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Guide to Collection

Wilcox, Marguerite Bone

Marguerite Bone Wilcox Photograph Collection, ca 1923

PCA 70

88 b&w photographs

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ACQUISITION: Marguerite Bone Wilcox donated the album she compiled following President Harding's visit to Alaska in July and early August, 1923. She also donated additional views used in her story, "A President Visits Alaska... personal memories of the visit of President and Mrs. Harding," *Alaska Journal*, vol. 3, no. 4, Autumn, 1973 (Historical Collections, F 904.5.A43). Box 2 was donated by Philip Scott Wilcox, the son of Marguerite Bone Wilcox, from his mother's personal collection. (Acc. # 2012-026)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marguerite was the youngest of the seven children born to Scott and Mary Bone. Scott Cardelle Bone was Alaska's 10th territorial governor who served from June, 1921 until Aug., 1925. Not quite seventeen, Marguerite left a New York girls' school and came to Alaska with her parents and lived in the Governor's mansion until 1922, when she went south to attend the University of Washington, returning summers. During her stay in the mansion she led tourists, celebrities and official delegates on tours of the mansion in addition to partaking in a full life with school friends. [*From Mrs. Wilcox' description of life in the governor's mansion, Historical Collections, 1975.0042.*]

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

President and Mrs. Harding began their journey at Tacoma, Washington aboard the U.S. Navy transport HENDERSON. They spent 15 days in the Territory of Alaska, visiting Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway, Seward, Anchorage, Wasilla, Willow, Nenana, Fairbanks, Cordova, and Sitka. While in Alaska, President Harding drove the last golden spike in the newly built Alaska Railroad.

Photographs numbered 1-76 are affixed to the original album pages and are located in the PCA Oversized Collection. Additional views of President Harding's Alaska trip are in the portrait file. A small amount of memorabilia from the visit is included.

The Philip Scott Wilcox donation, Box 2, contains correspondence between Governor and Mrs. Bone and President and Mrs. Harding. It also contains photographs and papers kept by Marguerite Bone Wilcox, including her A President Visits Alaska.

INVENTORY

#1-76 Located in PCA Oversized

- 1 [President and Mrs. Harding, standing; three men behind them]
- 2 Governor and delegate going aboard HENDERSON at Metlakatla to greet the President [2 men on gangplank of ship].
- 3 Indiana group aboard HENDERSON [group of six people standing on ship's deck].
- 4 Flag raising and exercises at Metlakatla [two men raising flags near steps of a building].
- 5 [President and Mrs. Harding, center, seated with 3 other men; at Metlakatla]
- 6 [Group of people at Metlakatla with Gov. Bone, President and Mrs. Harding and others at entry of building]
- 7 Governor Bone, President Harding, Mrs. Harding, Secretary Wallace [seated on outdoor platform at Metlakatla].

- 8 President addressing Metlakatlans [Harding, standing, center; people seated, right and left].
- 9 Gathering at government school building - Metlakatla [view of President Harding and party; people seated, right].
- 10 Descending gangplank - Wrangell [President and Mrs. Harding with aides and others behind them].
- 11 Belles of the Northland [head and shoulders portrait of 2 young Indian girls].
- 12 Wrangell [Presidential party walking along dock area].
- 13 Secretary Hoover speaking to citizens of Wrangell [Hoover, center; Harding, left; crowd, right].
- 14-15 Court House - Wrangell [Presidential party and other officials on platform near flag decorated building]. Similar views.
- 16 The President - Juneau [President Harding addressing a group of people; Gov. Bone, left].
- 17 Governor's Mansion - Juneau [exterior view].
- 18 At the Pullen House - Skagway [group portrait of Presidential party].
- 19 [Mrs. Harding holding dog, young boy on right].
- 20 Greeting children at Skagway [President Harding holding flowers; children, right].
- 21 Speaking at Skagway [crowd, foreground, listening to President Harding speak].
- 22 Seward, Alaska [Navy band marching past Hotel Sexton].
- 23 [President Harding and Mrs. Harding, left; Gov. Bone, right, and others at Seward train depot]
- 24 [President Harding, center, surrounded by people at Seward]
- 25 Mrs. Hoover feeding bear at Seward [cub on chain].
- 26 President Harding & wife - Seward [standing behind railing of train car].
- 27 [Crowd at Seward talking to President Harding]
- 28 [President Harding and two aides walking down a street in Seward]

- 29 President Harding & wife - Seward, Alaska [Harding, center, with group of children; other people around them].
- 30-31 Naval Radio Station - Seward [President Harding and Gov. Bone talking to two sailors]. Similar views.
- 32 Chickaloon [President Harding seated on fur covered step; other men, left and right].
- 33-34 Curry [Presidential party near train depot]. Similar views.
- 35 Head of nation becomes pilot of engine on government railroad [President Harding in cab of #618 engine].
- 36 [Mrs. Harding in #618 engine cab]
- 37 The President [speaking at Fairbanks].
- 38 Governor Bone [speaking at Fairbanks].
- 39 Judge Clegg [speaking at Fairbanks; touring cars behind speaker's platform].
- 40 Government bridge at Nenana Alaska [train crossing bridge].
- 41 Talkeetna - July 17, 1923 [group includes President Harding, Gov. Bone, Col. Steese, H.W. Nagley and son].
- 42 ["Speeder" on tracks along beach.]
- 43 Mrs. Harding and Col. Steese [standing near train].
- 44 [President and Mrs. Harding with three young children, one in Mrs., Harding's arms]
- 45 [Train engineer handing gloves to President Harding; unidentified man, right]
- 46 Mrs. Harding enjoying the comforts of a speeder [President Harding beside speeder door; others nearby; train car, right]
- 47 Transport Henderson at Sitka [Navy ship at anchor in Sitka harbor].
- 48 Going ashore at Sitka [people in open launch].
- 49 Landing at Sitka [President Harding and party walking up decorated gangplank]. Merrill Photo.
- 50 [Sitka people surrounding Presidential party] Merrill Photo.
- 51 [President and Mrs. Harding with Sitka crowd behind them]

