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[Activities in Alaska with view of villages,  
Native culture, whaling and Arctic regions,  
ca. 1886 – 1967]

INTRODUCTION:

These photographs were copied from prints in Record Group 26 at the National Archives, Still Pictures Branch. The National Archives identification number is given at the end of each photograph description. Some photographs were taken by *ALB*--full name has not been determined. Several photos depict the whaling operations of the American Pacific Whaling Co. at Akutan in the Aleutian Islands.

INVENTORY

1. [Unalaska, Alaska. Two small buildings on point of land; ocean beyond]. (ALB#17) (26-G-20045D)
2. The Indian Ranche, Sitka, Alaska [houses along the beach, boats and dock in foreground]. (ALB #28) (26-G-3-28)
3. Governor's House and Presbyterian church, Sitka, Alaska [wooden sidewalk leads to picket fence surrounding governor's house]. (ALB #30) (26-G-20045E)
4. Aleut barabaras, Unalaska, Alaska [4 children in front of barabara on left; ocean beyond]. (ALB #3) (26-G-20045C)

5. Esquimo [Eskimo] houses - Cape Prince of Wales - drying and stretching walrus hides [drying rack on right; group of people, center] (ALB #49) (26-G-20045A)
6. St. Michaels, Alaska [overall view of village, Russian Orthodox church on right]. (ALB #80) (25-G-3-80)
7. Old Russian block house, St. Michaels, Alaska [wooden buildings to left of black house]. (ALB #84) (26-G-3-84)
8. Ruin Lake back of Unalaska [lake, center, surrounded by mountains; buildings, left; stream, center]. (ALB #90) (26-G-20045B)
9. [Eskimos at Cape Prince of Wales in front of sod house (barabara); whale bones forming fencelike structure in foreground] (26-G-8A-1)
10. [Wooden buildings on either side of dirt street, Valdez, Alaska; mountains beyond]. (26-G-20045-G)
11. Catholic Church, King Island [exterior view from hill above; sea beyond] (26-G-7B-17A)
12. Scene at King Island, Alaska [looking up at several structures on hillside]. (26-G-7B-IOB)
13. [Close-up of Eskimo boy sucking an egg; head and shoulder left profile]. (26-G-7B-13B)
14. [King Islanders heading for Nome in early summer [close-up of a boat loaded with people, dogs and equipment.] (26-G-8A-5)
15. [King Island village, 1949; Bering Sea Patrol. Overall view of village from water.] (26-G-5382)
16. [Man on rocky ledge of King Island reaching for eggs; water on right].(26-G-7B-12A)
17. Drying hair seal skins, Shaktolik, Alaska [Eskimo man standing below 4 seal skins suspended on poles]. (26-G-7A-11A)
18. [Piles of lumber in front of cannery buildings, Klawock, Alaska]. (26-G-20109)
19. Friends church--Kotzebue, Alaska [exterior view; bell on wooden tower on left]. (26-G-7A-33B)
20. Scene at Little Diomed, Alaska [looking up hill at several wood buildings]. (22-G-7A-19A)
21. [Little Diomed village; structures on hillside; people on right]. (26-G-8A-4)

22. Russian Church at St. Michael [Exterior view of church, center; buildings behind]. (26-G-7A-8B)
23. Graveyard at Point Hope, Alaska [crosses of various sizes on left; whale rib fence on right]. (26-G-7A-25A)
24. Left to right: Leander Stevenson, Gilbert Borden, Frank Gotsche, and John Cuba in front of the Point Barrow refuge station, in 1891.
25. [Exterior view of Refuge Station, Point Barrow; men on roof and standing on sacks at right]. (26-G-21040)
26. The Mission Hospital, Pt. Barrow, Alaska [exterior view of 2-1/2 story wooden structure]. (26-G-8A-3)
27. The Mission and Parsonage, Pt. Barrow [two buildings; church on right]. (26-G-8A-2)
28. Trading Post, Pt. Barrow, Alaska [view of buildings from beach; pole with flag on building at left]. (26-G-8A-7)
29. Natives of Savoonga, Alaska [group portrait of adults and children in front of small wooden building]. (26-G-7B-33A)
30. Native barabara, Unalaska [fence surrounds hut; mountains beyond]. (26-G-3-92)
31. Russian Church, Unalaska [exterior view; bells over front entry]. (26-G-20107)
32. Custom House, Unalaska [office on right; other buildings, left]. (26-G-20106)
33. Indian Traders store, Yackatat [Yakutat] Bay, Alaska [men standing in front of log building with thatched roof]. (26-G-1-2)
34. [Yakutat, Alaska; row of wooden buildings; people in front of building at right.] (26-G-20045F)
35. Native oumiak and Pacific Steam Whaling Company's Station, Cape Smythe, Alaska [boat in foreground, company buildings behind]. (26-G-1-6)
36. [Close-up of skin house with native Siberians at left--St. Lawrence Bay, Siberia]. (26-G-20045)
37. [Two Eskimos cutting up a walrus; another person, left; second walrus, right] (26-G-7B-19A)
38. [Eskimo woman picking greens for pickling. Full-face portrait of woman wearing cap with pack on back] (26-G-7B-20B)

39. [Full-face portrait of Eskimo man holding large spool of walrus thongs]. (26-G-7B-24A)
40. [Right side profile of seated Eskimo woman chewing mukluk soles] (26-G-7B-27A)
41. [Building, right, and dock of American Pacific Whaling Co. at Akutan, Aleutian Islands, 1938.] (26-G-15OD-2A)
42. [Overall view of buildings--from above--of American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan, Aleutian Islands.]. (#2) (26-G-15OD-2B)
43. [Whaling slaughter building and dock of American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan.] (#9) (26-G-15OD-3B)
44. [Dock and buildings on dock of American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan.] (#10) (26-G-150-65B)
45. [Portrait of 3 whalers on pile of boards, American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan.] (26-G-15OD-6A)
46. [Men butchering whales on dock, American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan] (#44) (26-G-15OD-7A)
47. [Close-up of men butchering whale, American Pacific Whaling Co., Akutan] (#68?) (26-G-15OD-8A)
48. [Man to right of harpoon ready for shooting; water and mountains beyond. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan]. (#14) (26-G-15OD-10A)
49. [Curved blades on long poles leaning on wooden building; whale butchering equipment. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan.] (#22) (26-G-15OD-IOB)
50. [Close-up of men butchering whale; whale in center. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan] (#79?) (26-G-150-D-IIA)
51. [2 men standing on barrels cutting whale meat from huge bone. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan.]. (#72) (26-G-15OD-11B)
52. [2 men cutting long strips of whale meat; wooden building beyond. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan.] (#818-8) (26-G-150E-1)
53. [2 men butchering whales on wooden dock area; wooden building beyond. Am. Pac. Whaling Co., Akutan.] (#809-6) (26-G-150E-2)
54. [Several men around whale to be butchered; wooden building on left; storage tanks on hillside above dock.] (#815-6) (26-G-150E-3)