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Guide to Collection

Brower, David

David Brower Photograph Collection, ca. 1930s

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INTRODUCTION

This collection of sixty-two views taken in the Barrow area was donated to the Alaska State Museum, and later transferred to the Historical Library.

Most of the photographs were taken and captioned by Dave Brower. They depict Barrow events, whaling, hunting, Eskimo culture, the Brower family and friends and seven photographs of Charles and Anne Lindbergh with their airplane at Barrow, 1931.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dave Brower was one of 14 children born to Charles Brower, "White King of the Arctic," and author of Fifty Years Below Zero. Dave was a Barrow trader, postmaster, wildlife agent, and occasional marshal.

INVENTORY

- 1 [Men in canoe, foreground, rowing toward walrus herd, center, behind canoe.] Fading print.
- 2 Another view of the whale bone [whale on shore; people, center and right].
- 3 The head of my first (?) whale [people on either side of whale's head].
- 4 Warming up the engine ... Col. Lindbergh's plane [float plane on water].
- 5 The two bear cubs of my brother taking a nap [on grassy flat ground].
- 6 The smile Mrs. Lindbergh left the people of Barrow [Mrs. Lindbergh in flight suit and cap].
- 7 Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh smiling at the daughter of our wireless operator [girl on right, Lindberghs in and beside plane].
- 8 Col. Lindbergh just before his takeoff from Barrow [on wing of plane].
- 9 Col. Lindbergh's plane at Barrow [float plane moored near shore].
- 10 A school boy in his every day clothes [full face, full length view of boy In cloth parka and fur boots].
- 11 Eskimo Reindeer men on the Kuditrin (?) River, Alaska [five men and six harnessed reindeer with sleds behind them]. Lomen Bros. Photo.
- 12-13 S.S. Holmes [sailing ship in ice]. Similar views.
- 14 Cape Smythe Whaling and Trading Stations [group of four buildings beyond grassy area].
- 15 Wien Alaska Airways of Nome [Plane on ground with skis attached, man and freight beside plane].
- 16 Col. Lindbergh's plane over Barrow before landing [plane and buildings silhouetted against sky].
- 17 Col. Lindbergh's plane [float plane moored near shore].
- 18 Myself [David Brower] . . . cutting up my first whale [five men around beached whale].
- 19 Myself [David Brower] at the time I was going to Spring Valley School [full face, full length view of Brower wearing fur parka].

- 20 Part of my years catch for 1930 [large mound of fox pelts].
- 21 My little daughter in her winter clothes [young child in fur parka; snow covered ground].
- 22 Young married couple outside their sod house.
- 23 An average Eskimo Family [group of six people wearing cloth parkas].
- 24 The home coming of whaling season's crew [dogteam hauling sled and canoe].
- 25 My brother and sister, Thos. and Maria Brower [full face, full length view; Maria in cloth parka]. Fading print.
- 26 One of our sled deer [buck with rack on snowy ground].
- 27 Part of our [reindeer] herd.
- 28 Two men hunting caribow (sic) [two men beside two loaded sleds; caribou on snowy ground].
- 29 Couple of Eskimo School girls [full face, full length view of two girls wearing cloth parkas and fur boots].
- 30 Group of Eskimo girls and women [all seated on ground and wearing cloth parkas].
- 31 Couple of children play on snow bank.
- 32 Close up - Eskimo School boy [full face, head and shoulders portrait].
- 33 [Two] Eskimo women with babies on their back [full length, full face view; dogs, left].
- 34 Eskimo mother, daughter and grandchildren [five people beside house, all wearing parkas].
- 35 Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh getting into their plane [David Brower, right center, beside plane].
- 36 [Woman stretching sealskin to dry using wooden pegs.] Fading print.
- 37 Fishing at Beichey point [men near pile of fish on beach]. Fading print.
- 38 An Eskimo [dancing, with group of people seated on ground beyond dancer].
- 39 [David Brower's dog] team coming home from Wainwright [group of people near sled].
- 40 The wireless station at Barrow [several buildings in deep snow]. Fading print.

- 41 Skin dance [blanket toss - given by successful whale hunter; man jumping with group holding skin]. Fading print.
- 42 Reindeer fawn, four hours old [standing on snowy ground].
- 43 One of the Polar Bear cubs caught by my brother [cub on grassy area].
- 44 This picture show (s) the position of the canoe while waiting for. . . whales [men in and beside canoe on edge of water].
- 45 [Lower jaw of whale with part of lip cut off [people working on and near whale]. Fading print.
- 46 Under skin canoe [men playing drums, left and center; dancer, right].
- 47 A modern Eskimo girl [wearing a parka made of spotted reindeer skins].
- 48 S.S. Holmes in ice [off] Barrow; [distant view of ship]. Fading print.
- 49 S.S. Holmes [closer view of ship with bow covered with ice]. Fading print.
- 50 S.S. Holmes [ship beyond broken ice].
- 51 [Distant view of S.S. Holmes from shore at Barrow; sun setting at midnight.] Fading print.
- 52 My two leaders, male and female [two dogs seated on snowy ground; other dogs, behind on right].
- 53 [Ship buried in ice except for tip of bow.] Fading print.
- 54 [Young mother wearing cloth parka with baby on back.]
- 55 [Eskimo men and women dancing outdoors; all wearing parkas.] Fading print.
- 56 Snowy owl caught [in trap set for fox; wing in trap]. Fading print.
- 57 Walrus shot dead on the edge of the ice [men in background].
- 58 The head of my second whale being hauled on the ice [with] tackles.
- 59 Mrs. Lindbergh in her cockpit of their plane [at Barrow]. Fading print.
- 60 This is . . . called the whale bone but is the teeth of whale [people right, working on whale].
- 61 My [David Brower] little son in his winter clothes on his own small sled.

62 [Picture of] a little Eskimo girl taken in June [young girl in fur parka].