

**Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

**Blackmer, George Gay**

**George Gay Blackmer Photograph Collection, 1912-1913  
International Boundary Survey of Chitna Valley**

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**INTRODUCTION**

George Gay Blackmer was born January 1, 1879, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was reared in Boston and attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During 1912 and 1913 George Blackmer was a member of the International Boundary Surveys between Canada and Alaska. In 1915 he married Hannah Lauretta Spittle and moved to Juneau, where he worked as an engineer for the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. and the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company until 1917. The Blackmers lived in the Cliff Apartments on Front Street. George Blackmer died Dec. 28, 1949, in Pasadena, California.

This collection was donated by George Blackmer's daughter, Mary Meyer, of San Juan Capistrano, California, in August 1979.

## Inventory

- 1-37 Members of the International Boundary Survey, 1912 & 1913;
- 38 Photocopy of "The Conquest of Mount Logan" [1926] by H.F. Lambart from *National Geographic Magazine*, June, 1926, describing the 1926 National Geographic expedition up Mt. Logan in Canada that followed a portion of the 1912-1913 survey route (34 pages with several penciled notes from Mrs. Blackmer);
- 39 Blackmer family tree.