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Guide to Collection

Hubrick, J. P. (John Peter), Photographer

J. P. Hubrick Photograph Collection, ca. 1900-1920

PCA 291

10 photographs, b&w

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ACQUISITION: Jake Manning, a long time resident of Douglas, collected the photographs; Mamie Jensen donated the collection to the library in 1987.

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Biographical Note

Born in Danville, New York, in 1858, Captain John Peter Hubrick came north over the Chilkoot Pass with his wife, Myrtle, looking for gold and soon opened a roadhouse on Hunker Creek in Dawson. He built and operated the Dawson ferry in 1900-01 and later sold it to the Canadian government. Following the gold rush he came to Shushana, Alaska and later opened a drug store in McCarthy. He was a licensed guide in McCarthy and in 1916, started McCarthy's first newspaper, the "Copper Bee."

In 1922 Hubrick took a photography course from Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, N.Y. The McCarthy Lodge was once his photographic studio and supply store. His panoramic images, still in demand, documented the growth of the Wrangell Mountains region through the early 1900's. Hubrick died Jan. 22, 1930 in McCarthy after a long illness, survived by a (second) wife, Emma, and three daughters. Most of his negatives were destroyed in a house fire in 1930. [From McCarthy Lodge web site, <http://www.mccarthylodge.com/> Accessed 8 Mar 2004; *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*, Feb. 10, 1930 and the *Anchorage Times*, Feb. 4, 1930.]

Scope and Contents Notes

Includes views of the Kennecott Copper Mine, Copper River Valley and scenics of the Wrangell Mountain region. Prospectors with dog teams and packhorses are also depicted in the collection.

Inventory

1. Kennecott [overall view of the Kennecott Copper Mine buildings; snow covered mountains in background].
2. Mother Lode [three small buildings, foreground, with steeply rising mountain in background].
3. \$1,000,000 Bridge, Copper River [bridge, left and center; train on tracks, right].
4. Looking Down the Copper River Valley [river flowing between tree-lined banks].
5. Alaska Prospectors and "Trail Blazers" Moving Provisions over Rohn Glacier to the Shushana and White River country [group of men with loaded sleds and dog teams on snowy trail; mountains beyond].

6. [Dog team pulling sleigh; couple beside sleigh; child under fur blanket in sleigh; snow covered ground and hills.]
7. [Verso: Out of Cordova.] [group of men with pack horses; two buildings in background and trees beyond.]
8. A 13 year old hunter and his trophies [young hunter and two men standing behind three Dall sheep racks; banner hanging from tree reads, "Alaska 1923 Adventures Club, Chicago, Russel Mott, Cutler Mott".]
9. Kennecott River from McCarthy, Alaska.
10. "Victory Falls", Alaska [falls, center, flowing between boulders].