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Guide to Collection

Taber, Thomas T.

Thomas T. Taber Photograph Collection, ca. 1928-1931

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90 b&w photographs

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**ACQUISITION:** In 1977, Thomas T. Taber Jr. donated a collection of 200 negatives which belonged to his father, Thomas Taber, Sr. From a selection of 90, contact prints were made, forming this collection. Acc. #1977-010.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mr. Taber, Sr. made two trips to Alaska, one being his honeymoon in 1928. Mr. Taber, Jack M. Green and Rollo M. Hillman were auditors for the New York Life Insurance Co. and Alaska was part of their territory for inspections. Thomas Taber may have made return trips to Alaska working for the company.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Mostly scenic views of southeast and southcentral Alaska dated 1928 to 1931. Taber, his wife and a few friends appear in several of the photos.

## INVENTORY

1. [Juneau area showing scattered houses with mountains beyond.]
2. [Juneau dock looking toward the court house.]
3. [Close-up view of fishing boats at Juneau dock; city beyond.]
4. [Looking up South Franklin paved with wooden planks; early model car on left.]
5. [AJ Mill and surrounding buildings; view from water.]
6. [Small house on edge of Kenai Lake near Seward; trees and mountains beyond.]
7. [Small boat with cabin docked on Kenai Lake near Seward; mountains beyond.]
8. [Ketchikan business district from the water; mountains beyond.]
9. [View of Ketchikan from hillside above; planked street in center.]
10. [Waterfront in Ketchikan from the water; trees and hills beyond.]
11. [Ketchikan, showing row of houses on pilings.]
12. [Ketchikan, showing street on pilings and framed building on floats.]
13. [Harbor at Ketchikan with buildings on shore beyond.]
14. [Ketchikan dock on right; steamer, center; town beyond.]
15. [Kodiak waterfront looking toward Near Island.] c. 1927-30
16. [Kodiak homes with water beyond.] c. 1927-30
17. [Overall view of Kodiak businesses and homes; water on left.] c. 1927-30

18. [Standard Oil's tanks, Kodiak with Russian Church, left, center.] c. 1927-30.
19. [Kodiak street with cows on right; law office of John F. Coffey on left.] c. 1927-30
20. [Kodiak Harbor with houses on right; boats at anchor.] c. 1927-30
21. [Kodiak Harbor with houses on left, boats at anchor; land on right.]
22. [Captain Obert standing in front of Russian Orthodox Church, Kodiak.]
23. [Close-up of Capt. Obert at gate of Russian Orthodox Church yard, Kodiak.]
24. [Lumber on dock. buildings beyond; Kodiak Island.] c. 1927-30.
25. [Shortley's Cash Market and surrounding buildings; walk on pilings along beach; Kodiak ?]
26. [LaTouche, showing buildings along waterfront; boats at anchor.] c. 1927-30.
27. [Close-up of buildings on dock at LaTouche and a crowd of people, center.] c. 1927-30.
28. [Overall view of Shortley's Cash Market and surrounding buildings and docks; Kodiak ?]
29. [Steamer docked at Petersburg with buildings on left.] c. 1927-30
30. [Long wooden street with houses in center; Petersburg.] c. 1927-30
31. [U.S. Federal building containing offices of U. S. Commissioner, U. S. Marshall and Federal jail; at Petersburg.]
32. [Narrow wooden walkway over muskeg, Petersburg.]
33. [Dock with boats at Anchor; buildings at left; Petersburg ? ]
34. [Buildings along beach, hills behind, Seldovia.] c. 1927-30
35. [Wooden sidewalk on pilings along beach, Seldovia buildings on left of walk.] c. 1927-30
36. [Wooden sidewalk on pilings, Seldovia; buildings to right of sidewalk.] c. 1927-30
37. [Coal on barge docked at Seldovia; other buildings beyond.] c. 1927-30
38. [Seldovia buildings with Russian Church upper left.] c. 1927-30
39. [Seldovia buildings; water to left.] c. 1927-30
40. [Three men in front of wooden building in Seldovia, man in center, Capt. Obert (?); Taber on right.] c. 1927-30

41. [Two men on porch of Russian Church, Seldovia.] c. 1927-30
42. [Business area, Seward; mountains beyond.] c. 1927-30
43. [Another street, downtown Seward; blurred figures center.] c. 1927-30
44. [Seward waterfront with docked ships, right, center.] c. 1927-30
45. [6 men displaying large bear skin; log building behind; Seward.]
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58. [Broadway, Skagway with rail tracks down center of street.]
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60. [Steamship signs and other graffiti on hill above Skagway, freight car, foreground.]
61. [Village of Uzinki [Ouzinkie] from across a lake; Afognak Island.]
62. [Close-up of small wooden houses, Uzinki [Ouzinkie], Afognak Island.]
63. [Group of Valdez homes; mountains beyond.]
64. [Group of buildings along beach; mountains beyond.]
65. [Business district, Valdez; planked street and sidewalks.]

66. [Wrangell from the beach; logs in water, foreground.]
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74. [Mrs. Hillman and Mrs. Taber beside Witchcraft Totem, Wrangell.]
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76. [Face of Columbia Glacier.]
77. [Face of Taku Glacier.]
78. [Small group of buildings along beach, treed hillside beyond; Southeast Alaska.]
79. Fishing boats YANKEE BOY and BEAR moored at small dock, Southeast Alaska (?)]
80. [Similar views of a kayak on grass.]
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83. [Loading canned salmon on deck of steamer ADMIRAL EVANS.]
84. Loading canned salmon on steamer ADMIRAL EVANS; dock area, foreground.]
85. [Unidentified village along body of water; mountains beyond.]
86. [Unidentified village along beach; church to right of center. possibly Ouzinkie]
87. [Passenger ship at unidentified location; mountains beyond.]
88. [Face of unidentified glacier.]
89. [Docked fishing boats at unidentified location; wooded hills beyond.]
90. Unidentified lagoon with boat docked at right.]

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