- 52 Greeting at Sitka [Mary Ann Johnston presenting Mrs. Harding with bouquet of flowers; Mayor Johnston, left].
- 53 [Group of Sitka people with President and Mrs. Harding] Merri11 Photo.
- 54 [President and Mrs. Harding and other members of the party on lawn at Sitka]
- 55 The President at Sitka [President and Mrs. Harding with 4 other people on steps of building].
- 56-60 Scenes in Sitka [President and Mrs. Harding with Sitka people]. Similar views.
- 61-64 Sitka, Alaska [President and Mrs. Harding with Sitka people], Similar views.
- 65 Capt. Buchanan of Henderson at Sitka [Capt. standing beside totem].
- 66 [View of Sitka from the water with Pioneer Home, center - former U.S. Marine Barrack] Merrill Photo.
- 67 President and Military Aide [on deck of ship].
- 68 Newspaper correspondents on board Henderson [group portrait including President and Mrs. Harding].
- 69 Cameramen accompanying party [group portrait of 7 men, also 5 cameras on tripods]
- 70 [President Harding, seated, foreground, with fishing pole; other men standing; Child's Glacier]
- 70A [Newspaper clipping of President and Mrs. Harding, Gov. Bone, Marguerite Bone and 2 others near Mendenhall Glacier]
- 71 Mt. McKinley, 20,300 ft [view of mountain through clouds]. Manger Photo, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 72 [President Harding, center, near touring car; decorated poles; crowd of people; Juneau(?)] Faded image.
- 73 Governor Bone [place card from U.S.S. HENDERSON].
- 74-76 Memories [three band concert programs; U.S. Navy Band aboard the U.S.S. HENDERSON].

(#77-88 are additional views of President Harding's Alaska trip not included in Marguerite Bone Wilcox's album.)

- 77 [President and Mrs. Harding looking at a display of salmon, Metlakatla]
- 78 [President Harding holding a hand carved cane]

- 79 [Group portrait of (l. to r.) Sec. of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Sec. of Interior Hubert Work, President Harding, Sec. of Interior Henry C. Wallace and Speaker of the House Frederick H. Gillett]
- 80 [Decorated speaker's platform, Ketchikan; cornerstone ceremonies for new Masonic Temple; unidentified man speaking]
- 81 [Mrs. Harding, seated, with President Harding standing to her right]
- 82 [Young Indian girl and boy watching ceremonies at Wrangell during President Harding's visit]
- 83 [President and Mrs. Harding at Mendenhall Glacier; other people in attendance are Gov. Bone and daughter Marguerite, right]
- 84 [President Harding painting siding of new railroad section house at Willow; Fred Hamilton, right]
- 85 [President Harding driving in golden spike that completed the Alaska Railroad; Nenana, July 15, 1923]
- 86 [President and Mrs. Harding inspecting a replica of the Nenana bridge, a gift presented to them]
- 87 [Gov. Bone, left, with President Harding as they inspect a display of vegetables grown in Fairbanks; unidentified man, right]
- 88 [Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, left, and 2 others, displaying black bass and salmon caught by Hoover]

Box 2 Memorabilia of Scott C. Bone and family relative to Alaska

- Folder 1 Correspondence from 1922 through 1925 between Gov. Bone, President Harding, President Coolidge and future President Herbert Hoover.
- Folder 2 Photos – Gov and Mrs. Bone scattering seed under the auspices of the Juneau Women Club May 26, 1925; Gov Bone and Gov Wallace R. Farrington of Hawaii; Gov. Bone and Karl Theile (Secretary of Alaska) and unidentified man entitled *The Big Snow*, Winter 1925; two sepia photos of the Governor's House taken in 1921. Photo of Gov Bone and Sir Thomas Lipton; Rotogravure of Pres Harding's visit to Alaska from *The New York Times* July 29, 1923
- Folder 3 a) Handwritten copies of two letters from Mary Bone to Mrs. Harding following the President's Alaska visit, one written before his death and one after.

b) Drawing of seating for luncheon during the visit of President Harding and (verso) Mrs. Bone's brief typed description of the House and its contents in that year.

c) An Alaska Interlude by Mrs. Scott C. Bone

d) Governor's Mansion Guestbook – 1923

Books:

Book entitled Report of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior 1921

"Baldy of Nome" by Esther Birdsall Darling with inscription by author to Mr and Mrs. Bone July 16, 1913 – hard bound book

Totem 1922 published by the Students of Juneau Public School – my mother's high school graduation year

Copy of Gov. Bone's novel "Chechahco and Sourdough" with newspaper reviews of the novel

Outline of Alaska Civics

Alaska Its Past, Present, Future

Alaska Outline of its History and a Summary of its Resources

INVENTORY OF POSITIVE TRANSLUCENT PLASTIC PLATES

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