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**Guide to Collection**

**Thompson, Paul E., Photographer**

**Paul E. Thompson Photograph Collection, 1937-1941**

**PCA 153**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Paul E. Thompson went to Cordova in 1931 as warden for U.S. Bureau of Fisheries (seasonal). He returned to Cordova each year through 1937 as a seasonal fish warden. During the summer of 1933, he made stream surveys on the upper Copper River. In the Fall of 1937, Mr. Thompson taught at the Eklutna Vocational School and spent summers at the Knik Arm fish camp for the school. In the spring of 1941 he went to Juneau as District Chief for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until February 1942 when he transferred to Washington, D.C. as assistant chief for the Division of Alaska Fisheries.

Mr. Thompson retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Chief of Fishery Research in March 1971 and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection contains black and white photographs of adolescent students and student activities at the Eklutna Vocational School, where Paul Thompson taught during the late 1930's. Most of the students are identified. The collection contains many scenic color slides of glaciers, totems, landscapes, mountain ranges in locations throughout Alaska - the Interior, South Central, the Aleutians, the Pribilof Islands, and Southeast. The slides begin at number 149.

## INVENTORY

- 1 M.M. Lee from Nome, ivory carving teacher.
- 2 Mrs Lee, skin sewing teacher.
- 3 Grace Barger, student sewing furs.
- 4 Bertha Schaffer, modeling fur parka. Photo by George Dale. See PCA 306-1298.
- 5 Pearl Thompson.
- 6 Student, Leona Simmons, sewing furs. Eklutna. Photo by Geo. Dale See PCA 306-1297.
- 7 David Watson, from Kotzebue, carving ivory.
- 8 Pear Thompson, sitting in the snow.
- 9 Reeds - owned Anchorage P&R Co., Anchorage Hotel and Reed Bldg.

- 10 Paul and Pearl Thompson.
- 11 Silas Negovanna.
- 12 Arthur Upickson, shop teacher, lives in Anchorage (a musician).
- 13 Paul Thompson standing near river.
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed standing by river,
- 15 Paul Thompson and dog.
- 16 Pearl Thompson.
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed.
- 18 Picnic.
- 19 Residents of Anchorage power plant.
- 20 Frank and Maxcine Reed looking out window.
- 21 Paul, Pearl and Mrs. Reed.
- 22 Frank Reed's cabin, Eklutna Lake.
- 23 Two students on a picnic.
- 24 Elsie Scott, school nurse, on horse outside gymnasium.
- 25 Frank Reed sitting on a log.
- 26 Frank Reed and two ladies at Eklutna Lake.
- 27 Pearl Thompson shooting rifle.
- 28 Eklutna Lake.
- 29 Farm near Eklutna owned by Mrs. Bjornson (standing next to sheep).
- 30 Marine and Bob Crinckshank.
- 31 Eklutna Lake with man in the background.

- 32 Entrance to school from highway.
- 33 Eklutna River.
- 34 Hoarfrost on birch trees.
- 35 Fish camp on Knik Arm.
- 36 Eklutna River.
- 37 United Protestant Church near Palmer (minister, Mr. Bingle).
- 38 Scenic view of river in the winter.
- 39 Creek near Eklutna in the winter.
- 40 Eklutna power plant.
- 41 Fish camp.
- 42 Farm with geese.
- 43 Fish camp - tent frame.
- 44 River in the winter.
- 45 Eklutna Lake.
- 46 Alaska Steamship Co. dock at Seward.
- 47 Eklutna campers.
- 48 Aurora Hall, girls dorm and dining hall.
- 49 Shop (left), Knik Hall, boys dorm (right).
- 50 Students.
- 51 Students.
- 52 Students.
- 53 Students.

- 54 Ice fishing (Mrs. Lee).
- 55 Mr. and Mrs. Lee fishing for tomcod on Knik Arm.
- 56 Skating party.
- 57 Students.
- 58 Students.
- 59 Scenic view of river in the winter.
- 60 Ralph Sinnok holding fish.
- 61 Working on gill nets at the Knik fish camp.
- 62 Ralph Sinnok grave (died of T.B.).
- 63 Fish camp at Knik Arm with boat and men.
- 64 Fish camp at Knik Arm with boat and men.
- 65 Students: Minnie Kiana, Helen Kee, unknown (Aleuts from Ak. Peninsula).
- 66 School population at Eklutna Railroad Station.
- 67 Fish camp scene.
- 68 Fish camp scene.
- 69 Fish camp scene.
- 70 Fish camp scene - putting out net.
- 71 Fish camp scene.
- 72 Cleaning fish at cannery.
- 73 At Fish Creek, Knik Arm.
- 74 Students.
- 75 Hike up to Eklutna Lake.

