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Reed, Elmer E., 1851-1946

Elmer E. Reed Photograph Collection, ca. 1900-1920

Eskimo portraits and groups in the Nome area

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103 PHOTOS, 3 1/2" X 5" (SOME TINTED)

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Biographical Notes

Elmer E. Reed was born in California Jan. 9, 1851 and arrived in Alaska in June 1900, making his home in various parts of the Territory. He was Chief Deputy with the U.S. Marshall's office in Juneau and later a clerk of the court in Nome. He was chief clerk with the Federal Emergency Relief Agency in Juneau and also served as clerk in the Office of the Secretary of Alaska. During his years in the Interior, he followed his hobby of photography and made several photo / lecture trips to the States. He also produced Alaskan Christmas cards. In 1936, he moved into the Pioneers' Home in Sitka where he held the position of bookkeeper until he was forced by ill health to move to St. Ann's Hospital in Juneau. Elmer Reed died in February 1946, in Seattle at age 95. He was survived by 3 daughters, Olive, Betty, and Ruth, and 2 sons, Charles and Goffe. [From: *Daily Alaska Empire*, Juneau, Feb. 20, 1946; other sources: Biennial Report of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka," *Polks' Alaska-Yukon Gazetteer*]

Inventory

1. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
2. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
3. Eskimo girl wearing cloth parka, carrying baby on her back.

4. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
5. Negro child wearing fur parka. (tinted)
6. Eskimo child.
7. Eskimo child wearing fur parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
8. Eskimo child wearing fur parka.
9. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, and knitted hat, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
10. Eskimo woman holding child, both wearing beads. (tinted)
11. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka, sitting ground with baby on her back and holding a child. (tinted)
12. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
13. Child wearing fur parka carrying baby on her back.
14. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka and knitted scarf, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
15. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, carrying baby on her back.
16. Eskimo woman wearing fur Parka, carrying baby on her back. (tinted)
17. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka with hood up. (tinted)
18. Four puppies.
19. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka. (tinted)
20. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka. (tinted)
21. Eskimo boy wearing suit, tie, and bowler hat. (tinted)
22. Negro girl wearing fur parka. (tinted)
23. Bertha Simms, a Negro girl from Nome, wearing a fur parka. (tinted)
24. Similar to #8.
25. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka while ice fishing.
26. Eskimo girl wearing white dress and knitted bat, with ocean background.
27. Portrait of an Eskimo woman. (tinted)

28. Eskimo wearing cloth parka. (tinted)
29. Eskimo man wearing fur Parka. (tinted)
30. Eskimo man wearing cloth parka and holding seal gut garment. (tinted)
31. Eskimo man and woman, wearing fur parkas.
32. Eskimo woman sitting on sled and ice fishing, near Nome. (tinted)
33. Woman in long cloth parka crab fishing through ice. (tinted)
34. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, showing ice fishing equipment. (tinted)
35. Wicker covered jugs and wooden kegs, sitting on platform. (tinted)
36. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka. (tinted)
37. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka. (tinted)
38. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka. (tinted)
39. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka and embroidered mittens. (tinted)
40. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka.
41. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka, holding a piece of driftwood. (tinted)
42. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka and embroidered mittens, standing by tent.
43. Eskimo girl wearing fur parka, sitting in front of tent sewing.
44. Eskimo woman wearing fur parka, sitting on dog sled, while ice fishing. (tinted)
45. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka, standing by sled, with log cabin in background. (tinted)
46. Reindeer team hitched to sled, with driver and passenger.
47. Eskimo man wearing cloth parka, with reindeer, in front of Arctic Poultry.
48. Two boys in fur parkas saluting, with American Legion Shield on ground between them. (tinted)
49. Man wearing a fur parka, with pack on back, with dog on Nome Street. (tinted)
- 50.. Man wearing fur parka and mukluks, holding model of skin boat.
51. Man wearing parka and mukluks while cross country skiing.
52. Eskimo paddling skin boat.

