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Agren, Arthur L.

Arthur L. Agren Photograph Collection, ca.1906 - 1932

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[John Branson, of Lake Clark National Park Service, submitted additions and corrections in October of 2006. Additional information that has been added is noted with "JB."](#)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Arthur L. Agren was a storekeeper for the Alaska Packer's Company in the Bering Sea.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Views include Alaska Packer's Association canneries and personnel A.P.A. cannery buildings, workers, vessels. Collection also includes scenics from ~~Kirehak~~ [Kvichak], Unamak, Seward, Kodiak, Chignik. Kogsung, Nushagak, Uyak, Bristol Bay, Seldovia, Port Graham, Cook Inlet and Naknek. Many of the photos were taken by photographer John E. Thwaites and F.N. Nowell.

INVENTORY

1. [Group of eight men, the office "bunch" at the shipyard, 2 captains and the gardener. The 5 office men are those without overalls. Reading from left to right are: myself (Arthur L. Agren), R.E. Astrup, Ole Westad, Captain Henning of the Star of Alaska, and G. Flynn, bookkeeper]
2. [Interior of cannery, with group of workers around machinery. Three large wicker baskets full of cans in foreground]
3. Alaska Packer's Association Cannery. Kvichak, Alaska [view from water]
4. [Interior view of cannery, showing workers at machinery]
5. [Interior view of store, with man behind counter]
6. [Three men on porch of Alaska Packer's Association hospital building] See also 82
7. Tugs, Equator and Alitack, towing ship, Star of Alaska, into Chignik Bay, Alaska (Thwaites. No. 100?)
8. [Group of workers outside cannery]
9. Scandinavian cannery, Nushagak, Alaska.
10. An Alaskan sunset. From the steamer. Thwaites. 1429.

11. Pogrumno Volcano. Cape Sarachef Light. Unamak Pass, Alaska. Thwaites. 1382.
12. Glacier, Resurrection Bay, near Seward, Alaska. Thwaites. 291.
13. Bear Glacier. Seward, Alaska. Thwaites. 1442.
14. Volcanic ash a foot deep on Kodiak Island. Six weeks after eruption of Katmai Volcano. 90 miles distant. Thwaites. 1036.
15. Castle Cape. Near Chignik, Alaska. (Thwaites. No. P.11.)
16. Pavlof Volcano, Alaska. Copyright 1910 by J.E. Thwaites. (No. P. 37)
17. [Reindeer herd and herder in background. Reindeer with bell around his neck in foreground. [JB: Koggiung reindeer close-up of a deer with man in background](#)]
18. Koggiung reindeer herd. [\[JB: Kuichak River, Bristol Bay\]](#)
19. [Young Eskimo with white reindeer. [JB: Koggiung.](#)]
20. [Reindeer herd]
21. [Two reindeer]
22. [Reindeer herd]
23. [Reindeer herd]
24. Deer in corral
25. [Several reindeer hitched to sleds]
26. [Native man with reindeer]
27. [Several reindeer hitched to sleds]
28. [Reindeer herd and herders]
29. Transporting U.S. Mail in Alaska. Thwaites. 1390. [Nine dogs hitched to dogsled]
30. [Several reindeer hitched to sleds]

31. Native dogs. Koggiung, Alaska.
32. [Dogsled freighting loaded sled]
33. [Seven-dog team hitched to sled. Two men standing by sled.]
34. [Similar to Number 33]
35. [Five dogs pulling sled up rough snowbank. Man standing by lead dog.]
36. [Five dogs hitched to sled with passenger. Driver standing by sled.]
37. [Three or four dogsled teams pulling freight sleds.]
38. [Group of men surrounding wheelbarrow full of fish. Buildings in background.]
39. [Fish trap, with pile-driver in foreground.]
40. [Alaska Packer's Association cannery]
41. Koggiung, Alaska. June 19, 1915. "Dear Father and Mother: This is what is left of Libby, McNeil & Libby's cannery that burned June 10th. It is about 10 miles below here. A bunkhouse and messhouse is left but you can't see it on the picture. This picture was taken for the insurance company by our wireless man and gave this to me ... your loving son, A.L. Agren."
42. [Same scene as Number 41, closer up and from a different angle. Bunkhouse and messhouse visible in background]
43. [Same scene as Numbers 41 and 42, different angle]
44. [Same picture as Number 41 and 46]
45. [Same scene as Numbers 41 - 44, different angle]
46. [Same picture as Number 41 and Number 44]
47. [Same scene as Numbers 41 - 46, different angle]
48. Nushagak, Alaska [cannery] (Thwaites)
49. Larsens Bay, Alaska [cannery] (Thwaites)

