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**Alaska Railroad**

**The Alaska Railroad Tour Lantern Slide Collection**

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85 lantern slides

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## Scope and Content

This collection of 85 colored lantern slides advertised The Alaska Railroad's Tour #2 in the first year of operation for the Alaska Railroad, 1923. The slides are imprinted with "Alaska Railroad, Washington D.C." The tour starts at the Alaska Steamship's pier in Seattle and continues up through the Inside Passage to Seward by steamship. The images begin at Seward and show the scenic views along the tour as the train heads to Fairbanks and by automobile to Valdez. Tour #2 covered 4,402 miles in 22 days, and cost \$240.65. The slides advertised the scenic beauty of Alaska and activities of Alaskans living along the route.

## Inventory

1. For detailed information regarding tourist traffic relative to Alaska.....  
[information on tours to Alaska.]
2. Tour No. 1. [Seattle/Seward/Fairbanks]
3. Tour No. 2. [Seattle/Seward/Fairbanks/Valdez or Cordova]
4. Map of Alaska [Dept. of Interior map. 1923.]
5. Pier No. 2. Alaska Steamship dock in Seattle.
6. Sawmill at mile 3 near Seward. [Piles of lumber and buildings adjacent to railroad tracks. Mountain range in background.]
7. Lower Trail Lake, Mile 30. [Fireweed on edge of lake, mountains in background reflected in the lake.]
8. Lower Trail Lake, Mile 30. [Shows railroad track, car and unidentified man.]
9. Upper Trail Lake looking toward Moose Pass, Mile 32. [Unidentified man on railroad track. Mountains in background.]
10. Hanging and cascading glacier. Mile 33.
11. Trail Glacier and lateral moraine. Mile 44 ½. [Fireweed on the mountain side.]
12. Bartlett Glacier. View from high trestle tunnel No. 2.
13. Bartlett Glacier. View from high trestle tunnel mile 47 ½.

14. Bartlett Glacier. View from high trestle tunnel mile 47 1/2. [Meadow with wild flowers in foreground.]
15. Deadman Glacier from south portal of tunnel #2 mile. [Photograph taken from inside tunnel using its supports as a frame.]
16. Deadman Glacier. [close-up view with a line of fireweed at the base of the picture.]
17. Look District from Deadman Glacier. [an "aerial" view of the valley below.]
18. Hospital at Anchorage. [four story structure.]
19. Strawberries in hospital garden, Anchorage.
20. Old Russian Church. Eklutna.
21. Indian graveyard. Eklutna. [overgrown but small grave houses for the dead are discernible.]
22. Grave of Indian child and two adults. [two wooden gravehouses and the other a tent made from a blanket.]
23. Olaf Wagner's farm at Wasilla with potatoes in bloom. [large field of potatoes with lake in background.]
24. Olaf Wagner's homestead [several buildings beside railroad tracks; a profusion of flowers in the foreground; a lake in the background.]
25. Wasilla Lake. [Artistic composition with birch trees in foreground.]
26. Little Susitna Highway, looking up trail. [Highway appears to be in a gorge.]
27. Little Susitna. Prospector's Bridge to Sulphur Hot Spring. [Scenic view of river in foreground with bridge high above the water.]
28. Knik River Bridge looking southeast. [close-up view.]
29. Hurricane Gulch Bridge looking toward Susitna N. bend. [A clear picture showing the bridge spanning the gulch with river beneath.]

30. Train on Nenana River Bridge [Train has just emerged from the overhead portion of the trestle bridge,]
31. Mrs. Wm. Green; Broad Pass; only woman telegraph operator in Alaska. 1923. [American Railway Express log cabin building with a telephone booth in front. Mrs. Green in front of the building.]
32. Cucumbers. Interior Rickard truck farm at Fairbanks. [Huge cucumbers inside greenhouse and some melons; unidentified man.]
33. Interior Rickard truck farm at Fairbanks. Tomatoes. 500 lbs. one day. [Basket full of tomatoes on floor of greenhouse; vines loaded with tomatoes.]
34. Basket of cucumbers. Rickard Ranch, Fairbanks.
35. Celery bed. Rickards Ranch, Fairbanks, Alaska. [Unidentified man in this remarkable picture.]
36. Head cabbage. Rickard Ranch, Fairbanks, Alaska. [Whole field of cabbage plants ready for harvest; unidentified man cutting a cabbage.]
37. Oats. Rickard Ranch. Fairbanks. [An unidentified man practically obscured in the field of oats.]
38. Prospectors and dogs. Morenas (?) Roadhouse. [two unidentified men, each with a pack dog, pictured in front of a large two-story roadhouse.]
39. Toklat Glacier.
40. Looking for sheep on East Fork Toklat range [two unidentified men with four horses at base of mountain.]
41. Alaska Range. Northwest of Copper Mt.
42. Mt. McKinley.
43. S.S. Henderson. Passing Light Buoy in Wrangell Narrows.
44. Harding entrance into Resurrection Bay.
45. Curry Hotel. Mile 248. [a large two story structure combining depot and hotel.]
46. Fox farm at Montana. Mile 260, Alaska Railroad. [show enclosure with one fox.]

