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Bachelder-Williams Family Photograph Collection, ca. 1907-1921

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**ACCESSION:** These Nome related photographs of the Bachelder/Williams family were donated to the Historical Library in 1983 as part of the Robert Williams' estate. The papers form a separate collection, Ms 82. Acc. # 1983-006.

**BIO or HISTORICAL NOTE**

J.A. Bachelder moved from Brainerd, Minnesota, to Nome in 1907 to work as cashier for the Nome Bank and Trust Co. and later became assistant manager. His wife, Dell Reilly Bachelder, and 2-3 month old daughter, Marian Agnes, joined him in January 1908. Life in Nome was an adventure and many of their friends were those who helped to shape Alaska: Jafet Lindeberg, Leonhard Seppala, Alaska legislator, Charles D. Jones and the Lomen family. In October 1909, Dell, Marian and other family members went back to Brainerd. J.A. Bachelder joined them in the fall of 1910. The family returned to Nome in 1911, and J.A. went to work as cashier for Miners & Merchants Bank and assistant secretary of the Blue Goose Mining Co. In late 1921, the family left Alaska.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

This collection includes views of the Bachelders and their friends, mining activities in the Nome area, Nome community activities and scenics. Photographers represented are Lomen Bros., B.B. Dobbs, A.G. Simmer and K.O. Butler. The quality of the photographs ranges from very poor to good. Many views are postcard size.

## INVENTORY

1. Baby Bachelder at four months old. [bare baby lying on stomach on blanket covered chair].
2. "Baby Bach" Aug. 3-1908, Nome, Alaska [Marion Bachelder, under 2 years, in baby stroller].
3. [Toddler, standing on chair, wearing white bonnet, sweater and dress. Probably Marion Bachelder.]
4. [Full face head and shoulders portrait of Marion Bachelder wearing a large brimmed hat. Postcard, with writing on reverse.]
5. [Marion Bachelder wearing dark coat and dark sailor hat, standing on beach; house beyond.]
6. [Marion Bachelder wearing fringe trimmed dress and feather decorated headband.]
7. [Full face, head and shoulders portrait of Marion Bachelder as a young girl.] Lomen Bros.
8. Baby Bach, Margie Teasach, Elsie Porter, "D" St. Nome [three young girls seated in cart drawn by one dog; 2 women, behind and to the right of girls].
9. [Postcard to "Billy Boy" showing Marion Bachelder on an alligator with Dell Bachelder to the right. Alligator used in movies.]
10. Mrs. Ashley, Selma and myself [Dell Bachelder]... Sept. 20-08, Nome Alaska [three women on Ashley's back porch; all wearing long coats and elegant hats].
11. Mrs. Swenson (?) and I [Dell Bachelder] and friend on steps of building. Nome, Aug. 4th.]
12. Mrs. Halla and I--I'm scared [Mrs. Dell Bachelder and Mrs. Holla seated on porch steps in Nome.]
13. Here we are again. Same day [Mrs. Halla and Mrs. Bachelder on porch steps in Nome].
- 14-15. [Similar views of 3 unidentified women on porch in Nome; one may be Dell Bachelder.]
16. [Two women outside house in Nome. Little girl on porch step.]
17. [Two women on wooden sidewalk, Nome; small child, left.]
18. [Two women on planked sidewalk in Nome, one wearing fur parka; woman on left probably Dell Bachelder.]

19. [Young woman wearing fur parka on planked street, Nome.]
20. Mrs. Bachelder [three women and young girl near doorway and under a "Baths" sign; Nome].
21. [Unidentified young woman standing on planked street, holding plaid umbrella and wearing black dress and hat. Probably Nome.]
22. [Mrs. Bachelder on porch steps on Ayers house; Nome, July, 9 p.m.]
23. Elks Club Day. Nome, Alaska, Jan. 10, 1908 [Jay Bachelder wearing fur coat and top hat and standing to the right of an elk. Postcard and 8X10 size photos]. F.H. Nowell photo.]
24. [Postcard to "Mame" from "Scottie" showing two men shaking hands; snow on ground and on windows of building behind men.]
25. [Unidentified young man and woman on dock at Nome(?).]
26. [Five adults in horse drawn wagon; snow topped hills behind them.]
27. On board S.S."Senator" on last voyage from Nome to Seattle, season 1909 [group of people on deck of ship.] A.G. Simmer photo #315.
28. On board S.S."Senator"...November 5th [group of people on deck of ship.] A.G. Simmer photo #311. Edges of photo torn.
- 29-30. On board S.S."Senator" on last voyage from Nome to Seattle, season 1909 [group of people on deck and steps of ship.] A.G. Simmer(?) photo #314. Both copies have torn edges.
- 31-32. Similar views of people on deck of ship SENATOR(?).] Postcard size.
33. Landing at Kotzebue Mission, Cape Blossom, Alaska. August 1906. [large group of children and adults on beach; ocean beyond]. F.H, Nowell photo #5105. Tear at top of photo.
34. Excursion of Shriners to Otto Olson's Mine. Nome, Alaska. August 3rd, 1909 [group of men and women outside building with "Welcome" poster above porch], F.H. Nowell photo #6768.
35. Excursion of Shriners at No. 8 Cooper Gulch, Nome, Alaska. August 4,1909 [group of people in and beside open train car]. F.H. Nowell photo #6769. Left edge of photo creased.
36. [Man standing behind table holding gold bricks; interior of bank, Nome.] Lomen Bros. photo #1406.
37. [Same gold bricks as #36; different man behind table]. Lomen Bros. photo #1402.

