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Waffle, Harold and Leila

Harold and Leila Waffle Photograph Collection, 1912 - 1918

PCA 281

115 photographs, b&w

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Biographical / Historical Note

Harold Waffle's cousin, Pearl Slayton (birth name), who may have been married to Basil Clemons [a.k.a. Clemmons], gave the photographs to the Waffle family. She is in several of the photographs according to the donor, however, she is not identified. She was known as an "adventuresome woman for her day" and may have been married to Clemons.

Basil Edwin Clemons (1887-1964) came to Alaska in 1909 and photographed gold mining camps, Alaska Natives, sled dog racing, riverboats and other scenes. He joined the Army in Alaska and trained at Fort Liscum, also serving as the post photographer (PCA 276). He established a photography studio in Seattle after discharge, eventually moving to Texas. Clemons used techniques largely unknown to the photographic business and refused an offer from Eastman Kodak for his color developing processes. Basil Clemons died June 22, 1964, in Breckenridge.

Scope and Contents Note

Views of Ruby, Pedro Creek, Dikeman, Fairbanks, Chena, Dome Creek, Flat, Iditarod, Kaltag, Long City, Fort Discovery City, and St. Michael. Subjects also include dog sled racing, riverboats and gold mining operations in Alaska. Basil Clemons took the most of the photographs; other photographers are unidentified.

Other Basil Clemons collections include PCA 68, PCA 236 and PCA 373.

Inventory

1. Whipsawing Lumber on Bear Pup. Ruby Dist. Alaska. 1912 [two men sawing logs on a brace. "Clemons Photos" sign in far right corner].
- 2a. Chena, Alaska. 1913. Showing Fairbanks Up The River in Distance. [Bird's-eye view of the wharf on the Chena River in Fairbanks]. Clemons.
- 2b. [See 2a description.]
3. Interior of Tom Rockwell's Igloo Inn. Cleary City, Fairbanks Gold Mining District. Alaska 1913. [Nine men inside a saloon standing next to the bar].
4. [Composite photograph of Cripple Creek, Alaska, ca. 1912.]
5. Dikeman, Alaska. Sept. 1911. [General view of the waterfront and Northern Commercial Company? Building]. Clemons.
6. Billie Keyes & McCabe. Shakespere [Shakespeare] Group. Dome Cr. Fairbanks Mining District. 1913. [Dome Creek, Alaska, view of mining operation with a young girl and a man at the foot of the operation with a "Clemons Photos" case between them].
7. The Depo. Fairbanks, Alaska. [T.V.R.R. (Tanana Valley Railroad) cars next to the train depot with a small crowd of passengers nearby].

8. A Garden Party in Fairbanks, Alaska. [Group of women in a yard outside a residence]. Johnson and Clemons.
9. Tug-of-war. Fairbanks, Alaska. July Fourth. 1913. [Street scene of a crowd watching the tug of war competition].
10. Automobile to the Aeroplane and Ball Games. Fairbanks, Alaska. July Fourth, 1913. [A group of people sitting on an automobile with American flags positioned on either side]. Clemons.
- lla. Watching the First Flying Machine in Alaska. At Fairbanks July 4th, 1913.
- llb. Creeks People Coming into Fairbanks To Witness Flights of First Aeroplane in Alaska.
- llc. Creek People Coming In to Celebrate 4th of July. 1913.
- 11d. Aviator Martin. First Flying Machine in Alaska. 1913. Clemons.
12. Vandyke Team. Fairbanks, Alaska. July Fourth. 1918. [Eleven players seated near the playing field. A crowd of spectators located behind them]. Clemons.
13. Little Girls Race Fourth of July. Fairbanks, Alaska, 1913. [Street scene of a foot race with spectators watching. Fairview and Nordale Hotels are in the distance]. Clemons.
14. First Ave. Flat City, Alaska Nov. 1912. [Street scene in Flat City with two men standing on boardwalk. "Flat City Restaurant" sign hangs on the left]. Clemons.
15. Gold St. Flat City, Alaska. Nov. 18, 1912. [Street scene of men standing on the boardwalks. "The Pioneer Drug Store" and several business signs are displayed along the street]. Clemons.
16. "Skinner's" Xmas Dinner at the Grand Flat City. Alaska. 1913. [A group of men and women sitting around a table, in front of a barrel stove and Christmas tree]. Clemons.
17. Harry Phillips Flat, Alaska 1912. [Nine persons standing on a boardwalk outside the "Arcade Cafe" and photographer studio].
18. Alex Grubus Forks Road House Flat Creek, Alaska 1913. [Ten men standing outside the Forks Roadhouse log structure].
19. Weiss' Store. Flat City, Alaska - Showing Prizes For A.B.'s Maskerade (sic) Ball. Feb. 23, 1914. [Six men standing on the boardwalk].
20. 1914 Celebrating Washington's Birthday With a Prize Mask Ball in Arctic Brotherhood's Hall. Flat City, Alaska. Camp Flat City, Alaska. Camp Flat no. 26 Wales, Weiss & Goslow Committee. [Group of men and women seated in an auditorium with streamers on the ceiling]. Clemons.

