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Metcalf, Charles Horton, Photographer

Charles Horton Metcalf Photograph Collection, 1896-1899

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BIOGRAPHY

William Richmond Booth, foreman of a pearl factory in Detroit, and Charles Horton Metcalf left their families and jobs in Michigan and went to the Klondike around 1896. They spent most of their time building flat-bottom boats to carry ore from the gold fields down to ships for export to smelters in San Francisco. William Booth came back to Michigan in 1898, but made another trip to Alaska, successfully transporting ore out of the gold fields for a period of time. Charles H. Metcalf recorded the initial expedition in photographs. William Booth died in Denver, Colorado on February 3, 1940.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Klondike Gold Rush views from Dyea to Dawson, 1896-1899.

INVENTORY

1. Foot of canyon to Sheep Camp. [View showing several tents, two men and a dog. Negative has number 101.] (#30)
2. Trail to Sheep Camp [Three men pulling sleds up Dyea Canyon Trail] 1897. (#103)
3. Sheep camp - last timber before crossing Chilkoot Pass. [Tents and men in picture] (#75)
4. Boat building - head [of] Lake Bennett. 1896. (#212)
5. Trail between Lakes Lindeman and Bennett. 1896. (#921)
6. Head of Lake Bennett. Overview showing tents. 1899. (#214)
7. Michigan Bunch. Head of Lake Bennett. May 25, [?]. Mr. Wm. R. Booth, second from right, front row. (#226)
8. Games. Crowd of men at the head of Lake Bennett, May 25, 1899 (?) (234)
9. First steamboat on Lake Bennett. 1896. [Boat is *A.J. Goddard* and is filled with men and supplies] (#238)
10. Head of Lake Bennett, 1896. [Half of a panorama showing tents and boats] (#220)
11. [Half of panorama of head of Lake Bennett showing tents and boats] (#222)
12. Boat, head of Lake Bennett. Group of people near boat builders. (#156)
13. Alaska coast, Lynn Canal. 1898? [View of water, mountains and one ship]
14. Waiting for ice to go out, Lake LaBarge [Laberge]. 1897.
15. Boats on Lake LaBarge [Laberge]. 1896. (#241)
16. Entrance to Miles Canyon.
17. Miles Canyon. 3/4 mile long - boat goes through in 1 1/2 minutes. 1897. [Small boat going through rapids]

18. Whitehorse rapids. Dad's boat. 1896. [Boat used by W.R. Booth going through Whitehorse rapids] (#248)
19. Whitehorse rapids. 1897. [Small boat going through rapids]
20. Below Whitehorse Rapids. 1896. [Shows curving shoreline] (#246)
21. Lewis River. [Boat with men and a horse]
22. Lower river. Yukon River boat. -runs to St. Michael's Island, Bering Sea. [Boats are *Charles H. Hamilton* and one other not identified.] (#265)
23. Above Dawson City. [View of tents and small cabins.] (#255)
24. [View of] Dominion Creek - Rich Creek.
25. Horse drawn sleds to Sheep camp. (#206)
26. [Five Finger Rapids] (#081)
27. Five Finger Rapids in 30 mile on Lewis River.
28. [camp in snow above timberline near summit] 1897 (#92)
29. Landing at Dyea Flats, Alaska. (#20)
30. Supply store at Dyea Flats. [Sign on building reads "Healy and Wilson, General Merchants, Carriers and Packers"]. (#21)
31. Metcalf Camp near Dyea Flats [Two men standing beside a tent]. (#22)
32. Dyea Valley. (#23)
33. Stick Indian camp near Dyea. [group of four children and two adults] (#24)
34. Six miles beyond Dyea - watering dogs and horses. [One man, a horse and 2 dogs in foreground] (#25)
35. Freighting with horses and sleds, Dyea Trail, 1897. [Two horses, each pulling a long, loaded sled with two men and a dog] (#26)
36. Freighting with dogs, Dyea Canyon, Ak. [Dog team in motion across center of picture] (#27)
37. Charles Horton Metcalf and sled dogs, Dyea Canyon Camp. (#29) [negative has 104 on it]