53. Eskimo hunter in skin boat, ready to throw spear.
54. Eskimo seal banter with rifle, kneeling by skin boat.
55. Eskimo hunter in skin boat, aiming rifle.
56. Eskimo hunter in skin boat with spear.
57. Eskimo hunter in skin boat, ready to throw spear.
58. Eskimo man wearing fur parka, holding model of skin boat. (tinted)
59. Eskimo man wearing fur parka, sitting, sawing a walrus tusk. (tinted)
60. Eskimo woman wearing cloth parka, heating teapot over portable stove.
61. Group of four Eskimo children, wearing fur parkas. (tinted)
62. Beverage making apparatus with two wicker covered bottles. (tinted)
63. Street view with Margaret Becker in fur parka. (tinted)
64. Alice Keenan in fur parka, fur gloves, and mukluks. (tinted)
65. Margaret Becker (on right) and other women in fur parkas. (tinted)
66. Three woman on skis. (tinted)
67. Mrs. John Hegness in fur parka. (tinted)
68. Group of four women wearing fur parkas, near snowbank. (tinted)
69. Group of men wearing parkas with banner of the Nome Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. (tinted)
70. A group of women wearing fur parkas.
71. Group of Eskimo women and children, wearing summer parkas.
72. Six Eskimo girls wearing summer parkas.
73. Three Eskimo girls wearing fur parkas.
74. Group of Moose Lodge members and ladies at Nome in parkas. (tinted)
75. Group of men wearing fur parkas. (tinted)
76. Group of men wearing fur parkas, with note attached - Members of I.O.O.F. Nome.
77. Four Eskimo girls wearing white dresses and light coats and hats at the beach.

78. Three women in fur parkas and gloves, with snow shoes and skis. (tinted) Ada Arthurs on left; Christie Sather, right.
79. Two Eskimo girls wearing fur parkas and mukluks.
80. Two girls wearing fur parkas and mittens and mukluks.
81. Three girls wearing fur parkas and mukluks, with dolls on their backs.
82. Two people showing back view of their fur parkas and mukluks.
83. Eskimo family wearing fur parkas. (tinted)
84. Group of children wearing parkas. (tinted)
85. Four Eskimo girls wearing fur parkas.
86. Group of Eskimo children. (tinted)
87. Two Eskimo men, sitting under shelter of upturned bidarka cutting and carving ivory. (tinted)
88. Bidarka, with sealskin floats, being used as a temporary Eskimo summer home.
89. Eskimo woman preparing food.
90. Ivory carvers, working in shelter of a bidarka.
91. Group of Eskimos working on a bidarka, with sail rigging. (tinted)
92. Group of Eskimos hauling bidarka ashore. (tinted)
93. Eskimos unloading beached bidarka.
94. Eskimo child, with woman in background, on top of a pile of sealskin bags, getting food out of bag.
95. Old prospector, loading horse loaded with supplies, standing in street of a town.
96. Two women wearing fur parkas and a Noorvik banner, on a reindeer pulled sled decorated with American flags.
97. Snow covered Eskimo home and refuse pile.
98. Same as 97 except that the negative has been printed backwards and the print tinted -
99. Front Street, Nome, piled high with snow. (tinted)
100. Man shoveling snow on Nome street.

101. Outside view of Eskimo shack called Oonaluk's igloo, made from salvaged wood. Entrance platform is over five feet from the ground and is reached by a ladder.
102. Group of people and John Hegness, who brought U.S. Mail to Nome by dogsled. (tinted)
103. Small boy in Army uniform, saluting by a flag-draped monument, with Honor Roll, on American Legion Day, Nome.
104. Man with dogsled. (tinted)
105. Dog in snowbanks, buildings in background. (tinted)
106. Totem Pole
- 107- 108. [Birds flying over choppy water - similar views.]
109. Henry Burgh, Pilgrim River, and trophies, arctic trout, from fishing trip.
110. Arctic trout, [Row of fish, fishing pole, net and bait.]
111. Taku Glacier. [View of glacier from Taku Inlet.]
112. [Flag draped car in front of golden Gate Hotel, Nome.] Men in car are: Judge G.J. Lerner; Capt. Roald Amundsen; Capt. Sockton, U.S.C.G. "Bear", George S. Maynard, Editor, "Nome Nugget"; and E.J. Edwards manager, F.E.So.
113. What is the message your symbols conceal? [One totem with tree branch growing behind the top figure.]
114. Chief Shakes house, Wrangell [exterior view].
115. Memorial Day exercises at Nome [similar views of military men carrying the U.S. flag].
117. Nome and the Snake River
118. [Sheldon Jackson campus, Sitka, with Mt. Verstovia in background. 1930's.]
119. And the odor [odor] from their muckluks [mukluks], resembled not the race.[woman in fur parka and mukluks posing in the snow]
120. He could dry the meat for winter. [young boy standing under fish or meat drying racks strung with meat]
121. Ladies egg race, Fourth of July, Nome.
122. Fourth of July – Nome about 1918.