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**Eric A. Hegg Photograph Collection, 1898-1913**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Eric A. Hegg joined the stampede to the Klondike in 1897. He made his first trip to Dyea in the riverboat *Skagit Chief* and opened his first photograph studio there. With the completion of the White Pass & Yukon Railway, Hegg moved to a permanent location in Skagway. He hired pack trains and went over the White Pass Trail to Lake Bennett where he advertised, "E.A. Hegg views of Alaska, sent to all parts of the world." He traveled from Lake Bennett to Dawson on a custom boat that included a built-in darkroom. In 1900, after a brief trip to New York for a showing of his Chilkoot and Gold Rush images, he returned to Dawson and sold the studio to Larss and Duclos. He moved to Nome and later served as the official photographer for the Guggenheim interests in Cordova, photographing the construction of the Copper River and Northwestern Railway.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Collection includes images of the gold rush era and scenes of the Chilkoot Trail, Chitina, Copper River, Skagway, and the White Pass & Yukon Route, particularly during the gold rush.

## INVENTORY

[Gary Christiansen's (GC) added comments, 9/10/2002]

1. [Miners and supplies at frozen Lake Bennett. Front sled contains a bag that reads "E.T. Dailey."] (no. 2241) [GC: ca. 1898-99]
2. The favorite dog team of Sheep Camp. [Men and dogs in front of the *Mascott* and other buildings.] (no. 85) [GC: ca. 1898]
3. Packers ascending summit of Chilkoot Pass, 1898. (no 97.)
4. Scales Chilkoot Pass, copyright 1898. [Men, supplies and tents at base with the line of packers on the trail.]
5. Winter trail up the White Pass. March 24-99. [Men, supplies and horses on the trail.]
6. Officers of the Cableship Burnside and Officials of the Copper River Ry at the end of Track, Aug. 21-08. [Men posed for portrait outdoors.] (166) [GC: 1908]

7. "Winter Scene." Copper River & Northwestern Ry. [Railroad in winter snowdrifts.] (363) [GC: ca. 1910]
8. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Construction. Mile 131 May 26-1910. [Men with horse at construction site of railway.] (373)
9. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Copper River Mile 133. Sept. 25 1910. [Bird's-eye view of Copper River with trestle in foreground.] (436)
10. Copper River & Northwestern Railway. Mile 69. [Railway tracks leading into valley.] (387) [GC: ca. June 1910]
11. C.R. & NW. Ry Snowy Shed Mile 54. Oct. 15, 1909. [View of newly constructed tunnel.] (329)
12. Childs Glacier Copper River. Alaska. [showing a large piece of ice recently calved into river.] (295) [GC: ca. Sept 1909]
13. Young Natives. Copper River, Alaska. [Group of Athabaskan children.] (no. 381) [GC: ca. June 1910]
14. Laying steel at Bonanza Copper Mine. March 29, 1911. [Railroad flat cars loaded with supplies and Bonanza Copper Mine at Kennecott Mine.] (503)
15. Baldwin and party from Bonanza Mine. Arriving at M.L. Heney camp 1A Copper River Ry. Sept. 29, '08 (?) (no. 195) [GC: probably correct date]
16. McCarthy's Camp Copper River. [Miners, tents and river in view.] [GC: ca. 1908]
17. Chitina Townsite. May 21, 1910.
18. Office of United States Commissioner Chitina, Alaska, Aug. 5, 1910. [Group of men standing in front of canvas tent.]
19. C.R. & N.W. Railway, Alaska. [Post card view of track with mountains in background.] [GC: ca.1909]
20. Kodiak. After the Katmai Eruption. [Waterfront view.] [GC: June 1912]
21. Kodiak Harbor looking toward the ocean after Katmai Eruption [four boys on shore and vessels in view.] (no. 1570) [GC: June 1912]

