

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Welden, Joseph M.

Joseph M. Welden Photograph Collection, ca. 1907-1922

PCA 271

33 photographic prints, b&w

Processed by: Staff

Revised by: Anne Laura Wood, Oct. 2005

Revised by: Jacki Swearingen, Apr. 2014

ACQUISITION: The Historical Library obtained this collection in 1986. (Acc. No. 1986-005). Elizabeth (Betty) Parshall of San Francisco, CA donated 21 images in 2005, Acc. No. 2005-46.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

COPYRIGHT: Permission to reproduce the images in this collection may be discussed with the Librarian.

PROCESSING: The photographs are sleeved in Mylar. Most of the images are captioned, signed and dated by Welden. An index for images numbered 13-33 was created by Betty Parshall.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph M. Welden was a photographer in Fairbanks and was listed in the 1909-1910 edition of Polk's Alaska-Yukon Gazeteer and Business Directory.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This small collection contains photographs of Fairbanks businesses, the old Chena River Bridge, sunsets, wild flowers and a 3-hour timed exposure of a sunset in which the moon created a streak across the sky. Additional photographs were donated in 2005 from the William T. Dunn Estate. William Dunn's mother was Kathleen Pearl Welden; Joseph Welden was Dunn's great uncle.

INVENTORY

- 1 Alaska [Midnight], Fairbanks, Aug-14-1907 [row of businesses along Chena River, with river in foreground].
- 2 Sunset on the Chena River. Fairbanks, Alaska. 1907 [sun shining through clouds and reflecting on water; cable ferry, left].
- 3 As the Moon rose over the City. Over 3 hours exposure. 1908 [moon streak above Fairbanks' businesses; Chena River, foreground].
- 4 Source of Light and Heat, Fairbanks Alaska. 1910 [exterior view of power plant, smoke coming from three smokestacks].
- 5 58 Below, Jan. 24, 1911. Fairbanks, Alaska [pale sun near horizon; snow covered buildings, foreground].
- 6 Fairbanks, Alaska from top Wireless tower, July 10, 1911 [overall view with low hills in background; river steamer, center, in Chena River].
- 7 Midnight Sun rising directly North, 2:45 AM, June 22, 1922. Fairbanks, Alaska [sun on horizon, right; bridge over river, left].
- 8 Crocus (wild) Fairbanks, Alaska. 1911 [blooming crocus plants]
- 9 Wild Roses, Fairbanks, Alaska. 1909 (?) [Sitka roses in bloom].
- 10 Water Lilies (wild) near Fairbanks, Alaska. 1911 [water lilies in bloom across a small lake].
- 11 Oats, Fairbanks, Alaska 1911 [field of oats in shocks; buildings beyond field].

12 [Man seated in opening of canvas tent, other tents nearby; fish drying on lines.]

[Nos. 13-33 were donated from the William T. & Evelyn Dunn Estate in 2005. Acc. No. 2005-46. Index in file.]

13 July noon [Fairbanks, Alaska].

14 Near Fairbanks Alaska [horse drawn sleigh full of people]

15 "A copper colored sun rides on the southern horizon. Just shows full disk and then goes down and Arctic night is on for one and twenty hours." Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec 22, 1907.

16 The Malamute Kid with his McKinzy River huskys near Fairbanks Alaska 1911 [dog sled with woman passenger].

17 Alaska Pack Animals [man in mosquito hat with 2 dogs].

18 Hose hung free from chaffing "I hung up hose so no chaffing and so to dry out gunck: Tarsd.[?]"

19 Good old summer time, Fairbanks, Alaska [boy and girl standing in creek, each with a dog].

20 40 Mile District [indecipherable] Chicken. [5 men, 2 women working sluice].

21 Arthur Williams residence, Fairbanks, Alaska 1919 [parlor with fireplace, bear and wolf pelt rugs]

22 Foggy day in Alaska birch woods 1917.

23 Joy riding, Fairbanks, Alaska 1914 [dog sled 9 dog team with 2 passengers and driver]

24 Str. St. Michael leaving Fairbanks, Alaska June 5, 1912.

25 Yak U.S. Exp. farm, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1921.

26 Fairbanks, Alaska July 10, 1913 [waterfront, str. Tana, bridge, N.C.Co. dock, Pioneer Hotel].

27 Moore & Slater catch, 1912, Fairbanks, Alaska [log cabin with 3 men, many horns and skins piled around]

28 Some peas, Fairbanks Alaska 1921. Vines 9 feet high. [man with hat standing next to vines].

29 [Kill stashed on bough racks in the trees].

- 30 Youngs ranch barley, 1907, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 31 Mt McKinley Alaska [pencil drawing by Albert Johnson 1921]
- 32 Four beauties of Cape Prince of Wales with sled reindeer of the American Missionary Association herd.
- 33 Great Uncle Wm's Joe Weldon, Fbks, Alaska 1909? Joseph A. Welden.