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Drake, Claudia Marie

Marie Drake Photograph Collection, ca. 1919-1938

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Claudia Marie Drake (nee Van Wert) came to Alaska in 1919 and became secretary to the first Commissioner of Education, Lester B. Henderson that same year. She was with the Territorial Department of Education from its establishment in 1919 until her retirement as Deputy Commissioner of Education in 1945. Marie visited schools throughout Alaska and edited the "Alaska School Bulletin" for many years. She wrote the "Alaska Flag," a poem set to music by Elinor Dusenbury and now the official flag song for Alaska. Claudia Marie Drake died in 1963.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Includes views of communities and community events, scenic views, petroglyphs, river steamboats (steamers), railroads, Alaska native culture.

The first 41 photographs in this collection were taken by Mrs. Drake and have her notations. The remaining photo postcards are views of Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Her collection also includes a postcard (no. 35) carried by members of the New York to Nome Flying Expedition.

Commercial photographers included in the collection: Winter & Pond, Lomen Bros., B.B. Dobbs, J. Hadley, Hewitt's Photo Shop, Heylen Photo, Case & Draper, and Frank H. Nowell.

INVENTORY

- 1 - 2 Ketchikan from S.S. CITY OF SEATTLE. Feb. 20-1919. 2 P.M. [Ketchikan waterfront]. Similar views.
- 3 S.S. ADM. FARRAGUT at N[orth] end, Wrangell Narrows. Mar. 3 -'19. 3 P.M. [distant view of ship].
- 4 S.S. ADMIRAL FARRAGUT leaving Petersburg for North. Mar. 3-1919. 3 P.M. [ship, center].
- 5 S.S. ADMIRAL RODMAN approaching Petersburg, ... part of Kupreanof Id. Mar. 4-'19. 3 P.M. [view from dock].
- 6 Road to Perseverance near Juneau [woman (Marie Drake?) on narrow wooden bridge, mountains beyond].

- 7 Road to Perseverance 1 ½ mi. from Juneau [woman (Marie Drake?) with dog, mountains beyond].
- 8 Silver Bow Basin (Last Chance Basin) Juneau showing Alaska Juneau Gold Mine and Snow-Slide Gulch. Apr. 15-119. 3 P.M.
- 9 From "The Horn" Basin Road looking out to Bay. Ebner Mine in foreground. May 2-1920 [view of Silver Bow Basin behind Juneau].
- 10 [Cave-in at] Treadwell. July 24-'19. 10:30 A.M. [view from Gastineau channel].
- 11 Street in Douglas. Aug 3-'19. 3 P.M. [Houses along "D" St. below 4th].
- 12 Fort Wm H. Seward from dock at Haines. June 20-'19. 8 P.M.
- 13 Yakutat [houses along shore and above].
- 14 Holy Cross [children seated on logs; school and church in distance].
- 15 Holy Cross [two people working on wooden float].
- 16 On summit of trail between Fairbanks and Chitina [water and mountains in background].
- 17 Gulkona River and bridge--Chitina trail [snow covered mountains in background].
- 18 Yukon River boat [the YUKON] pushing barge loaded with stock [docked].
- 19 Above Five-Finger Rapids [rocky islands in river, center].
- 20 Deserted Village from Carcross, Y.T. June 21-'19 [exterior view of Yukon Hotel; people in doorway].
- 21 Whitehorse photographed at midnight June 21, 1919 [view from hill].
- 22 Street Scene in Whitehorse, Y.T. June 21-119. 7 P.M. [view of White Pass Hotel from W.P. &Y. Ry. Station].
- 23 Dawson Public School [exterior view; people near steps and extreme right].
- 24 Carcross, May 28-1921 [street scene].

- 25 "Caribou" Hotel, Carcross. May 29-1921 [exterior view; people on wooden sidewalk].
- 26 Carcross, May 29-1921 [people near train and train station; woman with a dog, right, foreground].
- 27 Str. TUTSHI at Carcross. May 28-1921 dock, foreground].
- 28 Whitehorse Rapids, May 28-1921 [man on right shore of river].
- 29 Whitehorse from the "Bridle Path", May 28-1921 [overall view of town].
- 30 DAWSON, Yukon River Str. at Whitehorse. May 28-'21.
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- 32-33 Petroglyphs -- Auke Bay. Similar views.
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- 35 Petroglyphs near Wrangell, 1938 [closeup view]. Andrews Photo.
- 36 [Approaching buildings on Speel River.]
- 37-39 [Buildings and dock on Speel River; waterfalls, left center.] Similar views.
- 40 [Dock on Speel River; mountains beyond.]
- 41 [Snow on path between trees; near Speel River.]

POSTCARDS- some are hand colored, some are not.

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- 75 Hydraulic mining, Fairbanks, Alaska.
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- 79 Nome, Alaska [young native child in furs/boots].
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