

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Elmer E. Rasmuson Library

Rare Maps Photograph Collection, ca. 1590-1930

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection consists of photographic prints made of selection of 120 rare maps from the Rasmuson's collection at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska & Polar Regions Department. The collection includes maps from Alaska's pre-discovery era, through the Russian-American era and the American era, including the gold rush. Included are charts of voyages (including a 1741 Chart of Waxell drawn while under command of Vitus Bering), discovery and exploration (northwest coast maps of Russian, English explorers, etc.) and later maps such as the explorations of Lt. H.T. Allen in 1885, to interior Alaska. Various projections of the Northern Hemisphere may be found as well as illustrated maps captioned in various languages. (A selection of the Rasmuson collection may be accessed online through the Library of Congress' Meeting of Frontiers web site: <http://frontiers.loc.gov:808/intldl/mtfhtml/mfdigcol/uafmp.html> [accessed 26 Nov. 2002].

Alaskan Maps, a cartobibliography of Alaska to 1900, produced in 1983 by Marvin W. Falk, Arctic bibliographer at the Rasmuson Library, serves as a more comprehensive guide and historical background to the maps as well as the history of Alaskan cartography. [G4370 .F34 1983]

The photographs are organized according to the Rasmuson's Library of Congress classification number, however, folder numbers were designated for filing convenience. An item-level collection guide is not currently available.