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Guide to Collection

**Hunt, P.S.**

**P.S. (Phinney S.) Hunt Photograph Collection, 1905-1917**

**PCA 192**

41 photographs

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

P.S. Hunt was born in Michigan April 24, 1866. He married Rose Frazer of Ashtabula, Ohio on March 29, 1888, and the couple moved to California. In 1898, Hunt left California, his wife and two sons and moved to Valdez, Alaska. In 1915, he was appointed the official photographer of the Alaska Engineering Commission. He was Deputy Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. in Alaska, a member of the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 7. On October 14, 1917, he died suddenly on a street in Seward where he was photographing. A more detailed biography can be found in "The Pathfinder," Dec. 1919. Other photographs of Mr. Hunt are in PCA 108 (Alaska Railroad Collection) and PCA 131 (Alaska Engineering Commission Collection).

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection includes views of Valdez community activities, buildings, transportation companies operating on trail from Valdez to Fairbanks along with scenics of that area. The Anchorage Museum of History and Art and the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library in Fairbanks have files of Hunt's glass plate negatives

## INVENTORY

1. Valdez, Alaska [people in sled pulled by 7 dogs; horse and rider, center; photo studio (Hunts ?) on far right.] (#E 214)
2. W.A. Dickey and family in front of their cabin on the Three Man Mining Company's Copper Property, Landloch Bay, April 18, 1905 [family of 5 outside log house; trees beyond.] (#G 218)
3. A stop for dinner on the beach, Fidalgo Bay, April 26, 1905 [two men stooping near an open fire; grass in foreground, trees in background.] (#G 219)
4. The Leslie Pack Train leaving Valdez for the interior, June 14, 1905 [five horses, a dog and a rider; buildings in background.] (#G 306)
5. Birds-eye view of resident portion of Valdez, June 26, 1905 [houses and churches; mountains in background.] (#G 318)
6. Head lettuce and beets in Gov. (sic) Leedy's garden, Valdez, Alaska, Aug. '05 [close-up view of garden.] (#G 406)
7. Unloading horses from SS Dora with a sling at Valdez, Alaska [people on deck and dock; horse suspended above deck.] (#G 462)
8. C. R. and N. W. Ry. Co's grade at mouth of Keystone Canyon [graveled roadbed across center; stream bed(?) foreground; treed hill, background.] (#G 922)

9. Lower end of Keystone Falls [two horse drawn sleds and drivers at foot of frozen falls.] (#G 1053)
10. Valdez Transportation Co's sleighs leaving Valdez for Grays Camp on Kotsina River, Jan. '07 [Horse drawn sleigh with drivers in street with businesses on either side.] (#G 1103)
11. Valdez Transportation Co's teams breaking trail on Tasnuna Divide, Jan. 15, 1907 [Teams of horses with drivers plowing through snow.] (#G 1113)
12. Valdez, Alaska [winter scene of Valdez street showing Olympic Club building.] (#G 1116)
13. Reservation Ave. wharf, Valdez, Alaska, Feb. 15, 1907 [people on show covered wharf, buildings beyond; water right and left.] (#G 1131)
14. "After the storm," Valdez, Alaska [drifts of snow up to second story on houses; mountains beyond.] (#G 1143)
15. "Four of a kind," Malamoots [malamutes], Valdez, Alaska [four young pups.] (#G 1233)
16. Malamoot [malamute] dog, Valdez, Alaska [adult dog standing on a box(?).] (#G 1231)
17. The first rail for the Alaska Home Ry., Sept. 16, 1907 [seven people holding rail which is hitched to a horse; buildings behind.] (#G 1616)
18. The old Payne Homestead near Valdez, Alaska, 1908 [small log building, center; skiff on right; pond in foreground.] (#G 1940)
19. Gen. Bell, Mrs. Bell, Capt. Sladen, Major Richardson, Mrs. Lt. Orchard and A. E. Grigsby at Valdez Glacier, July 20, 1909 [seven people in an open touring car on rock filled road. Sign on car reads "Valdez and Fairbanks Auto Transportation Company."] (#G 2324)
20. "Goddess of Liberty" Float. Fourth of July '07. Valdez, Alaska [horse drawn wagon decorated with striped and starred material; young girls and women on float.] (#G 2935)
21. On the Eska Creek Spur, Mar. 19, 1917. [Train engine #265; four men on engine; bare trees behind.] (#A.E.C. G 388)
22. Governor Clark visiting the Cliff Gold Quartz Mine, Valdez Bay, Alaska [group of 12 men standing at mine entrance]. #G 3462.
23. Governor Clark at Cliff Gold Quartz Mine; Valdez Bay, Alaska. Sept. 17-[19]10. [group of 12 men standing at mine entrance].

24. Bringing in the wounded Home Ry., men... Sept. 25 - 07 [two horse drawn wagons on trail]. G1626.
25. Aboard the Government Cable Ship, "BURNSIDE", Aug 24, 1904 [splicing two sections of the Alaska cable].
26. N.W. Ry. Co's "Cut" in which the Home Ry. men were shot. Showing the marshal's tent and barricade. Sept. 25-07. G1632.
27. Keystone canyon, Wagon Road and old trail above falls [a mountaintop view of the canyon and river]. G3343.
28. One of Alaska Road Commissions packtrains leaving Valdez [about 10 horses heavily loaded]. G2233
29. [A snow scene, Valdez?, showing homes snowed in.]
30. Valdez glacier [flatlands and roadways in foreground].
31. Episcopalian Church, Valdez, Alaska [creek in the foreground.] G2764.
32. The largest gold nugget found in Copper River country; weight 5102.4 DWT; value \$900.00; property of Oregon-Shushitna Mining Co.; found by Dan S. Kane on Lucky Gulch, a tributary to Valdez Creek, Aug. 15, 1907; G1661.
33. McCreary outfit on Dutch Flats near Wortmans Road Houses enroute to Copper Center [six horse drawn sleds with drivers].
34. Summit Roadhouse and caches on top of Thomson Pass. Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. G1734.
35. Upperswitchback, Thomson Pass. Valdez-Fairbanks trail [a long line of cattle being driven along the hillside.] G1176
36. [An unidentified settlement of dwellings on flat land.] G2125.
37. Early spring, Valdez Bay, Alaska [sun showing thru dark clouds]. G2187
38. On the Trail near Valdez, Alaska [horse drawn sleds packed high with goods]. G1121
39. Freight teams, of Ed Wood and Ed Orr, at Camp Comfort. G2605
40. The Ed S. Orr and Co's stage leaving Valdez for Fairbanks with Judge Reid and party. Dec. 9-08. G2111.

41. Channels [Channels] of the Copper River. Fourth steel bridge in distance. Looking back toward Alganic and Cordova. C.R. & N.W. R.Y. P.S. Hunt J891. *See also: PCA 277-008-138.*  
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## INVENTORY OF GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES

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