50. Alaska Packer's Association Cannery. Kvichak, Alaska.
51. N.W.F. Company's cannery, ship and tug. Uyak, Alaska. (Thwaites Number 711)
52. [Cannery skiffs, foreground; sternwheeler, background. All on beach, Southcentral Alaska]
53. [A tugboat and a barge full of fish]
54. Salmon fishing boats. Clark's Point. Bristol Bay, Alaska. Thwaites 502.
55. Alaska salmon cannery boats in winter quarters [Nuten, Olga and Alida. Thwaites]
56. Alaska Salmon boats. Thwaites. 1182.
57. Scandinavian cannery. Nushagak, Alaska. [APA boat in foreground]
58. Scandinavian cannery. Nushagak, Alaska. [distant view]
59. Salmon fishing boats. Nushagak, Alaska. Thwaites. 512.
60. Bradford's Cannery. Nushagak, Alaska.
61. [same as Number 57]
62. [Overhead shot of herring in fish trap]
63. 40,000 red salmon. Alaska Peninsula. [Fishing boat Equator in background; barges full of fish in foreground] Thwaites P. 14.
64. [Interior view of cannery, with workers and machinery]
65. [Unidentified cannery]
66. [Unidentified cannery]
67. [Unidentified cannery]
68. [Unidentified cannery]

69. [Interior view of cannery with workers and machinery]
70. [Interior view of cannery, with workers and machinery]
71. [Cannery workers leaving the building]
72. [Men unloading barge full of fish]
73. [Close-up view of men working on barge, load of fish]
74. Bristol Bay Salmon Cannery in winter quarters. Bering Sea. (Thwaites)
75. [Three men on crosswalk of building, probably a cannery]
76. [View of salmon cannery in winter]
77. Seldovia, Cooks Inlet, Alaska [scenic] (Thwaites)
78. Seldovia, Alaska. Thwaites. 1276.
79. Cooks Inlet, Port Graham, Alaska. (Thwaites)
80. Nushagak, Alaska (Thwaites)
81. [View of grounds and buildings behind a cannery, with water storage tanks]
82. [View of Alaska Packer's Association Hospital building] See also Number 6
83. Nushagak. Bristol Bay. Bering Sea, Alaska. (Thwaites. 536)
84. Koggiung, Alaska. (See also Numbers 85 and 96)
85. [Closer view of graveyard and buildings,, probably in Koggiung] See also Numbers 84 and 96.
86. [View of yard, with Natives working]
87. [Two men standing in front of a cabin]
88. [Man standing amid wooden barrels on a railroad car. Warehouse and city buildings in background]

89. [View of cannery and outbuildings, perhaps Koggiung]
90. [View of cannery buildings and waterfront. Many skiffs pulled up on shore. Perhaps in Koggiung.]
91. [View of cannery, perhaps at Koggiung, from the shoreline]
92. [View of village, perhaps Koggiung, with cannery in background]
93. [View of cannery, perhaps Koggiung, in winter]
94. [View of cannery, perhaps Koggiung, in winter]
95. [View of cannery, perhaps Koggiung, from the bay]
96. [Close-up view of graveyard, with cannery and water-tanks in background] See also Numbers 84 and 85.
97. [Three men and dogsled in foreground, large house in background] See also Numbers 98 and 99.
98. [Closer view of large house in Number 97. There is a flagpole in front and a bell on the roof] See also Number 99.
99. [View of village, with building in Numbers 97 and 98 in the center]
100. [Lighthouse, perhaps at Unimak Pass, Aleutian Islands]
101. [Large frame building, with cupola on top. Three people standing near it]
102. Alaskan Natives on 4th of July, 1915, at Kvichak, Alaska [A man and six children standing by shack. Flag pole with American flag behind them]
103. The Lonesome Pine [tree]. Kvichak, Alaska.
104. [Man and dogsled team, freighting. Buildings in background]
105. Scene on Thrift Ranch.
106. [Eskimo inflated sealskin floats, hanging on a clothesline in a village]
107. Bidarki [bidarka] or skin boat. Cold Bay, Alaska (Thwaites. 77) [Three men in the boat.]

