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Biographical Note

William Allen Moore was born in Abingdon, Virginia, Nov. 8, 1897, one of 14 children born to Thomas and Nancy Bailey Moore. In 1915 he joined the army and went to Fort Davis, Nome, Alaska where he spent four years as a private in D Co., 14th Infantry, and served as an orderly to Captain A.M. Martin, Commanding officer. During his stay, he became interested in photography, purchased a Kodak camera and established a small darkroom in a closet. He developed many pictures of Army life, Eskimos, primitive settlements, wildlife, ships and nature. He married Irene Putnam in 1927. In addition to photography, he was an avid horticulturist. He died in Wisconsin in April, 1986.

Scope And Contents Note

This album contains photographs he collected while stationed at the Ft. Davis Army Post from 1915-1919. Moore The collection also includes 21 views taken by Lomen Bros. Images record the daily life of the soldiers at Fort Davis Army Post and people and community activities in Nome. Also includes the All Alaska Sweepstakes, gold mining, Alaskan towns, scenics and wildlife. 1913-1919.

Inventory

1. Ft. Davis, Nome, Alaska [view of Ft. Davis from Bering Sea.]
2. [Ft. Davis buildings in winter; overall view].
3. [Exterior view of several Ft. Davis buildings.]
4. Ice break up [ice floes, right; Ft. Davis, left]
5. Fort Davis from Bering Sea [snow covered ice, foreground; Ft. Davis in distance]
6. [Drifted snow; Ft. Davis buildings beyond]
7. [Buildings at Ft. Davis with drifted snow, foreground.]
8. N.C.O. Quarters, Ft. Davis, Alaska snow lined street; buildings beyond].
9. Co. Quarters, Ft. Davis, Alaska [snow on ground and in drifts around buildings].
10. [Planked walk at Ft. Davis with several feet of snow on either side.]
11. Ft. Davis [snow bank against building; icicles on roof edge].
12. Carpenter Shop, Ft. Davis, Alaska [snow being removed from shop entrance].
13. D. Co. Ft. Davis [drifts of snow to roof of building; doorway shoveled].

14. [Building on right covered with drifted snow; 2 story building, left.]
15. [Two soldiers with I shovel leaning on snow bank beyond cleared planked walk.]
16. Post Hospital, Ft. Davis, Alaska [entrance to hospital, right; snow banks on either side of walk].
17. Officers Row [man seated on high Snow bank to right of walk; buildings behind snow].
18. [Buildings at Ft. Davis with drifted snow on ground.]
19. [Fort buildings in winter; path shoveled through drifted snow.]
20. [Snow completely covering four buildings except chimneys.]
21. Post Hospital, Fort Davis, Alaska [2 men center, on snow drift; tunneled first floor hospital entrance, right.]
22. Officers Row, and Hospital, Ft.Davis, Alaska [hospital, right; officers quarters, left; communications tower, center; drifted snow].
23. [Communications tower, center; snow drifts around buildings on left and right.]
24. [Man climbing communications tower; snow drifts around buildings.]
25. Ft. Davis, William A. Moore [Moore standing beside snowdrift 151 (?) high which covers base of guy wire].
26. [William Moore (?) in uniform beside door shoveled free of snow; snow drifts beyond.]
27. [William Moore (1) on planked walk between high snowdrifts; post building beyond.] -
28. [Woman standing on snowy path between high snowdrifts; building, left.]
29. [Distant view of woman on cleared path between snow drifts; fort buildings, right.]
30. [Side view of woman standing beside snowy path; fort buildings, right and center.]
31. Camp Dexter, Co. "D", 14th Infantry [group of white tents on grassy flat area; hills beyond].
32. [Soldiers on grassy area between white tents.] (see no. 31)
33. [Group of soldiers erecting pup tents in area between fort buildings.]
34. [Groups of soldiers near row of pup tents; fort buildings beyond.]

35. Target Range, Ft. Davis, Nome [two soldiers on raised platform; man on right aiming rifle at unseen target].
36. Co. D. 14th Infantry rifle rack [rifles in round gun rack].
37. [Small group of soldiers in drill exercise; fort buildings beyond.]
38. Field day [group of people watching 4 soldiers in unnamed contest; building beyond].
39. Co. D. Rifle Drill [soldiers drilling in front of-post building].
40. The fighting 7th [group of seven soldiers, three standing; tents beyond].
41. [Row of soldiers in grassy field; some with rifles.]
42. Jimmy, Nome 1914. Co. D. Bugler [side view of Jimmy standing in open doorway playing a bugle].
43. Salute Gun, Ft. Davis [soldier standing next to gun with hand on barrel].
44. Co. D. Infantry 14th; 4th of July Dress Parade - Nome [soldiers marching down Nome's planked street led by soldier on horseback; building and people on either side].
45. [Beached white colored whale.]
46. Pete, Eskimo whaler ["Pete", right, holding rope which is around beached white colored whale; group of soldiers behind whale].
47. [Bow of motor powered skiff on beach; soldier sitting in stern of skiff.]
48. [Group of twelve soldiers in three rows on planked walk; snowbank on left; building, right.]
49. After dinner [six soldiers watch two men boxing with bare fists; same location as in no. 48].
- 50-51. Co. D. 14th Infantry Fort Davis, Nome, Alaska [men with shovels clearing snow from path]. Similar views
- 52-54. Pick and shovel brigade [soldiers shoveling snow]. Similar views
55. William A. Moore, right [Moore holding dog; unidentified man on left; building beyond].
56. [Two soldiers seated on deck of ship.]
57. W.A. Moore [standing on ice flow; reflection in water].
58. W.A. Moore [seated on iceberg,(?), holding small item in right hand].

