather | East Ridge |  | X | Dusan Jagersky, Greg Markov, Jim Wickwire |  | AK-Fairweather Range |
| 1976-10-01 | Split Mtn- North Summit | East Arete |  | X | Galen Rowell | III, 5.8 | CA-Sierra Nevada |
| 1977-08-01 | Mt Monarch | South Buttress |  | X | Dennis Mullen | IV, Class 5 | BC-Monarch Icefield |
| 1982-11 | Jiazi Feng | South Ridge | X |  | Pat Callis, John Markel, Rick Nolting |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1982-11 | Jiazi Feng | West Face |  | X | David Stutzman, Jim Williams |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1983-08 | Mt Winstone | North Face-Direct |  |  | Greg Collum, Jim Nelson | III, 55-degree ice | BC-Lillooet Icefield |
| 1983-08 | Mt Winstone | North Face |  |  | Chuck Gerson, William Pilling | III, 55- degree ice | BC-Lillooet Icefield |
| 1984-08-21 | Athena Tower | East Buttress |  | X | William Pilling, Greg Collum | IV, 5.8 | BC-Lillooet Icefield |
| 1987-08 | Golden Klattasine | West Buttress | X |  | Jim Nelson, Carl Diedrich | V, 5.10, A2 | BC-Homathko Icefield |

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| **Ascent Date** | **Peak** | **Route** | **FA** | **NR** | **Climbers** | **Grade** | **Location** |
| 1987-09-01 | Mt Moore | North Face aka Day Couloir |  | X | Irving Day, Jim Couch | IV, 50 to 60-degree snow & ice | BC-Homathko Icefield |
| 1988-08-05 | Dawson-Hasler Peak | North Face |  | X | Dave Pollari, Gray Thompson | 55-degree ice, class 3 | BC-Selkirk Mountains |
| 1989-09-30 | Dudh Ganga | South Route | X |  | Dave Pollari | 5.7 | India-Garhwal Himalaya |
| 1991-05-20 | Mt Neacola | West Face Couloir | X |  | James Garrett, Lorne Glick, Kennan Harvey | 65-degree ice & snow | AK-Neacola Mountains |
| 1993-10-01 | Lamo-she | NW Face |  |  | Chris Seashore, Andy Zimet, Jonathan Turk, Gray Thompson |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1994-08-29 | Pingora Peak | NE Face |  | X | James Garrett, Dave Medara | IV, 5.10, A2 | WY-Wind River Range |
| 1995-09-22 | Wahoo Tower | NE Buttress - Right |  | X | Peder Ourom, Rick Clements | V, 5.10 | BC-Manatee Group |
| 1996-07-06 | Mt Moore | East Face |  | X | Sam Grubenhoff, Jim Urvina, Steve Must | IV, Class 5, steep snow | BC-Homathko Icefield |
| 1996-10 | Snake Lake Peak | West Ridge | X |  | John Chilton, Jia Condon, Rich Prohaska |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1996-10 | Snake Lake Peak | North Ridge |  | X | Mark Carter, Steve Must |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1996-10 | Misty Mtn | NW Ridge | X |  | John Chilton, Jia Condon, Rich Prohaska | Class 5 | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1996-10 | San Ping Fong | North Ridge | X |  | John Chilton, Jia Condon, Rich Prohaska, Mark Carter, Steve Must |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 1997-05-30 | Noel Peak | West Face |  | X | Judd Stewart, Wes Bunch, Sam Grubenhoff, Dave Creeden | Class 5, 50-degree snow or ice | BC-Boundary   Ranges |
| 1997-06-24 | Shot Tower | Alaskan Magnum Wall (NW Face) |  | X | Dave Medara, Jonny Allen | V, 5.10, A3 | AK-Brooks Range |
| 1997-06-24 | The Pyramid | North Face |  | X | Rick Clements, Kai Hirvonnen | Class 5 | AK-Brooks Range |
| 1997-06 | Badile | SE Buttress |  | X | Dave Medara, Jonny Allen | 5.10 | AK-Brooks Range |
| 1997-06 | Shot Tower | West Ridge |  |  | Rick Clements, Kai Hirvonnen | Class 5 | AK-Brooks Range |