38. \$700,000.00, gold bullion, ready for shipment from Miners and Merchants Bank, Nome, Alaska [gold brick on table, Jay and Marion Bachelder(?) behind gold. Interior of bank]. Lomen Bros. photo #1418.
39. Managerial Force, Pioneer Miners Mining and Ditch Company, Nome, Alaska. 1919. [Twelve men behind table holding gold bullion bricks; interior of bank]. Lomen Bros. photo #1426.
40. There is Ten Thousand Dollars In Gold In This Cup. Amount of First Prize In This Race. Cup and Prize Money for the All Alaska Sweepstakes [ornate trophy cup filled with gold coins]. Cardboard mounted photo.
41. Mircene Ditch [overall view of mining ditch and mining equipment; hills beyond, Nome area].
42. Mircene Ditch [hydraulic pump, center; rocky ground, foreground, hills beyond; Nome area].
43. At the Mircene Ditch [several women--all wearing elegant hats--standing to the left of a flume-like structure; water flowing through ditch. Nome area].
44. [Two women, with one on right pouring shovel of dirt in gold pan held by the second woman; forked tool in foreground.]
45. [Snowy street scene, Nome; Catholic Church building, center.]
- 46-49. [Four part commercial postcard of Nome, Nome vicinity mining activities and sled dog team on Behring Sea.]
- 50-53. [Four part commercial postcard of Wild Goose Mining Co., Nome, dog team, miner's home and ship passengers arriving in Nome by barge.]
54. The "Fourth"--Nome, Alaska, 1913 [postcard showing crowd watching 4th of July activities]. Lomen Bros. photo.
55. In line at the Nome Post Office for their mail [line of people from door of post office to opposite side of street]. Goetze photo.
56. [Buildings along a street; probably Nome,]
57. [Nome (?) buildings and homes; low hills beyond.]
58. Summer Evening in the Behring Sea [postcard of sea, dock and ship in the distance].
59. Bering Sea in the Winter [dark clouds above icy water]. 1909.
60. Behring Sea [postcard of water reflecting sun breaking out of clouds; beach right].

61. Moonlight on Behring Sea, Alaska Coast [colored postcard of full moon shining on dock and water]. F.H. Nowell photo.
62. [Postcard view of Bering (?) Sea; beach, left; ship, right; tram tower, center.]
63. [Platform filled with men moving across tram line. Nome (?) area.]
64. [Postcard view of 2 people standing on beach; probably sunset at Nome.]
65. [Two men standing just beyond strong surf of raging Bering (?) Sea.]
66. S.S."Victoria" [postcard written to Miss Mame Riley in 1913 showing ship in stormy waters].
67. Nome life saving crew making for disabled sloop GREYHOUND, [men in open boat rowing toward listing sailing ship; choppy water]. Dobbs photo.
68. Moonlight on Behring Sea, Nome, Alaska [postcard view of moon shining on sea; dock, left]. K.O. Butler photo.
69. All crazy for the picture [one man atop small structure taking picture with camera on tripod; man on ground, right, with camera. Postcard size].
70. [Same view as #69, but not on postcard weight paper; no caption.]
71. [Postcard showing 1 man beside towering blocks of ice and one sitting on the ice.]
72. [Group of dogs eating animal(?) meat on snowy ground.] Sepia tone photo.
73. [Postcard of small plane flying over water.] Lomen Bros. photo.
74. [Biplane on beach; people nearby; man on wing near engine. Postcard.] Lomen Bros. photo.
75. A catch of seals, Alaska [tinted postcard sent to Mamie Riley from "Mac" in 1909 showing a group of men behind 2 rows of seals; fishing boat DIAMOND and three kayaks behind group].
76. Kodiak, Alaska [postcard sent to Mrs. J.A. Bachelder from "May" in 1941, view of Kodiak from water].
77. [Very faded postcard of a group of women.]
78. [Head and shoulder informal portrait of a young child; eyes closed.]
79. [Small long-haired dog, seated.]

80. [Postcard to Nell Reilly from Dell showing 3 people with shovels at "No. 2 Saturday Mine". Nome, Nov. 8 -08.]
81. Post office, Brainerd, Minn [exterior view of building. Postcard to W.C. Reilly from H.P. Davis (?) 1912.]