59. Fishing on Ice Flo[e] [five soldiers on floe; two holding paddles].
60. [Three soldiers seated on ice floe (?).]
61. [Two soldiers with beached boat; center; man holding up two signal flags.]
62. [Three men on steps of building; two wearing cook aprons; soldier on right holding meat cleaver and egg.]
63. W.A. Moore [on left, with gold pan; Edd H. on right pointing at pan].
64. W.A. Moore [laying on grassy knoll; stream and hills beyond].
65. Dinty and Tip, Nome, Alaska 1916 [Wm. Moore with dog "Tip" who is on hind legs in snow drift].
- 66-67. W.A. Moore [wearing fur parka and behind dog team]. Similar views.
68. [Close-up of lead dog in harness; five dogs and driver beyond.]
69. [Distant view of dog team and drivers; Ft. Davis beyond.]
70. On Bering Sea [dog team with driver and passenger; ice ridges; left and center].
- 71 -71. Ptarmigan kill [six rows of ptarmigan on wires (?) strung on side of building].
73. U. S. Mail team, Ft. Davis, Alaska; Leonard Seppala, driver [loaded sled with driver, foreground with dogs in harness; snow drifts partly obscuring building, right].
74. Storm at Ft. Davis, Nome, Alaska. October 6, 1913 [rough surf, left and foreground with storm damaged building beyond]. (Photo by Beale)
75. [Two women on either side of a man in uniform standing in doorway. Sign above door reads THE WEEHOOSE.]
76. [Side view of three women on walk in front of THE WEEHOOSE.] (See no. 75)
77. [Woman in winter clothes beside snow covered building (?).]
78. [Mrs. Sharp, second from left, and three women on porch steps; snow drifts left and right of porch.]
79. Wife of Captain Sharp, M.D., native of Nome, Alaska [Mrs. Sharp and dog in front of house door; snow on either side].
80. [Mrs. Sharp and dog standing on porch; snow on ground.]

81. [Mrs. Sharp wearing fur parka standing beside stacked wood; house beyond.]
82. [Mrs. Sharp wearing fur parka and boots, standing beside tree; grove of trees beyond.]
83. [Mrs. Sharp wearing fur parka and boots standing beside dog team.]
84. [Two women, a child and a man on snowy street; man holding camera.] [Man and woman on snowy ground.]
86. [Man standing between two women; winter scene.]
87. [Two women and a man seated on sled; two buildings in background.]
88. Nome, Alaska [two boys in wagon pulled by two dogs].
89. Eskimos living near Ft. Davis [two girls wearing fur parkas and boots].
90. [Head and shoulders portrait of young woman.]
91. Birds Eye View of Nome, Alaska [overall view of Nome in winter]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
92. First Avenue, Nome, Alaska [city hall, right; people on snowy street]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
93. East Front St.; Nome, Alaska [path through drifts of snow which -are roof high]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
94. Approaching storm at Nome, Alaska [tinted photo of storm clouds and rough sea; Nome buildings, left]. (B.B. Dobbs photo)
95. Looking out on Bering Sea, Nome, Alaska; shortest day (noon) December 21st [tinted photo of setting sun; dock rising above sea ice]. (B.B. Dobbs photo)
96. In the breakers, Nome [ship on shore; surf breaking over bow]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
- 97-98. Nome River Bridge [snow drifts around bridge]. Similar views.
99. [Closer view of Nome River Bridge and snow drifted around it.]
- 100-105. Ice Break-up, Bering Sea [sea filled with broken ice]. Similar views
- 106-107. Gold Dredge, Nome, Alaska. Similar views
108. Nome Miners Weighing Gold Dust [two men with gold nuggets on scale; man on right holding gold pan with gold (?)]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
109. All-Alaska-Sweepstakes - 6th Annual [sign listing entries to the 1913 dog race, their running times and prizes].