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| **Ascent Date** | **Peak** | **Route** | **FA** | **NR** | **Climbers** | **Grade** | **Location** |
| 1997-06 | West Maiden | East Face |  | X | Rick Clements, Kai Hirvonnen, Dave Medara, Jonny Allen | 5.9 | AK-Brooks Range |
| 1997-06 | East Maiden | West Ridge |  | X | Dave Medara, Rick Clements, Kai Hirvonnen, Jonny Allen | Class 4 | AK-Brooks Range |
| 1997-08-14 | Chutine Peak | The Lunatic Apprenticeship, North Face |  | X | Jason Robinson, John Chilton, Chris Kettles | V, AI4+, 65 to 75 degrees | BC-Boundary   Ranges |
| 1998-Mid June | McArthur Peak | South Face, south Buttress, aka Fred Said Buttress |  | X | Rick Clements, Chris Kettles, Troy Jungen, | Steep snow & ice, class 5 | YT-Saint Elias Mountains |
| 1998-07-23 | Little Tsaydaychuz | East Glacier | X |  | Wayne Bunker, Mark Landreville | III, Steep snow & ice | BC-Kitimat Ranges |
| 1998 | Stiletto Peak | SW Face |  | X | Kai Hironen, Lome Glick, Wilt Richardson | V, 5.10, A2 | BC-Waddington Range |
| 1998 | Tellot Spire | South Face |  | X | Kai Hironen, Lome Glick, Wilt Richardson | II, 5.11a | BC-Waddington Range |
| 1999-08 | The Wolverine | The Illness |  | X | James Garrett, Ryan Hokanson, John Chilton, Kris Pietryga | IV, 5.10, A3 | WY-Wind River Range |
| 2000-Late May | Peak 9,650 or Jezebel Peak | Ice Schooner route |  | X | Ryan Hokanson, Kirby Spangler |  | WY-Wind River Range |
| 2000-late May | Goose Peak | North Ridge |  | X | Ryan Hokanson, Kirby Spangler |  | AK-Revelation Mountains |
| 2000-Late-May | Peak 8472 | South Ridge |  | X | Ryan Hokanson, Kirby Spangler |  | AK-Revelation Mountains |
| 2000-Late-May | Peak 9076, aka Peak A-30 | North Ridge |  | X | Kirby Spangler |  | AK-Revelation Mountains |
| 2000-08-02 | Oasis Peak | South Ridge | X |  | Kevin Vail, Jon Walsh | V, 5.9 | AK-Saint Elias Mountains |
| 2002-07-31 | Cerebrus Mtn | NE Arete |  |  | Matt Perkins, Jim Ruch |  | BC-Monarch Icefield |
| 2002-10 | Black Peak | South Route |  |  | Kit Lewis, Morris Kittleman | 3 | WA-Cascade Range |
| 2003-Early August | Princess Mtn | NE Buttress |  | X | Matt Perkins, David Parker, Bill Pilling, Ray Borbon | 5.5, steep snow & ice | BC-Monarch Icefield |
| 2003-Early August | Turtlehead Mtn | South Rib |  | X | Matt Perkins, David Parker, Bill Pilling, Ray Borbon |  | BC-Monarch Icefield |

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| **Ascent Date** | **Peak** | **Route** | **FA** | **NR** | **Climbers** | **Grade** | **Location** |
| 2004-07-24 | Talchako Mtn | NE Ridge |  | X | Ray Borbon, Drew Brayshaw, James Nakagami | TD, 5.8, AI3 (60-degree ice.) | BC-Monarch Icefield |
| 2006-05 | Haizi Shan- North Summit | Beckey Direct | X |  | Dave O’Leske, Jeff Wenger, Ralf Sweeney, Todd Offenbacher |  | China-West Sichuan Ranges |
| 2006-07 | Pipsqueak Peak | East Ridge |  | X | Micah Lambreth, Dave Burdick | 5.7 | AK-Boundary Ranges |
| 2008-05-21 | Snowcap Mtn | North Route | X |  | Zach Schlosar, Richard Baranow | Steep ice | AK-Revelation Mountains |
| 2008-06 | Mt Russell | Fishhook Arete |  |  | Felix Parham, Erik Fox | III, 5.8 | CA-Sierra Nevada |
| 2009-08 | Mt Monarch |  |  |  | Jim Nelson, Bill Pilling Doug Walker, Rob Meshew, Jessie Mathieson, Stuart Mathiesen |  | BC-Monarch Icefield |
| 2012-07 | North Early Winter Spire | West Face |  |  | Adam Baylor, Mark Kroese | III, 5.0, A1 or 5.10d | WA-Cascade Range |
| 2013-10 | Joey Shan | Jianifornia Drweaming | X |  | Neil Kauffman, Erik Harz, Felix Parham | IV, 5.9 | China-Qiongai Mountains |

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