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Guide to Collection

Greist, Mollie Ward

Mollie Ward Greist Photograph Collection, 1921-1964

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Introduction

Mollie Ward Greist was a missionary nurse at Point Hope and Barrow, Alaska, from 1921 to 1937, where she lived with her husband, Dr. Henry Greist. They had a son, David. She donated photographs of the villages and people to the Alaska State Museum. Some photographs were taken on a return trip to Barrow in 1964. Also includes several non-Alaska views. Some of the photos were taken by Fred Hopson. Notes pertaining to the photographs may have been made by different people.

Other Greist photographs may be found in the Terza Hopson Photograph Collection at the Inupiat History, Language and Culture Division, Planning Department of the North Slope Borough and the Alaska and Polar Regions Archives of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Rasmuson Library.

These books made by Mollie Greist for Barrow People & Hospital. To Juneau, Alaska State Museum from Mollie W. Greist, missionary nurse to Barrow, 1921 to 1937, by Cornelia Phillips Hendrickson(?).

Inventory

- 1 Governor's Mansion - Juneau, Alaska. Winter & Pond (no. 170)
- 2 Dr. Greist put up the pole. [buildings with flagpole at left.]
- 3 [Alaska Mission at Barrow, 1964; group of people in front of a large building.]
- 4 Monticello [Indiana; group of people posed on street.]
- 5 Going to sea after the mail, 1934 [five people in canoe].
- 6 [Men in parkas with camera on tripod.]
- 7 Lindburg's. The Greists, after 17 years in far North, welcome Rev. and Mrs. Fred Klerekoper, who are left in charge [of] the church work in Point Barrow Mission. The hospital is turned over to the Government, with all medical services. This, in August 1936 [group of people on porch of mission in snow].
- 8 Jim Allen's dad and church congregation, Wainwright [large native group in front of building.]
- 9 Ice upon beach [two men standing on large piles of ice].
- 10 Dr. [Henry] Greist and Barrow friends, May 1932 [men seated around table]. Greist
- 11 [Young girl in parka standing below row of hanging pelts.]
- 12 Teachers. Thanksgiving dinner party at Flossie George's. David Brower [natives gathered in a room].
- 13 Endicott Range. Road to Kearsarge Pass. Mountains you cross flying to Barrow. Sky Photo, Selma, Ca. (no. 5105)
- 14 Bishop Rowe(?), Pt. Hope [seated at table, reading].
- 15 Whale bone fence and cemetery, Pt. Hope [two men at left].
- 16 Hauling freight [three men with dog team and sled].
- 17 Who? [three young Eskimo children, close view].
- 18 3 of girls with long braids of hair. All like this when we went there, 1921.
- 19 David and dog team.
- 20 Reindeer at beach, Barrow. Photo by Mr. Hopson.

- 21 How to start a dog team [puppies feeding from a bowl].
- 22 Waiting for the (?) [probably Nalukatuk, the whaling festival] to begin [Eskimos seated by umiak propped up on its side].
- 23 [Eskimos cutting whale blubber.]
- 24 Seeing David off to States(?). Leaving for mail ship. July, '34. Uncle Lew and Aunt Mollie on beach.
- 25 Brower and Hobson [head to waist view].
- 26 The umiak boat getting a bottom cover from oogruk skins by women, 8 or 9 [skins] to do this job.
- 27 Brower bear(?) skin racks(?) [two adults and child on sled hitched to dog, underneath racks].
- 28 Somebody is going or coming [group of natives in snow].
- 29 3 lovely. Terza, myself and Dorcas. Taken in April [young girls in parkas, head and chest view].
- 30 [Cutting ice.]
- 31 & 32 Up thy go! 3 days, 3 nights [blanket toss].
- 33 Dancing after tossing up.
- 34-36 [Exhibit on bone carvings.] Color
- 37 Dr. (?) in Wyoming. Nurse in Caspar, Wyoming, for Dr. Greist [woman holding baby].
- 38 David and his boys [in front of house].
- 39 Julia, the boss cook. Cooking for Mollie Greist.
- 40 They get married and start a home [Eskimo couple and child outside a building].
- 41 [Snowshoe exhibit.] Color
- 42 to 43 [Shell exhibit.] Color
- 44 Alfred Hopson, Barrow, Alaska [head to waist portrait].
- 45 Rodger, 1932 [Eskimo man in parka.]

- 46 Lee S. cutting a runway to (?). David always looking on [two people at right cutting through ice].
- 47 [Hunting exhibit.] Color
- 48 Dividing whale meat.
- 49 [Shell exhibit.]
- 50 Chas. D. Brower's 75 Birthday, March 6, 1936. Dinner in manse in his honor.
- 51 Natives Xmas dinner in the church [interior view].
- 52 Taken in Barrow by D. Greist about 1935. This is a Mother Club [women and children posed on the tundra].
- 53-55 [Eskimo cultural exhibit.] Color
- 56 Reindeer at Barrow on beach. By Fred Hopson.
- 57 Hopson and two friends long ago.
- 58 [Eskimo people seated under upturned umiak.] G.V.S.
- 59 to 61 [Eskimo cultural exhibit.] Color
- 62 [Left to right] D. Henry W.(?) Greist; Jas. A. Nichols, School & Reindeer Supt. and baby; Miss Gussie [Agusta (sic)] Mueller [Miller?], Hosp. nurse (R.N.); David Greist, Mollie W. Greist, R.N., Miss Florence C. Dakin, R.N., Hosp. nurse, Mrs. Jas. A. [Helen] Nichols. Taken about 1922, Point Barrow, Alaska [standing on hill].
- 63 Dr. Greist session [with eight native men in parkas; interior view].
- 64 Party given by Flossie(?) [group around table wearing party hats].
- 65 to 67 My shells - David put on exhibit in his school. I sent 34 pieces to Alaska, besides these. 1968.
- 68 Joe Kanoodlak. Barrow elder. Upon death, many rainbows appeared in the sky [side portrait].
- 69 Eskimo in rain suit, Nome. Rain coat made from walrus gut [holding umiak model]. Lomen
- 70 [Same as no. 62.]
- 71 to 76 [Friends outside of Alaska, ca. 1961-1964.] Color

- 77 On the Philadelphia porch to the hospital. Feeding kids and mothers on the 4th [of] July (?).
- 78 We celebrate raising our first Flag [native group, mainly children, standing around flagpole].
- 79 Hospital, manse, church [(left to right; dog teams on beach in foreground)].
- 80 [Elderly couple outside a building.]
- 81 [Patty in swimming pool.]
- 82 Flossie's nephew, Barrow, Alaska, at Flossie's trailer, June 1965, by M. Greist.
- 83 Wanda Lenbek, Allan Lenbek, Nina Jones Lenbek, Doris Lenbek Smith; Lone Pine, 1962.
- 84 Nancy Keaton and son, Snohomish, Wash., 1965.
- 85 [Woman in evening dress.]
- 86 Helen and David [native woman and boy].
- 87 [Man using bow drill.]
- 88 One of Hobson's pictures. Job Kunudla (?) and Nasagooluck, Barrow, Alaska. By Dr. Greist, ca. 1935 [two native men in parkas].
- 89 Marvin, the wonder recovery [Marvin Sakvan Peter, baleen basketmaker, recovering from polio.]
- 90 [Woman in swimsuit, Honolulu.] Color
- 91 Cornelia [Eskimo woman; non-Alaska view]. Color
- 92 Peter Vandersteen(?) and Mollie Greist in front of Dorothy's home in Redwood City, Calif. 1965. Color
- 93 [Three women (Mollie Greist, center?) by swimming pool.] Color
- 94 This is Mollie... [taking a picture]. Color
- 95 [Couple with baby at swimming pool, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.] Color
- 96 Brower gives Xmas dinner [large group].
- 97 Hobson buried [people in parkas with coffin].⁹⁸ Brower dog team and boat racks.

- 99 David and Kay [standing outside house].
- 100 Nellie [native woman in fur parka].
- 101 Mollie Greist at 92, at Mojave S.P. Depot (Calif.) ... May 1965.
- 102 Jerome Jaramillo, age 10 [young boy].
- 103 [Man in parka.]
- 104 Brower stone [monument to Charles Dewitt Brower].
- 105 By Fred Hobson [two children in parkas].
- 106 Cornelia and Kate [young Eskimo girls holding hands].
- 107 All went to Pt. [point] on sled. [Left to right] David and Mollie Greist, Betty Nichols (baby), Miss Dakin, Helen Nichols, 1924.
- 109 Cornelia [right], father and mother [in Eskimo dress; full length portrait].
- 110 California. Color