- 76 Students.
- 77 Eklutna village boy.
- 78 Five people on a picnic.
- 79 Two Aleut students.
- 80 People at picnic including Robert King, school superintendent.
- 81 Students.
- 82 Eklutna River and students.
- 83 Students at a picnic.
- 84 Students at a picnic.
- 85 Students at a picnic.
- 86 Arthur Upicson (played saw).
- 87 Students at a picnic.
- 88 Students at a picnic.
- 89 Blanket toss in front of gym (walrus hide skin).
- 90 Lela Kiana Oman (now a writer in Nome).
- 91 Students outside of Eklutna Vocational School.
- 92 Students outside of Eklutna Vocational School.
- 93 Students outside of Eklutna Vocational School.
- 94 Mrs. Thompson and a student in front of school office.
- 95 Group of students at Eklutna.
- 96 Mrs. Bjornsen, matron (hospital in the background).
- 97 Students.

- 98 Student at camp.
- 99 Anchorage dock.
- 100 Student.
- 101 Students.
- 102 Student.
- 103 Student.
- 104 Students.
- 105 Students
- 106 Student.
- 107 Paul and Pearl Thompson
- 108 Pearl Thompson.
- 109 Pearl Thompson.
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- 112 Pearl Thompson.
- 113 Pearl Thompson.
- 114 Pearl Thompson.
- 115 Pearl Thompson.
- 116 Pearl Thompson.
- 117 Paul Thompson.
- 118 Paul Thompson.
- 119 Paul and Seton Thompson.

- 120 Paul Thompson.
- 121 Group of people including Frank Reed and Pearl Thompson.
- 122 Capt. Cole of the M/V Teal, Paul and Frank Reed.
- 123 Paul Thompson.
- 124 Paul and Pearl Thompson.
- 125 to 135 Thompson family views (Hildigard Hubbell, school nurse).
- 136 Mrs. Frank Reed.
- 137 School staff: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Bjornson and Mr. Mattix (shop teacher).
- 138 Christmas tree.
- 139 Pearl Grace Brooks (English teacher), Mrs. Bjornson, Mr. King.
- 140 Grace Brooks.
- 141 Christmas tree with gifts.
- 142 Mrs. Reed sitting near snowbanks
- 143 Ice break-up Knik Arm.
- 144 Frank Reed.
- 145 Panorama of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad showing Miles Glacier Bridge and Childs Glacier. Color tint photo by H.A. Ives. *Located in the Vault on the Extra Long Panoramas shelves.*

**SUNSETS:**

- 146 Southeast Ak.
- 147 Southeast Ak.
- 148 Anchorage, Ak.