21. ? Wickler Greys Hauling Wood Flat, Alaska 1912. [Six horses hauling wood with three men assisting]. Clemons.
22. IDAHO Asso. Head of Flat Cr. Alaska. 1912. Stanley, Sawyer & Slenter [Four men standing beside a hydraulic mining operation]. Clemons.
23. Alaska Reindeer. Flat City. 1914. [Herd of reindeer standing in a snowy field]. Clemons.
24. Cameron & Moisant. Freighters Iditarod, Alaska 1914. Taken on Gold St. Flat, Ak. Mead Maynard in front wagon. [Several teams of horses hitched to wagons]. Clemons & Koon Photo.
25. Iditarod, Alaska 1911. [Bird's-eye view of Iditarod, Alaska]. Clemons.
26. Watrus (?) Wining 4 of July Pole Vaulting Contest. Iditarod, Alaska 1911. 11 ft 4 in. [Crowd of spectators viewing a man pole vault, Friedman's Clothing and Gents Furnishings Store in the background]. Clemons.
27. J. Frederick Johnson National Director Loyal Order of Moose. Leaving Iditarod for Fairbanks, Alaska. 1914. 1429 [A crowd of men standing near a dogsled outside a restaurant, "Dining Room, Mrs. Selma Swanson Prop."]. Clemons.
28. Mead Maynard's Start in Iditarod, Alaska's 4th Anuel (sic) Handicap Dog Race New Year 1914. 22 Miles Time 2?2- [Crowd of spectators watching a dogteam race in the snow].
29. The Arctic Brotherhood Banquet- Smoker. Dec. 1913. In A.B. Hall no. 27 Iditarod, Alaska. [Men at tables eating and smoking in an auditorium]. Clemons & Koon Photo.
30. Arctic Brotherhood's Ball In A.B. Hall. Iditarod, Alaska 1913. [Group of persons posed for a photo in the auditorium]. Clemons & Koon Photo.
31. The First Class Initiated Into the L.O.O.M. A.B. Hall Flat, Iditarod, Alaska. March 11, 1914 Compliments of Yours in P.A.P. J. Frederick Johnson [A large group of men posed in an auditorium with a P.A.P. Order of the Moose banner hanging behind them]. Clemons.
32. Mutchler Bros. Hauling Machinery in the Iditarod, Alaska [Two photos of horse teams hitched to wagons and hauling freight]. Clemons.
33. The Iditarod River. Alaska. 1912. Clemons.
34. Kaltag, Alaska 1912. [View of the river and a steamer on the right with several dwellings in the foreground in a field]. Clemons.

35. The Hub Road House on Ruby Long City ? Alaska. 1913. Props. Johnson & La?. [A group of people and a team of horses located outside of a small log roadhouse].
36. The Leading Hotel. Baker, Harris & Wallace Props. Long City, Ruby Gold Mining Dist. Alaska. [Group of people standing outside the Wild Goose Roadhouse]. Clemons.
37. Clean Up on Ward and Rieglers Plant Long Cr. Ruby Gold Mining District, Alaska 1913. [Four men sifting and gold panning water in a trough; log structure in the background]. Clemons.
38. Buckley & Benard's Winter Dump Long Cr. Alaska. Ruby Gold Mining Dis. 1913. [Large mound of mine tailings encased by a log fence with a dump pulley above the mound]. Clemons.
39. Ditz Shiann Fra. Long Cr. Ruby Gold Mining Dist. Alaska. [View of a mining operation with a watershed and log structure in the distance]. Clemons.
40. Long City. The Creek Town in Ruby Gold Mining Dist. Alaska. 1918 [View of Long City with three men in the foreground]. Clemons.
41. [?] Strike Gold Mine in Long Cr. Ruby, Alaska 1913. [A view of mine tailings and logs in the snow with a man chopping wood in the foreground and a pulley to the right]. Clemons.
- 42a. The Windy Bench Mine Long Cr. Ruby, Alaska 1912. Warren Burk & Heney (?) [Mine operation with six men in front of the watershed (42b)].
- 42b. [See 42a.]
43. Awaiting the Finish-Sixth All Alaska Sweepstakes-Nome, Alaska, 1913. [Large crowd of spectators in Nome, Alaska watching the dog races]. Lomen Bros.
44. Olnes, Alaska Fairbanks Mining district. [Bird's-eye view of a small mining camp]. Clemmons.
45. The Fisher Home. Olnes, Alaska. Fairbanks Mining District 1913. [A woman and children outside a log home in the summer]. Clemons
46. The Arrival of Santa Claus. Ft. Discovery City, Otter Creek. Alaska Xmas 1913. Iditarod Gold Mining Dist. [Large group of men and women with a reindeer in the middle of an auditorium and Christmas trees in the background].
47. The Otter City Social Club In Their First Dance Of The Season. In Otter Hall. Otter Creek. Iditarod Gold Mining Dist. Alaska, 1913. [A group of men and women posed for a portrait in an auditorium with decorations]'. Clemons and Koon.
48. A Political Banquet - At Dis. Otter Creek. Iditarod Gold Mining Dist. Alaska. 19(?). [Men gathered in a dimly lit room]. Clemons.