108. Native village. Kvichak, Alaska.
109. Native residence, barabara. Nushagak, Alaska. Bering Sea. (Thwaites. 514)
110. Eskimo residences. Bering Sea. (Thwaites. 539)
111. Eskimo residence. Nushagak, Alaska. (Thwaites. 516)
112. [Eskimo barabara]
113. [Eskimo barabara]
114. [Native man and woman sitting outside barabara]
115. Native skin boat, called a bidarka. Cignik, Alaska. [Two White men and Alaskan Native in a bidarka. Ships and dock in background] (Thwaites. 81.)
116. [Eskimo in kayak in Bering Sea ice]
117. Eskimo fish cache. Bering Sea. (Thwaites 538)
118. Eskimo medicine man in Alaska exorcising evil spirits from a sick boy. "Working to beat the devil." J.E.T. [Shaman in mask and costume, with arm around boy.]
119. [Pack ice. Bering Sea area]
120. [Pack ice. Bering Sea area]
121. Looking into Bering Sea through Unamak Pass, Alaska. Thwaites. 1004.
122. Ice in Bering Sea in June. [Bow of Dora] (Thwaites)
123. On the Nushagak. [Several ships in distance] (Thwaites)
124. Steamer Kvichak, Alaska Packer's Association [at the dock of the Banneson-Hibbard Warehouse Company]
125. [Bow of the steamer Kvichak breaking through the ice]
126. [Steamer Kvichak on open water. View from bow to stern]

127. [Steamer Kvichak on open water. Side view]
128. [Steamer Kvichak detained by ice block. Men walking around on ice]
129. [Side view of steamer Kvichak detained by ice block]
130. [Side view of steamer Kvichak in open water]
131. [Steamer Kvichak. Stern on beach. Man standing near keel of boat. Propeller in view.]
132. [Unidentified sailing vessel in open waters]
133. U.S.S. Explorer opposite Clark's Cannery. Nushagak, Alaska. (Thwaites 460)
134. After a gale at ten below. S.S. NORTHWESTERN in Alaska [Thick cover of ice covers the ship] (Thwaites 4001)
135. We encounter some ice in Alaskan [Thick layer of ice covers ship. Men standing on board] waters (Thwaites 4023)
136. Ice on deck of S.S. NORTHWESTERN. Alaska. (Thwaites 4008)
137. Wreck of the JABEZ HOWES, Chignik, Alaska. [front view]
138. Wreck of the JABEZ HOWES. Chignik, Alaska [side view]
139. SAME [close-up view]
140. SAME [distant view]
141. SAME [close-up view]
142. Fishing boats being towed to fishing grounds, Naknek, Alaska, Bristol Bay.
143. Wreck of the 3-masted schooner JOHN F MILLER near Cape Pankof, Alaska (Thwaites P. 43.)
144. [Sailing vessel] Bark - STAR OF SCOTLAND.
145. [Tugboat TOGIAK out of Koggiung, Alaska circa 1915?] (Thwaites)