149 Anchorage, Ak. 1949

150 Anchorage, Ak. 1949

151 Anchorage, Ak.

152 Cook Inlet

153 Cook Inlet

154 Cook Inlet

155 Alaska Peninsula

156 Kodiak

**GLACIERS:**

157 Columbia

158 Columbia 1941

159 Columbia

160 Columbia

161 Columbia

162 Columbia

163 Columbia

164 Columbia 1948

165 Columbia 1947

166 Childs 1948

167 Childs and CRNW RR Bridge 1948

168 Childs

169 Childs 1948

170 Miles

171 Miles

172 Sawyer

**PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA:**

173 Culross Passage

174 Cape Elvington 1947

175 Unakwik Inlet 1947

176 Harrison Lagoon

177 Harrison Lagoon

178 College Fiord 1948

179 College Fiord 1947

180 College Fiord

181 College Fiord

182 Mountains

183 Mountains and stream

184 Mountains and stream

185 Bettles Bay 1947

**SOUTHEAST ALASKA:**

186 Peril Strait

187 Tracy Arm

188 Tracy Arm

189 Tracy Arm

- 190 Tracy Arm - iceberg
- 191 Tracy Arm - iceberg
- 192 Tracy Arm - new snow
- 193 Red Rock Fish from Icy Strait
- 194 Icy Strait 1947
- 195 Icy Strait 1946
- 196 Sashin Lake
- 197 Purse Seining in Port Frederick 1949
- 198 Purse Seining in Port Frederick 1949
- 199 Cathedral in Sitka 1948
- 200 Sitka 1947
- 201 Sitka 1947
- 202 Hoonah 1947
- 203 Native children in Hoonaa 1947
- 204 Wrangela 1949
- 205 Bess O'Neill displaying strawberries in Dundas Bay 1947
- 206 Gold Creek Rd.-Juneau Apr 1955
- 207 Gold Creek Basin-Juneau Apr 1955
- 208 Gold Creek-Juneau 1946
- 209 Juneau 1950
- 210 Mendenhall Glacier-Juneau
- 211 Mendenhall Glacier-Juneau 1947

- 212 Mendenhall Glacier-Juneau 1946
- 213 Auke Lake Juneau
- 214 Auke Lake-Juneau
- 215 Auke Lake-Juneau 1941
- 216 Lily pond-Juneau
- 217 Naha
- 218 Totems-Klawock 1946
- 219 Totem-Klawock
- 220 Totems-Klawock 1946
- 221 Totems-Klawock
- 222 Totems-Klawock 1947
- 223 Totem-Klawock 1946
- 224 Totems-Klawock 1946
- 225 Totems-Klawock 1946
- 226 Coastal Mountain Range 1947
- 227 Coastal Mountain Range 1947
- 228 Coastal Mountain Range 1947
- 229 Fairweather Range 1947
- 230 Mt. Fairweather
- 231 Mt. Fairweather 1947
- 232 Mt. Fairweather
- 233 St. Elias Range

234 St. Elias Range

235 St. Elias Range

**INTERIOR ALASKA:**

236 Mt. McKinley

237 Mt. McKinley

238 Mt. McKinley

239 Mt. McKinley

240 Mt. McKinley and Wonder Lake 1939

241 Tebay Lake 1947

242 Harding Lake

243 Swimming in Eyak Lake, Cordova 1947

244 Lighthouse on the coast

245 Rainbow Eshamy Bay 1954

246 Prince William Sound 1946

247 Copper River 1948

248 Eagle Summit

249 Kittiwake Rookery-Kodiak 1946

250 Matanuska Valley 1947

251 Matanuska Valley 1947

252 Palmer Road-Anchorage 1940

253 Cook Inlet 1946

254 Cook Inlet

- 255 Cook Inlet 1941
- 256 Cook Inlet
- 257 Fish Creek-Cook Inlet
- 258 Kenai
- 259 Kenai
- 260 Birch Trees
- 261 Eklutna Church
- 262 Eklutna Cemetery
- 263 Eklutna River

**ALEUTIAN CHAIN:**

- 264 Dutch Harbor
- 265 Dutch Harbor

**PRIBILOF ISLANDS:**

- 266 St.Paul village 1950
- 267 St. Paul Recreation Hall 1950
- 268 St. Paul native houses 1950
- 269 St. Paul native houses
- 270 Lupine-St. Paul
- 271 Poppies-St. Paul
- 272 Poppies-St. Paul 1940
- 273 Fox-St. Paul 1940
- 274 Cormorant-St. Paul 1940

- 275 Zapadni-St. Paul 1940
- 276 Seals-St. Paul
- 277 Seals-St. Paul 1940
- 278 Sea Lions-St. Paul
- 279 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1940
- 280 Bulls-Tolstoi Sands, St. Paul 1950
- 281 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1950
- 282 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1950
- 283 Seals-St. Paul 1950
- 284 Seals-Kitovoi, St. Paul 1940
- 285 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1940
- 286 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1940
- 287 Sea Lions-St. Paul 1950

**NUNIVAK ISLAND:**

- 288 Natives-Nunivak Island 1940
- 289 Natives Nunivak Island 1940

**SOUTHWEST ALASKA:**

- 290 Drying Salmon-Iliamna 1947
- 291 Natives-Iqushak 1947

**ALASKAN PENINSULA:**

- 292 Brooks Falls 1940
- 293 Brooks Falls 1940

294 Brooks Lake

295 Brooks Lake

296 Paulov Volcano 1940

**FISHING VIEWS:**

297 Trout fishing

298 Trout fishing-Fish Bay 1949

299 Salmon jumping

300 Dolly Varden

301 Dolly Varden

302 Dolly Varden 1947

303 Dolly Varden 1947

304 Pink Salmon-Bettles Bay

305 Pink Salmon-Male and Female