49. Ruby, Alaska. Aug 1918. [Bird's-eye view of Ruby, Alaska with the Yukon River on the right and waterfront buildings]. Clemons.
50. Ice Moving in The Yukon. At Ruby, Alaska. May 1912. [A view of the waterfront at Ruby and ice floes along the river. A large steamboat is beached along the shoreline and dwellings at right]. Clemons.
51. The Court At Ruby, Alaska 1913. [Group of men standing on the steps beside the courthouse? at Ruby, Alaska. Clemons Photography Studio at right]. Clemons
52. Business Block In Ruby, Alaska. Photographed At Mid-Night (sic). June 22, 1912. F.8.2. Seconds. [Men standing on a boardwalk outside the "Merchant's Cafe" and "Our House Saloon"]. Clemons.
53. Geo. Carl's Ruby, Alaska. A Typical Alaskan Barr-Room (sic). [Men seated around a table playing poker with a group of spectators behind them, seated on a billiard table; bar on right]. Clemons.
54. A Pose In the Welcome Song. Graduation Exercises of the Grammar School Ruby, Alaska. June 20, 1913. [17 students standing on a stage in front of a "Character is Power" banner behind them]. Clemons.
55. [St. Michael, Alaska waterfront.]
56. [St. Michael, Alaska.]
57. Rolling First Log of A.B. Building. A.Y.P. Expo. Seattle. 1909. [Group of men attempting to roll a large construction log]. Clemons.
58. Willett & Cox's Mess House & Mine Trail Creek. Ruby, Alaska. 1912. [Group of people standing outside two log structures]. Clemons.
59. [Unidentified portrait of a man.]
60. [Two unidentified women standing beside a boat.]
61. [Same women as in number 60 standing on a boardwalk with a chained bear in foreground.]
62. The Champion Fisherman of Chatanika, Alaska. [Small boy sitting on a log with a fishing pole and fishing line]. Clemons.
63. Bertha & the Chickens Pedro Cr. Alaska. [Girl feeding chickens in chicken coop at Pedro Creek, Alaska].
64. The Iditarod Bread Wagon. [A young girl seated on a small wagon with two harnessed dogs. Iditarod, Alaska].

65. ? and Karl? & Her Dog (?) [Woman dressed in skins and a parka with a large dog on the bank of a river. Bridge in background?].
66. [Unidentified man standing with three dogs seated on a doorstep.]
67. The Julius Gius Children Pedro Cr. Fairbanks, Alaska [two children sitting on a buggy with a large harnessed dog. "Express" wagon to the left.] Clemons.
68. [Small child with a large dog posed in front of a fence.]
69. [Young boy standing with an oversized dog in a doorway.]
70. Bertha and Billie [Young girl seated on a large horse outside a log structure.] Clemons.
71. [Unidentified man petting a chained bear on a pedestal.]
72. [Chained bear drinking (?) in a pit with bottles strewn around.]
73. Playing School Chatanika Alaska. Fairbanks Mining Dis. [Seven children standing underneath a makeshift tent]. Clemons.
74. Alaskans & Their Pets [four men standing outside a log cabin in the winter with a large dog and several puppies.] Clemons and Koon.
75. [Group of adults around a table celebrating a wedding?]
76. [Interior of a bedroom with a woman standing in the left corner.] Clemons.
77. [Same room as number 76, interior view.] Clemons.
78. Ruby, Alaska [two native women holding a child.] Clemons.
79. Ruby, Alaska [native family? posed in western style clothing].
80. Eskimo Hunting Walrus, Alaska [postcard of four hunters].
81. Eskimo Girl on Snow Shoes, Alaska, copyright 1907. [postcard of a native woman holding a spear]. Case and Draper.
82. Aviators Capt. and Mrs. Capt. Jrs. V. Martin with Their Aeroplane - The First in Alaska - Under The Midnight Sun. Fairbanks, Alaska. 1913. [A couple beside an airplane in a field]. Clemons.
83. Winter's Pearly Crystals of Cold. Formed from The Waters Which Wash Alaska's Glittering Gold. [Sheets of ice over a railroad trestle in the snow]. Clemons.
84. Fairbanks, Alaska [view of the "Arctic Greenhouse" Chas. Blasser Prop.]. Clemons.

