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### Biographical Note

Frank LaRoche Sr. was born in Philadelphia on June 20, 1853. He began his photographic career in Pennsylvania, traveling from Florida to Iowa. In 1889, he opened LaRoche Studios in Seattle, Washington. He married Ida M. Crary in Seattle and had a son, Frank Jr., who also became a photographer and opened another studio in Bremerton, Washington. From 1890-1902, the pair frequently traveled to Alaska and photographed Southeast Alaska and the Klondike Gold Rush. The book, *Enroute to the Klondike Chilkoot Pass and Skagway Trail* was published in 1897. In 1909, Frank Sr. was commissioned to photograph the Alaska-Yukon Exposition in Seattle for which he was awarded gold medals. He died in Seattle on April 18, 1934.

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