22. Kodiak showing garden covered with volcanic ash sixteen inches after Katmai Eruption [Wooden buildings and laundry hanging out on a line with garden in foreground.] (no. 572) [GC: June 1912]
23. Kodiak. Photograph taken on S.S. Admiral Sampson after Katmai Eruption (no. 571) [GC: June 1912]
24. Mastodon Tusks and Bones. Found in Magnet Gulch. Y.T. [GC: ca. 1899-1902]
25. Roping a steamer through Five Finger Rapids. [View of a riverboat negotiating the river.] (no. 501) [GC: ca. 1899]
26. Tug Alert after trip to wreck of Canada, Feb. 20, 1898. [People standing onboard ice covered tug.] [GC: Skagway]
27. Dawson U.T. [George Sisson, Park Davis, Captain Woodman, Curtis Crane, Albert Wile, Leon Brock and John Sutherland on raft, June 1899.] [GC: Shot by P.E. Larss ca. late 1898 - early 1899; any photo that was signed "Hegg & Co." was shot by Larss]
28. [Mrs. McLellan, U.S. Deputy Commissioner, Skagway. 1905. 1/2 length full face portrait.] [GC: ca. 1897-90. 1905 has to be wrong, Hegg had no studio in Skagway at that time.]
29. [Group portrait of 1904 (Juneau?) football team. Members are left to right, back row: Albert Rapp, Iver Laugseih, Ray James, Robert Cragg, George Kennedy; center row: Royal Shepard, Frank Bell, Milton Winn, unknown, Marvin Hoff. Front row: Tom Cole, unknown and Park Frame.] [GC: Hegg had studio in Douglas then.]
30. Kelly and Co. Dog Team at Lake Bennett [two teams; nine men]. (no. 65) [GC: ca. spring 1898, probably shot by Larss; caption handwriting not Hegg's.]
31. Pack train crossing Lake Lindeman Skagway Trail 1898 [winter scene]. (no. 261) [GC: ca. spring 1898]
32. First Annual Dog Race. Seward, Alaska Outing Club. Feb. 22, 1913 [teams running past Seward stores].
33. [Group of Canadian Royal Mounted Police seated around small log building.] [GC: it is a suspicious photo does not have Hegg signature, but he could have. ca. 1897-1899]

34. In the Tunnel on the White Pass and Yukon R.R. [group of men inside tunnel.] [GC: 1898-1899 classic Hegg photo]
35. [Unidentified town along beach; snow covered mountains beyond.] [GC: Seward probably, ca. 1913; see #32, it is suspicious - it doesn't have Hegg caption or signature]
36. Kelly & Co. Drug Stock Starting for Dawson City, Feb. 8th '98 Skagway, Alaska [men and pack horses in front of Kelly and Co., druggists and Occidental Hotel.] [GC: appears to be copy print]
37. Street Scene in Skagway, Alaska. [Crowd of people and dog team on snow covered street in front of Skagway Bunk House and other stores.] [GC: ca. 1898 neg. no. probably wrong, rest of no. got cropped.]
38. Kelly & Co. Drug Stock Starting for Dawson City. Feb. 8th, 98. Skagway, Al. [men and pack horses in front of Kelly and Co., Druggists.]
39. Scales and Summit of Chilkoot Pass. Copyright 1898 [men and tents, left and center; line of men climbing pass.] (no. 105) [GC: Has glue residue at top center, also shows Peterson trail to right.]
40. Douglas Harmony Band [group picture of band in uniform with their instruments.] [GC: ca. 1904, Hegg had studio in Douglas then.]
41. Scales and Summit of Chilkoot Pass. Copyright 1898. [men, dog teams and tents in the foreground with men climbing the pass in background]. [GC: copy print Peterson trail to right]
42. View Showing the Mode of Travel on the Chilkoot [view of scales and men from above; line of men on right moving up the Chilkoot Pass]. [GC: Spring 1898 clearly shows "Grease Trail" in foreground. Looking down at scales, Webster & Stevens stamp on back.]
43. Ice motor leaving Bennett for Dawson, Mar 15 -99. [Men on three sleds attached to a motorized sled with steering wheel and blade attached.] [GC: copy print. Webster & Stevens stamp on back.]
44. Winter Trail Between Summit and Log Cabin. Mar 16 -99. [Two horse-drawn sleds starting up the trail.] (no. 681) [GC: Webster & Stevens stamp on back. Probably White Pass trail - presence of horses.]

45. Summit of White Pass, Mar. 20 -99. [Row of tents on the right with pack horses in front surrounded by snow]. (no. 271) [GC: Webster & Stevens stamp on back, copy 2 is a poor print - muddy, signs of tents.]
46. Bennett N.W.T. June 4th '99. [View of Bennett from hill overlooking many tents along the Yukon River.] (no. 43) [GC: Webster & Stevens stamp on back.]
47. Bennett, Feb. 13, 1900. [Ground covered with snow; part of railroad in foreground].
48. "Porcupine Hill", White Pass and Yukon Route. [Line of railroad track running along the mountain.] (no. 637) [GC: Webster & Stevens stamp on back.]
49. Cordova, Alaska. Oct. 1909. [Bird's- eye view of the community]. (no. 206) [GC: Copy 1 is a print. Copy 2 is not a copy - it is an enlargement of a Hegg postcard. Statement typed on back not correct. Cordova (as pictured in this picture) did not exist when Rail Road work began. Fishing village of Eyak ("old" Cordova) did exist (to right of picture), Guggenheims didn't buy it. To get access to deep water for Rail Road ship terminal, downtown moved around corner to present location of Cordova - "New" - Cordova.]
50. Second Avenue, Cordova, Alaska. Aug. 21 -08. [Construction of buildings on right.] [GC: New building being constructed at right is a hotel, view is west.]
51. Copper River Railroad [Tracks of the railroad crossing a river.] [GC: ca. 1908-9]
52. Scene of the C.R.& N.W. Ry. Alaska. [Scenic view of stream and mountain peaks.] (no. 399) [GC: ca. 1908-10]
53. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Mile 98. Alaska. [View of railroad tracks laid in the wilderness.] (no. 26?) [GC: no 26, (is too low a number), artistic view]
54. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Mile 129 Aug. 27-1910. [Railway under construction along next to the river.] [GC: ca. 1909, rough grading or track bed, blasting, clearing with carts.]
55. Copper River Ry. [Close-up of railroad tracks; mountains in distance]. (no. 171) [GC: ca. 1907, view is east across flats of Copper River Delta, about mile 10-15.]
56. Kuskulana Bridge, C.R. & N.W. Ry. Alaska. [Postcard size picture of bridge between two canyons]. [GC: date wrong, more likely ca. 1909-10]
57. [Interior of a house in Dawson. Three men in police(?) uniforms seated on a couch with two women in front of and behind them.] [GC: House probably in

- Dawson, 3 Mounties, ca. 1898-99. Hegg has attempted to make Hegg & Co. signature into his own. 95% probability this taken by P.E. Larss; his style signature.]
58. Yukoners Dining at the Regina Cafe. [Large group of men seated in a dining hall, probably in Dawson.] [GC: 95% probability this taken by P.E. Larss; his style signature, ca. 1898-99, Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce at lower left on table.]
  59. Toronto Detachment Yukon Field Force. Dawson, Y.T. Midnight 25-June, 1899. [Two rows of soldiers in front of barracks type building.] (no. 2346) [GC: 95% probability this taken by P.E. Larss; his style signature.]
  60. Mrs. May L. Edgren. Daughter of Capt. J. Bennett. Conveyed to Her Grave By her Faithfull [Faithful] Dog Team. Dawson, Y.T. Jan. 6th -99. [Casket on sled pulled by dogs and surrounded by a line of men. Cabins and dwellings of Dawson in the background.] [GC: 95% probability this taken by P.E. Larss; his style signature.]
  61. Seattle Hotel Thisel Creek, Yukon. [Roadhouse scene with horses and sleds in foreground. The hotel is a two-story log cabin structure.] (345-a W&S) [GC: ca. 1899]
  62. Post Office, Nome. [Interior of the post office sorting room with mail clerks and men in foreground.] [GC: ca. 1900-02]
  63. Blockade of Pack Train's on portage Between Lake's Lindeman and Bennett. Copyright 1898. [line of men and pack horses on the shore of the lake in winter.]
  64. First-Ave. Cordova. Aug. 19 -08. [Street scene of buildings under construction and lumber in foreground.] (no. 158) [GC: view is looking west]
  65. 'Cascade Creek' Engineer Camp C.R. & N.W. Ry. Mile 89. Oct. 12. 09. [Engineer Camp on Copper River and Northwestern Railway. Tents in foreground with creek and snow-covered mountains beyond.] (no. 309) [GC: beautiful picture]
  66. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Mile 125 Aug. 27. 1910. [Men and machinery building a bridge as the tracks are laid with the river in the background.] [GC: ethereal mood]
  - 67x. View of Skagway and Lynn Canal from Porcupine Hill; "White Pass and Yukon Route" [tracks on right; water on left; snow capped mountains beyond.] (no. 749 or 742). Note: this photo is *located in PCA Oversize*. [GC: ca. 1899, 12 ½ x 15 ¼ looking south]

- 68x. Looking up the East Fork of Skagway River on "White Pass and Yukon Route" [river in center; tracks to left; snow capped mountains beyond.] (no. 735) Note, this photo is *located in PCA Oversize*. [GC: ca. 1899 12 ½ x 15 ¼, looking South]
69. Wharf, Cordova, Alaska. [Bird's-eye view of the wharf, postcard view.] [GC: ca. 1910, looking west]
70. Cordova, Alaska. Oct. 12, 1908. [Bird's-eye view of Cordova]. [GC: looking west]
71. Miss Cad Wilson's Leisure Hours [a young woman playing a banjo in a parlor setting.] [GC: ca. 1898-99, 95% probability taken by P.E. Larss.]
72. United States. Commissioner-Marshals & Gards [Guards] Chitina Jail, Alaska. Aug. 5, 1910. [group of men standing outside a crude log cabin structure.] (no. 400)
73. Office of United States Commissioner. Chitina, Alaska. Aug. 5, 1910. [group of eight men gathered in front of a canvas tent.] (no. 395)
74. Dawson, Y.T. "Dawson Market. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Fresh Meats Butter Eggs Fruits Vegetables & Produce Sold Storage for Shippers" [men standing in storefront with produce displays.] [GC: ca. 1898-99, 95% probability taken by P.E. Larss.]
75. C.R. & N.W. Ry. Copper River Crossing. Mile 133. [track on trestle round a curve near the river.] (no. 437) [GC: ca. 1910]
76. Chitina Hights (sic), Chitina, Alaska [view of crude log cabins nestled in trees overlooking the river.] (no. 456) [GC: ca. 1910]
77. Ice Motor Leaving Bennett for Dawson Mar 16 -99. [Same as photo 43.] (no. 672) [GC: Webster & Stevens stamp on back, W & S 135a. same photo as 43, but better print]
78. First Station at Koserefski. Oct. 19 -1901. Trans Alaska Co. Copyright 1902. [Cracked plate Group of people posed next to a log structure.] (no. 1506)
79. Thorough Cut. Mile 120. Aug. 8, 1910 C.R. and N.W. Ry. [Eight men standing at the cut between two mountains.]
80. N.W.M.P. Dawson, Y.T. [group of fifteen Northwest Mountain Policemen posed in winter outside of barracks. Dark image.] [GC: ca. 1898-99, about 6<sup>th</sup> street, looking West. 95% probability taken by P.E. Larss]

81. Skaguay Alaska. Jan. ? [Bird's-eye view of Skagway in winter.] [GC: ca. 1899, on cardboard mount. Photo studio left center; probably vog??. Blacksmith, Hotel Seattle right center, Metlakahtla restaurant bottom center.]
82. Hegg, E.A. Souvenir of Nome, Alaska. Seattle [1900]. Book is oblong, 22.9 c.m. 56 pp. 54 illus. from photos, mostly by Hegg (several by Adney). Original printed wrappers (photos). Includes printed photos of shipwrecks, mining scenes, Nome beach scenes and Nome activities. **[See separate folder.]**
83. A Young Klondyker Prospecting on Dominion. [A young boy with dog posed in front of a water well.] [GC: ca. 1898-99, 95% probability taken by P.E. Larss]
84. Ice Breaking off Childs Glacier. Copper River, Alaska. E.A. Hegg. 391. [GC: August 1910; compare neg. no. to ASL # 73.]
85. Chitina-Fairbanks [winter scene of horse-drawn sled traveling on trail in wooded area]. [GC: ca. 1910]
86. [View of Douglas Island showing Treadwell, Mayflower Island and Douglas.] (*Located in PCA/Panoramas X-Oversize, Map Case #4 in Vault*) [GC: ca. 1903, 7 1/2 x 26 7/8", Treadwell mines and mining facilities, open pit mines (including Glory Hole).]
87. Copper River, "Heaney Camp 114," (no. 374) [GC: ca. June 1910, dark print]
88. First Crossing, Copper River, (no. 133) [GC: looking North East, on flats near mouth of Copper River, East of Cordova, ca. 1907-08]
89. "October Morning," Copper River, Alaska, c. 1909, (no. 3) [GC: Probably not correct neg. number; first digits cropped]
90. [Northwest Mounted Policeman with log building behind him.] [GC: Shot by P.E. Larss ca. 1898-99]
91. Main St. Dyea, Alaska. [glass plate negative] (#62)
92. Pack train on Main St. Skaguay. [glass plate negative] (#282)

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