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Scope and Contents Note

This album consists primarily of photographs taken during the construction of Ft. Egbert, a fort established near the town of Eagle, Alaska, to maintain law and order during the Klondike gold rush, ca. 1899-1912. Ft. Egbert was a vital link in the Washington - Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMCATS) from 1902-1911. The images show construction, transportation and arrival of goods by steamer, activities and personnel around the Fort, views of Eagle, Nome, St. Michael.

The photographer/compiler of this album is unknown. F.H. Nowell took some of the photographs. An unknown photographer's number is printed on the face of many of the images. Elva Scott of the Eagle Historical Society identified the Ft. Egbert and Eagle views.

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