146. Nushagak, Alaska [side-view of tugboat TOGIAK] (Thwaites No. 473)
147. Nushagak, Alaska [front view of tugboat TOGIAK] (Thwaites No. 1202)
148. STAR OF SCOTLAND ex KENILWORTH [side view of sailing vessel]
149. Foundering of S.S. EDITH. Alaska coast. [side view] (Thwaites 2706)
150. Her last sunset. S.S.EDITH. Alaska coast. [view from stern to bow] (Thwaites 2702)
151. STAR OF INDIA. Nushagak, Alaska (Thwaites)
152. S.S. FARALLON. Four weeks after wreck of January 5, 1910. Cook Inlet, Alaska. [ice-covered steamer] (Thwaites)
153. Evening on the Nushagak River, Alaska. [Men on fishing boat SUCCESS] (Thwaites 1044)
154. Nushagak River, Alaska [14 vessels in view] (Thwaites 1194)
155. Nushagak River, Alaska. May 28. [steamer and sailing vessels in view] (Thwaites 478)
156. On the Nushagak River. Bering Sea, Alaska. May 28th. [Fishing vessel NORTH KING in view] (Thwaites)
157. Nushagak, Alaska. [Cannery vessels in view] (Thwaites)
158. Cannery vessels, Nushagak, Alaska, Bering Sea. (Thwaites 489)
159. Revenue Cutter RUSH in Bering Sea. Photo from deck of mail steamer DORA, 1911. (Thwaites 590)
160. Fair wind and bright skies. (Thwaites 621) [Bering Sea and shore from the S.S.DORA]
161. [STAR OF CHILE, Bering Sea, May 1910]
162. STAR OF ICELAND. Alaska.
163. STAR OF ZEALAND. [Side View]

164. Cannery Ship. STAR OF ICELAND. Unamak Pass, Alaska. (Thwaites 442)
165. Nushagak River, Alaska. [Sailing vessels and steamers on river](Thwaites. 1209.)
166. [Tugboats at the docks]
167. A heavy sea. Alaska coast. [View of rough waters taken from ship] (Thwaites 1475)
168. [Dry-packing a cannery boat]
169. OWEENEE [Unidentified sailing vessel]
170. [Close-up of rigging of unidentified sailing vessel]
171. GALENA stranded November 13, 1906. (Woodfield photo).
172. Wreck of the PETER IREDALE, Clatsop Beach [Spit]. October 25, 1906. (Woodfield photo)
173. [Three cannery workers standing beside boxes ready for loading onto railroad cars.]
174. [Cannery workers sitting on tarp-covered wooden structure] ~~Kvichak~~ ~~[Kvichak]~~, Alaska.
175. [Cannery workers on the dock, working on a boat]
176. [A large crowd standing on the dock]
177. [Men, women and children sitting and standing by wooden building.]
178. [Cannery workers]
179. [Cannery workers sitting in front of Inlaid Floor Company, 1523 Terry Ave.]
180. [Four women each holding a puppy standing in open field]
181. [Cannery workers sitting in front of building]

182. [Cannery workers sitting in front of building]
183. [Alaskan Natives sitting near homes]
184. Natives. ~~Kirehak~~[Kvichak], Alaska. [Alaskan Natives working in a field. Kayaks and fish on racks, in view]
185. [Cannery workers standing by building]
186. [Three men standing in entrance to Alaska Packer's Association Store.]
187. Alaskan Natives in ~~Kirehak~~[Kvichak], Alaska. [Man holding child and three women near fish racks]
188. [Seven Alaskan Native boys]
189. [Seven Alaskan Native boys swimming]
190. [Group of men organizing a baseball game]
191. [Group of Alaskan Native children]
192. [Two Alaskan Native women and children]
193. [Alaskan Native boy]
194. [Native women and children]
195. Kvichak, Alaska. [Native children with dog and chickens]
196. Koggiung, Alaska. [Native children]
197. Naknek, Alaska. [Two men and two Native children]
198. Naknek, Alaska. [Native family]
199. [Native children, one aiming a bow and arrow, man, woman, and two dogs.]
200. [Native boys swimming]
201. [Group of Native men and boys]

202. [Native man and three women standing in front of fish rack]
203. [Native men and children standing in front of fish racks]
204. [Native women and 5 children standing by wooden home]
205. Mickaninie's Kow Kow. [Color postcard. Native women breastfeeding two children] F.N. Nowell
206. Eskimos at home. [Color postcard. Eskimo women and children sitting in front of tent] F.N. Nowell
207. [Group of Native men, women and children sitting on ground]
208. [Group of Native children wearing fur costumes]
209. [Four Native children weaving fur dresses and hats]
210. Sunset, Bristol Bay, Alaska. [Side view of four-mast sailing vessel on Bristol Bay underneath setting Sun]
211. Sunset, Bristol Bay, Alaska. [Side view of four-mast sailing vessel on Bristol Bay underneath setting Sun]
212. Ketchikan, Alaska. [View of Ketchikan and its shoreline, with boats in the harbor] No 2035 Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle