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Guide to Collection

MacKinnon, James Simpson ("Sim"), Collector

**J. Simpson MacKinnon Photograph Collection, 1895-1910
Winter & Pond Portraits**

PCA 96

603 photographs

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ACQUISITION: J.S. MacKinnon donated the glass plates from which these prints were made.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing, however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The photographs are sleeved in Mylar and housed in archival boxes. No inventory is available.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Simpson "Sim" MacKinnon was born Mar. 26, 1897, in Juneau to pioneer prospector Lockie MacKinnon and his wife, Martha. He was named for Dr. James Kidd Simpson who saved Lockie MacKinnon's life following an explosion at the Ebner Mine in the Last Chance Basin. Sim spent his early childhood in Fairbanks and returned to Juneau, graduating from high school in 1917. He became the first Alaskan to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy (1921). Sim and Hazel Jaeger were married in 1923 and they moved to Chefoo, China, where he was stationed. During his tour of duty their only child, James Simpson "Skip," was born in Manila, Philippines. In 1927, Sim and his family returned to Juneau where they operated the Alaska Laundry and Cleaners.

MacKinnon was naval aide to Gov. John Troy and later to Gov. Ernest Gruening. After World War II broke out, he returned to active military service as chief of staff for the 17th Naval District, directing the war effort in the Aleutians. He retired with rank of captain in 1946.

MacKinnon was a member of the Juneau Volunteer Fire Department, the Pioneers of Alaska and the Elks. He was a 3rd degree Master Mason and Shriner. "Sim" MacKinnon died July 31, 1990, in Juneau at age 93.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

These unidentified portraits, from the Winter & Pond Studios in Juneau include Tlingit men, women and families and other Juneau-area individuals, families, couples and groups.

Other MacKinnon collections include PCA 80, PCA 14.

INVENTORY

1 - 223	Individual men
224 - 256	Groups of men
257 - 389	Individual women
390 - 406	Groups of women
407 - 445	Groups of men and women (No. 447: Frank, Mary, Paul Bell. Soboleff photo.)
446 - 476	Men, women & children
477 - 537	Groups and individual children
538 - 579	Individual babies
580 - 603	Miscellaneous portraits