110. Cup Trophy's All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome [Lagerstrom and Hagens Trophy and Sutter Trophy; two trophy cups on stand]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
111. "Scotty" Allan at the finish of the 8th All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome, 1915 [Allan behind sled surrounded by men; small child in sled]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
112. Leonhard Seppala and his "Siberians" winning the 8th All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome, Alaska, April 16, 1915 [Seppala and dogs in center of large crowd; downtown Nome]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
113. U.S. Mail team arriving at Nome, Alaska, Eric Hohanson, Driver [2 men seated on loaded sled; fourteen dogs in team].
114. Leonhard Seppala -- Winner, 8th All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome, Alaska [Seppala behind sled surrounded by people]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
115. Paul Kjeestad Entry - 1915, All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome [Kieestad and team running down Nome street lined with people].
116. The Winners [crowds lining Nome street to watch the winner of the 1915 All Alaska Sweepstakes -- Leonhard Seppala; over all view showing Nome stores]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
117. "La Grande Duchessell -- cast and chorus, Nome, Alaska, May 6th 1916 [three rows of men and women on a stage with scenery in place; most men in army uniforms]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
118. This is Capt. H.H. Sharpe, M.D. 14th Infantry Ft. Davis. Director and producer of the play - La Grande Duchess [Dr. Sharpe, center, wearing robe-like apparel, scarf size tie and hat with "Nile" enscribed; surrounding him are thirteen women in harem girl costumes; Persian rugs on floor].
- 119-120. Drying Salmon, Nome, Alaska [racks of fish]. Similar views
121. [Overview of fish drying racks with a row of-tents beyond.]
122. An Eskimo Kitchen, Nome, Alaska [young woman holding small boy; pots and pans, foreground; tent in background]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
123. Eskimo Ladies, Nome [two women (white) wearing fur parkas; snow on ground.]
124. Feeding the Malamutes, Sheldon, Alaska [man feeding five dogs in grassy field].
125. Crossing over Nome River Divide [two men in small railroad car being pulled along railroad track by five dogs].

126. The death of "Stewbum" [dog lying across two chairs; pillow with flag motif on dog; flag motif wall hanging on wall behind; February 1916, Ft. Davis].
127. Reindeer herd near Nome [group of reindeer on snow - covered ground].
128. Reindeer [four people beside harnessed reindeer hitched to loaded sled; second harnessed reindeer near back of sled].
129. A good shot - Polar bear on pack ice off Point Barrow, Alaska [two bear, one laying down on ice]. (J. Hadley Photo)
130. Reindeer Fawn [very young fawn standing on snowy ground]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
131. [Driver behind two reindeer hitched to sled; dog, left.]
132. [Young white colored seal laying on rocky beach; snow patches.] (Lomen Bros. photo)
133. [A touch of nature makes the whole world kin [sixteen human skulls in two rows on ground]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
134. S.S. Senator in ice near Nome [broadside of ship; people on deck and on the ice.]
135. Sentinel Island and Chilkoot Range, Alaska [rough sea, foreground; snow covered peaks beyond island]. (Lomen Bros photo)
136. An Alaskan Solitude [trees along snowy shore]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
137. The Lonesome Trail, Alaska [tracks of a pair of skis across newly fallen snow to hills beyond].
138. Candle, Alaska [overall view of the town with river and hills beyond]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
139. Fir trees, Council, Alaska [grove of trees in winter].
140. Midnight Sun at Fort Yukon, Alaska [setting sun reflected on river].
141. Hot Springs, Alaska [small group of buildings beyond grassy field; trees in background].
142. Mountains, near Hot Springs, Alaska [grassy field, foreground; trees beyond; mountains, background].
143. Iron Creek, Alaska [tent, foreground, beside creek; flimsy bridge over creek].
144. The Midnight Sun. Kotzebue Alaska, June 21-22 [time lapsed photo showing movement of sun]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
145. St. Michael [row of buildings along shore; winter scene].

146. Birdseye view of St. Michael's Alaska [buildings along shore; several ships in harbor; barge sailing out to sea]. (Lomen Bros. photo)
147. Seward, Alaska [town buildings from Resurrection Bay; mountains beyond].
148. Oltkiavamute Women--Eskimo of Point Barrow, Alaska [five women in parkas -- some fur -- on board a ship].
149. [Ft. Davis; exterior view of buildings.]
150. [Barracks, Ft. Davis; interior view.]
151. [Group of soldiers at Butte, Montana.]
152. [Soldiers near tents.]
153. [Young boy near row of tents.]
154. [Soldiers standing information; building, far left.]
155. [Group of men in army uniforms at Butte, Montana.]
156. [One soldier, rifle on shoulder, at foot of steps; Butte, Montana.]
157. [William Moore (?) left seated on desk; soldier, right, on chair.]
158. [Group of four men standing on snowy ground.]
159. [William Moore, right; two soldiers to his left; dog, foreground; Butte, Montana.]
160. [People on deck of ship.] Faded print.
161. [Group of men and women on steps of building in Abington, Virginia.]
162. [Man and woman in winter clothes standing near snowbanks]
163. [Man and woman near car; he is wearing an army uniform.] Some damage to print.
164. [Soldier in uniform holding rifle; standing on steps.]
165. [Man standing in doorway of building; snow on ground.]
165. [Man standing in doorway of building; snow on ground.]
166. [Man in parka, on skis and holding ski poles.]
167. [Man in soldier's uniform, beside motorcycle.]

168. [Two soldiers near sluice box; man on left holding gold pan.]
169. [Soldier on wooden sidewalk beside two dogs.]
170. [Dog team in harness; driver behind sled; Ft. Davis buildings in background.]
171. [Two men near two sleds; dogs in harness, far right.]
172. [Two Eskimo girls wearing fur parkas.]
173. William A. Moore, Nome, ca. 1913 [1/2 length portrait, head turned slightly left; wearing fur parka].