38. Indian boys at Dyea Canyon Camp. [Two young boys in center with tents behind them] (#31)
39. Man pulling sled up slope on Dyea Canyon Trail. [View also includes 2 other men pulling sleds] (#50)
40. Tunnel on Dyea Canyon Trail. [View of a dog in front of a tunnel made from logs. Number on front of picture] (#34)
41. Bridge on Dyea Canyon Trail. 1897. [Two men pulling loaded sleds] (#35)
42. Along Dyea Canyon Trail near the top. [winter scene with snow on ground and tree] (#36)
43. Sheep Camp, above Dyea Canyon Trail. [Group of men with supplies, winter view. Print is cropped] (#37)
44. Sheep Camp. [overall view of camp in winter showing tents in center of picture.] (#38)
45. Dr. LeBlanc at Sheep Camp. [View also includes another man, two dogs and a tent. Print has #100 on it] (#39)
46. Small Indian boy near Sheep Camp. (#40)
47. Along the trail-tents and sleds-timber line, 1897. [winter scene with tents, dogs and one unidentified] (#41)
48. Pack train about timber line on trail to the summit. [winter view of trail with buildings in center of picture] (#43)
49. Packers on summit trail, 1897. [winter view of men with backpacks extending in a line from top to bottom of picture] (#46)
50. View north from summit toward Lake Bennett, 1897. [winter view of summit with small group of packers in foreground] (#48)
51. Lake Bennett. [winter view of lake with tents in foreground] (#49)
52. Timber Canyon near Lake Bennett. (#32)
53. Whipsawing lumber and building barges - Lake Bennett. (#52)
54. Whipsawing lumber for boats and barges. [Men in foreground whipsawing with tents in background. No. 1 marked on picture] (#53)

55. Scow frame, 1897. [Group of men standing among the boat frames.] (54)
56. Turning over a scow. [Print is blurred, negative taken from glass plate is clear] (#55)
57. Boat building camp at Lake Bennett [View of tents with lake in, background.] (#56)
58. Boats ready to start, 1897. [View of a scow in the water. Number 52 on picture] (#58)
59. Boats ready to start, 1897 [5 men in loaded scow.] (#59)
60. Boats ready to start, 1897 [Two men and a dog in a small boat] (#60)
61. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Four men and four dogs in loaded scow. Number on picture is 181 (#61)
62. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Small scow with sail carrying 6 men] (#62)
63. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Two men in a small scow surrounded by water] (#63)
64. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Group of men loading several scows] (#64)
65. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Group of men loading several scows] (#65)
66. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Group of three men - 2 are working on the scow and the third is standing by a large pile of supplies] (#66)
67. Boats ready to start, 1897. [Group of 5 men in the water launching two scows] (#67)
68. Tarkisk (Tagish?) Houses [Five small wooden cabins with boarded up windows and doors. Two men in center of picture] (#70)
69. Boats on Six Mile River, 1897. [Near shore is lined with boats with groups of men around each.] (#71)
70. Following ice-Mud Lake. [View of choppy water with mountains in background]l (#72)
71. Floating down Fifty Mile River. [View of water, trees and mountains] (#73)
72. Scow going through White Horse Rapids. (#77)
73. Large scow shooting White Horse Rapids, 1897. (#78)
74. Five Finger Rapids, 1897. [one small boat approaching the rapids] (#45)
75. In Five Finger Rapids, 1897. [View of the rapids but no boats] (#83)

76. Forty Mile. [Group of buildings on a spit of land] (#88)
77. Construction days at Dawson, 1897. [Buildings under construction] (#91)
78. Shute wooding up on Yukon. 1897. [Large pile of wood by the river with a small group of men carrying the wood] (#95)
79. Dr. Le Blanc's office in Dawson city. [Office is one tent in a group of three; five men and five dogs also in the picture.] (#101)
80. Miners just arrived in Dawson City, Alaska (sic.) [Large group of men with buildings in background] (#105)
81. First large buildings, Dawson City. [Group of 5 buildings with groups of men and various stacks of logs in foreground. Number on print is 51] (#106)
82. Company supply houses being built. [one large building partly built with stacks of lumber around it] (#107)
83. River front, Dawson. [Group of buildings, some partly finished as well as tents and small boats. Number on picture is 277] (#108)
84. River front, Dawson City, after 4 months. [Group of stores along the river front with several boats moored at the docks.] (7'109)
85. Roman Catholic Hospital, Dawson City. [Hospital is a tent with a partly constructed log building next to the tent.] (#110)
86. Dawson, looking up. [View of Dawson and the river from a nearby hill] (#111)
87. J.D. Clements and Fiskater claims. Eldorado Creek. [Group of nine men standing in front of a log cabin] (#114)
88. Four men in a boat. [Men in a small scow with a sail - non identified] (#115)
89. Long view of Lake Lindeman, tent city. [Looking down on the buildings and tents along the shore of the lake]
90. Lake Lindeman, tent city. [several rows of tents along the lake.] (#117)
91. Camp of Klondikers, 1897. [A man and woman in front of tent home.] (#130)
92. Trail scene. [winter view with a man on the trail and 2 cabins beyond him. number 105 on print] (#119)

