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Guide to Collection

Leedy, John W.

John W. Leedy Papers and Photographs, 1901-1941

MS 238

1 box
28 b&w photographs
Newspapers, articles and memorabilia

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ex-Governor of Kansas who, after losing his re-election bid in 1899, retired briefly from politics. After working in the mining industry and serving as director of the Leedy Mining Co, he moved to Valdez, Alaska in 1901. He served as mayor for 2 years. J.W. Leedy later became a naturalized citizen of Canada.

[Information from notes of Barbara L. Munton]

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Photographs and personal papers of John W. Leedy, collected during his time in Valdez.

SUBJECTS

Leedy, John W.
 White, Walter Lee
 Leedy, Alice May
 Valdez (Alaska)
 United States District Court
 Chittnya (Sternwheeler)

INVENTORY

Folder 1 - Photographs

1. Compliments of the Owl Drug Co., Valdez, Alaska. [metal ad tray]
2. [Bow view of sternwheeler *Chittyna* near bank of a river.]
3. [Aft view of sternwheeler *Chittyna* near bank of a river.]
4. [Man in hat in the distance, standing on gravel bank of large river.]
5. Verso: Alaska-Valdez [cat standing at top of log pole]
6. Verso: Alaska [snowy view of small town under large mountains] [on heavy card]
7. [Faded view of 4 men standing in front of tents]
8. [Small boat says *NIFTY* of Valdez] verso: Jean Ames & Misses Dunn stopped at Donohoe-Crary Camp on Fidalgo Bay, for breakfast, en route for Cordova. Mrs. D. & Mrs. C. are dressed in bloomers.
9. [Snowy view of train crossing trestle bridge, tall mountains behind]
10. [Faded image of man with two dogs in harness, looks like camp from number 7 in background]
11. [Winter view of probable mining camp, covered rail tracks from middle left edge to building near center.]

12. Mt. Wrangel, Alaska. P.S. Hunt P.51. [postcard]
13. [View of tall snowy mountains in winter]
14. [View of tall snowy mountains in winter – may be to the right of number 13]
15. Bear Hunting Valdez, Alaska May 24, 1916. [postcard addressed to Mr. Boyd Leedy in Eska, Alaska]
16. Mother 1915 [Formal head and shoulders portrait] verso: Alice (Leedy) White
17. Guggenheims at play. Valdez, Alaska. P.S. Hunt G1710 [3 men ice skating]
18. [Winter view of snowy mountains]
19. [View across wide river with lots of gravel and rock islands toward mountains]
20. [Faded view across river to mountains]
21. [Very faded image of 11 men in front of tents]
22. Valdez Transportation Co.'s Teams at their cache on top of Tasnuna Divide enroute to Cray's Camp on Kotsina River with three hundred and five tons of freight, Jan. 15 - 07. P.S. Hunt G1108.
23. Flowers in front of Ex-Gov. J.W. Leedy's residence, Valdez. Sept. 1-04. P.S. Hunt. verso: Clara Leedy
24. Sunday School Picnic. Valdez, Alaska. July 14-08. P.S. Hunt G.1909.
25. Verso: Valdez, Alaska. [Parade on dirt street, signs in view: Grand Hotel; J.G. Snyder, General Merchant; P.S. Hunt, Photographer; Hotel St Elias]
26. [Parade on dirt street, signs in parade: Pioneer Outfitters, 1902; Our Start in '98 Pioneer Outfitters V.B. & M. Co.; V.B. & Merc. Co. 1906 Pioneer Outfitters. Building signs include St. Elias Bar; Valdez Bank & Mercantile Co. Inc. (1902 Hemple Building)]
27. Verso: Alaska [Parade float pulled by white horse, 3 girls in canoe on wagon, with sign: Ladies Bazaar] Larson
28. Verso: Valdez, Alaska. Mom White in "Floradora" [on heavy card] [imprint on dark card appears to say Larson, possibly L C Larson]

Folder 2

1. Matrimonial Certificate, Sept 19, 1906, Walter Lee White and Alice May Leedy, youngest daughter of J. W. Leedy. [attached to certification of same]
2. Certificate admitting J. W. Leedy as Attorney and Councilor of the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, June 11, 1901.
3. Clipping from The Cincinnati Post: "The Matter of Old Age"
4. Clipping: "Valdes School Board"
5. Clipping: "Valdez - New Town for Old" by Murray Morgan [incomplete]
6. Clipping: [article dated Oct. 30, no year] "Relocation of Shattered Valdez"
7. Card with poem repeated on both sides: "A Hot Town"
8. Newspaper The Busy Bee. (Leroy, Kansas), Aug 14, 1901, with article on front page: "Another Letter from Valdez." [letter from Alice Leedy to Maud, July 23]
9. The Alaska Prospector (Valdez, AK), Sep 20, 1906, with announcement of marriage of Alice Leedy and Walter White on front page.

10. The Alaska Prospector (Valdez, AK), Dec 18, 1902, with article on front page: "City Dads Meet" ; and p. 2 "Municipal Government" list of employees.
11. Poster advertising July 4th Charity Stage Show

Folder 3

1. Valdez Edition of The Seattle Mail and Herald, vol.6 no. 17, March 7, 1903.