47. Joe Chapple at Montana picking pansies for Mrs. Sawyer. [three other people in the picture are unidentified.]
48. Herd of reindeer at Cantwell.
49. Richardson roadhouse. [large two-story buildings with garden in foreground.]
50. Children at Paxon roundhouse (sic). [four children seated on a log bench in front of the log building.]
51. Sourdough roadhouse. [open touring car 1920's vintage parked in front; unidentified male driver.]
52. Paxon roadhouse. [and depot. Unidentified male nearby and 1920's touring car parked in front of the roadhouse.]
53. Teckell roadhouse. [two unidentified men in the picture.]
54. Ferry at Tanana at McCarty's Roadhouse. [two unidentified men standing on the ferry-raft with a 1920's touring car, The raft ferries passengers and freight across the Tanana River.]
55. Birch Lake.
56. Chevrolet (automobile) crossing glacier stream on highway near Worthington Glacier, below falls.
57. On Richardson Hwy. Coast range Chugack [Chugach] Mtns. [open touring car on this primitive road.]
58. Richardson Highway. Views near Tikal [Tiegel?] red flowers (fireweed) and mts. [1920's touring car on the highway which appears to be little more than a lane in this area.]
59. On Richardson Hwy. Glacial River and Glacier near Rapid. [open touring car in foreground.]
60. Waterfall Keystone Canyon [cascading from high in the mountains, lake in foreground.]
61. Bridge across Sheep Creek. [in a canyon crossing from one mountain range to another.]

62. Keystone Canyon and highway.
63. Crossing Hines Creek. [loaded wagon drawn by four horses crossing the creek. Two unidentified men in the wagon and another on horseback behind.]
64. At Stoney Creek. Road Commission tent. [five horses, several with packs, on the flats along the creek, mountain in background.]
65. The camp robber. [bird on ground with paper in beak.]
66. Mountain sheep. [Distant view of sheep but shows typical terrain.]
67. Caribou. [small herd, probably ten, running across the tundra.]
68. Higgins and his brown bear. [bear is draped on a rocky outcropping with Higgins behind.]
69. Salmon boat. Valdez. [two men and a catch in bottom of a skiff.]
70. Ketchikan. [Dockside appears to be crowded with people. Taken from the water.]
71. Wrangell. [Harbor with people lining the dock. Taken from the water-]
72. Near Broad Pass. [Scenic view with mountains in background, foliage and evergreens in foreground.]
73. A porcupine perched atop an evergreen tree.
74. View of Seward, Alaska and harbor taken from a hillside.
75. Landing of S.S. NORTHWESTERN from Alaska and warehouses. Seward dock.
76. S.S. NORTHWESTERN close inside Columbia Glacier.
77. Columbia Glacier from deck of S.S. NORTHWESTERN; with icebergs.
78. Approaching Port Benny. [unidentified man aboard ship which is approaching Port Benny.]
79. Group of small islands between Valdez and Cordova.

80. Cordova, dock and harbor. Copper concentrates from Kennicott Copper Mines, loading for Tacoma smelters.
81. Seymour Narrows, from S.S. HENDERSON. 1923.
82. Carbide buoy in Channel. Glaciers on mountains. Inside passage between Cordova and Vancouver Island.
83. Salmon canning, Waterfalls, Canadian territory.
84. On Inside Passage sailing close to mountains.
85. Turnagain Arm on Alaska Ry., Anchorage, where the sea and railroad meet.