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Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Gray and Hereford, Photographers

Gray and Hereford Photograph Collection, ca. 1880

PCA 185

St. Paul's Island - People, Russian Orthodox Church,
Sealing Industry, ca. 1880

Introduction

This collection of photographs by Gray and Hereford depicts the people, the sealing industry, and the Russian Orthodox Church on St. Paul Island in the 1880's.

No other information has been located about these photographers, except that the caption on #13 refers to Hereford as Dr. Hereford (shown in the photograph).

INVENTORY

- 1 Native, St. Paul's Island, Alaska [portrait of an Aleut woman, seated, full face, looking to right, ca, 1880]
- 2 The School, St, Paul's Island [group of school children in four rows beside a white wooden building]
- 3 Group of Seal Hunters, St; Paul's Island [group of 16 men, all wearing hats: some in business suits]
- 4 Seal Herd on Killing Grounds, St. Paul's Island [group of seals on grassy flat area]

- 5 Herd of Sleeping Sea Lions. St, Paul's Island [group in center; grassy slopes beyond.]
- 6 The Landing, St, Paul's Island [wooden landing area on beach; wooden building beyond.]
- 7 Gov't Building, St, Paul's Island [one story white wooden building surrounded by wooden fence; 4 people inside fence: 2 structures to left part obscured]
- 8 The Church, St, Paul's Island [right side of Russian Orthodox Church: clock in tower; white picket fence]
- 9 The Church, St. Paul's Island [left side of Russian Orthodox Church]
- 10 A Christmas Star, St; Paul's Island; Alaska [close-up of Christmas decoration which has a Nativity scene in center and 8 points decorated with flowers]
- 11 Interior of Church [interior of church showing icons, St. Paul's Island]
- 12 A part of the village, St; Paul's Island [small wooden houses with Orthodox Church at center, back]
- 13 The Dispensary, St. Paul's Island [small white building: 4 people on front step - one identified as Dr. Hereford]
- 14 Company's Buildings, St, Paul's Island - house, shop, stable, storehouse [white wooden buildings with grassy area in foreground- one underground Aleut house in left center]
- 15 Natives, St. Paul's Island, Alaska [full-length full-face portrait of Aleut man and boy in western clothes]
- 16 Natives, St. Paul's Island [Aleut man and two women seated on chairs in front of small wooden building; all wearing western clothing]
- 17 Natives, St. Paul's Island, Alaska [Aleut woman seated between Aleut girl and boy; all wearing western clothes]
- 18 The Orchestra. St. Paul's Island Alaska. [the photograph shows the twelve musicians with their instruments.]