93. Camp on river side [view from above lake showing boats, tents and cabins on near shore.] (#120)
94. Bound for the Klondike [Four men on a loaded boat, with one man sighting a rifle] (#121)
95. Lake Lindeman, 1898. [Groups of men preparing to depart from the Lake. Number 107 on print] (#122)
96. Camp at Lake Lindeman. [overview of cart showing tents, pack train and men] (#123)
97. Portage Lake Camp, Lake Bennett. [Group of tents beside the lake.1 (#48/124)
98. Lake scene. [View taken from shore with a river boat at anchor and several small scows on the lake. Number on print is 111] (#125)
99. Fire on hillside, Dawson. [Cloud of smoke behind a small group of stores including Little Gem Bakery and Arctic Laundry] (#126)
100. Green Tree Hotel, Dawson City. [Crowd of men in front of the hotel with other buildings on either side] (#127)
101. Loading riverboat *Alice* at Dawson. [Number on print is 56] (#128)
102. Trail scene. [winter scene with trail cutting through mountainous country.] (#131)
103. Tent camp. [Group of tents at the foot of a hill] (#132)
104. River rapids - winter. [View of river and river bank.] (#143)
105. McQuesten and Co. Circle City. [View of log building with a crowd of men in front of it. Building also housed the post office.] (#90)
106. McQuesten and Co. Circle City. 1897. [Cropped version of #1051
107. Log driving on the river. [Two men are on the logs, one man using a long pole.] (#51)
108. Custom House on Customhouse Cover, Mary Island, Ak. (#5)
109. Taku Indian Boys, Juneau. [2 young boys seated in front of a building] (#11)
110. Part of the Indian village on what is now South Franklin St., Juneau. [one young boy standing in front of a row of small houses.] (#10)
111. Looking north on Main Street, Juneau. [“New England Shoe Shop is one of the buildings pictured. number on print is 120] (#14)

112. Corner of Front and Seward Streets, Juneau. ["The California" building is. on the corner] (#15)
113. Starting from Juneau for the Yukon. [A group of men standing on the steps on a building - one carrying a gold pan and shovels.] (#16)
114. Taku Indian Village, Juneau. [View of several small houses] (#17)
115. Trail, Dyea Canyon, after snow has melted. (#28)
116. [Five men and a dog on a small boat.] (#68)
117. Fifty Mile River. [Four men rowing a small boat down the river] (#74) (slide dup)
118. Four dogs and the scow. [Scow is tied to shore with men and dogs aboard] (#80)
119. Metcalfe Camp above Dyea. [Scene of tents and people in winter] (#81)
120. Steamer *Domville* on Yukon River, Alaska (sic) Probably the James Domville. She was in service by the summer of 1898 and wrecked in the 30-Mile River in spring of 1899, a total loss. If this is the wreck some of the slides may be later than indicated by the 1897 date.] (#84)
121. Isaac Jonathan and boy in native boat, Alaska. [Yukon?] (#86)
122. Isaac Jonathan and other Indians, Alaska. [Probably Yukon] (#85)
123. Indian boats at midnight on Yukon River, Alaska? (#87)
124. Circle City, midnight, June, 1896. [Actually probably 1897] (#89)
- 124A Circle City, Midnight, June 1896. [More distant view of #124.] (#89)
125. Steamer Alice on the Yukon. (#92)
126. Town Hall and Clement's dog team, Fortymile (#93)
127. Bishop Rowe landing from steamer on the Yukon. (#96)
128. Malemute Indian Camp. [Small group of men, women and children] (#97)
129. Malemute Indian Camp, Yukon River, Alaska. (#98)
130. Indian Woman, Ak. [full length portrait] (#100)

131. River Front, Dawson City. (#102)
132. John Nelson Building, Dawson City. [Partly finished log building with two men on roof] (#103)
133. Old Shoquette [Choquette?] Building Dawson City Alaska. [Probably Alexander "Buck" Choquette from Stikine-one of the 1861 men. There are four men in front of a partly finished log building] (#104)
134. George Carmack. [Mr. Carmack is standing in front of a log building] (#113)
135. Grave Houses. [Two small buildings, one of log construction.] (#118)
136. Drying salmon. [Small cabin in center of picture, drying racks filled with salmon in foreground] (#95)
137. Wm. R. Booth. [Portrait]
138. Wm. R. Booth [Standing in fur parka.]
139. Wm. R. Booth [Sitting-with fur parka.]