85. Looking Up Gold Stream. Fairbanks Mining Dis Alaska 1913. [View of a mining claim and operations in distance]. Clemons
86. [Unidentified mining dredge operation.]
87. Bird's Eye view of Flat City and Up Flat Creek Iditarod, Alaska 1919 (?) [winter view of Flat City, Alaska].
88. [Unidentified view of a town with two children at the foot of the main street. Dark image.]
89. "Jan 14th First Ladies Dog Race" [list of participants and racing times].
90. Alaska Dogteam [man with a team of dogs posed in the snow]. Clemons & Koon.
91. The Winners- Mrs. Swanson In First Ladies' Dograce (sic) of Alaska. Jan 14, 1914. Course: Flat-Discovery-Flat-Iditarod-Flat. Distance 20.2 Miles. Time 2-17-44. [Crowd of spectators viewing a team of dogs].
92. [Similar to 91.]
93. [Similar to 91.]
94. Chas Skurbert's Start in Iditarod, Alaska's Anuell (sic) Handicap Dog Race. New Year 1914. Winner 3rd Place 22 Miles. Time 2-12-40. [Similar to number 28].
95. Mrs. Dickson In First Ladies' Dog Race of Alaska. Jan 14, 1914. Course: Flat-Discovery-Flat-Iditarod-Flat. Distance 20.4 Miles. Time 2-55-50. [Similar to 91].
96. The Winner Start-Grand Team In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Club's 3rd Annual Feb. 22nd Dograce (sic) 1914. Sture Stenburg Time 1-45-52. Distance 22 Miles. [Group of spectators watching a dogteam]. Clemons and Koon.
97. Winner 2 Prize Geo. Kay Starting in Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Club's 3rd Annual Feb. 22nd Dograce (sic) 1914. Distance 22 Miles. Time 1-59-13. [Similar view as 96]. Clemons and Koon.
98. Winner 3 Prize - Smith & Currin Starting In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Clubs 3rd Annual Feb. 22nd Dograce. 1914. 22 Miles in 2-3-3? [Similar view as 96]. Clemons and Koon.
99. The Record Breaker: The Grand Team's Finish In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Club's 3rd Feb. 22nd Annual Handicap Dog race. Distance 22 Miles. Time 1-45-52. 1914 [Dog team crossing the finish line]. Clemons and Koon.
100. The Grand Team In First Dog Race of Season Dec.7.1913. Sture Stenburg Driver. Distance 22 Miles. Time 1 Hr. 92 m. 25 sec. [View of a team departing with a crowd watching]. Clemons and Koon.

101. 1914. Currin & Smith In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Club's 3rd. Annual Feb. 22nd Handicap Dog race. 22 Miles in 2-3-36. [dogteam racing on a trail, cache on left]. Clemons and Koon.
102. 1914. Geo. Kay's Racers In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Club's 3rd. Annual Feb 22nd Handicap Dograce. 22 Miles in 1-59-13. [Similar to 101]. Clemons and Koon.
103. Dog Teaming on Skies.-Great Sport in Alaska. [Man standing with two dogs harnessed to a makeshift sled, outside a log dwelling in winter]. Clemons and Koon.
104. On The Boston Hill Summit. (sic) Ruby Dist. Alaska April 1912. [Group of men "resting" on the trail, "Clemons" photo bag in distance].
105. [Team of dogs with two men dressed in parkas.]
106. A Crack Dogteam of Iditarod, Alaska. [Two men on a sled with a team of dogs; cabins in background]. Clemons.
107. Alaskan Miners. Hauling Lumber For Sluice Boxes. [Dogteam outside a roadhouse]. Clemons.
108. Winter scene Flat City, Alaska. [A man and a woman driving a team of dogs].
109. [Team of dogs outside a row of cabins on an unidentified street.]
110. Gov. J.F.A. Strong and Party on N.N. Co's. Str. Tanana. Ruby, Alaska. [View of the paddlewheel steamer, TANANA with a crowd on deck]. Clemons.
111. Str. Louise and Barges On Yukon River. Alaska. Ruby, Alaska 1913. Clemons.
112. Tanana on Ft. Gibbon, Alaska 1913. [Paddlewheel steamers docked along the waterfront]. Clemons.
113. N.N.Co. Str. "Susie" and Tow' Coming Around The Bluff At Ruby, Alaska. 1912. [Paddlewheel steamer towing supplies.] Clemons.
114. The Yukon River at Ruby, Alaska. [View of the waterfront with a paddlewheel steamer in the distance]. Clemons.
115. The Gov. Boat Gen. Jacobs and Barges on the Yukon River Alaska. 1913. [Paddlewheel steamer towing a barge]. Clemons.