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Guide to Collection

Windham Chief Consolidated G. M. & M. Co. Photograph Collection, ca. 1918.  
Windham Bay, Alaska.

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68 photographs (1 album)

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## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Windham Chief Consolidated Gold Mining Co. was formed to work the Apache and Navajo claims near the head of Spruce Creek but spent much of 1900 fighting legal battles among owners. These squabbles were smoothed out when Amos Raymer became interested in the ground. In 1901, preparatory work was done and a road was built from the beach to haul machinery to the mine site. About \$5,000.00 was spent that year. In 1903, Pat O'Neil spent the summer driving two tunnels into the veins and testing the ore in a 2-stamp prospecting mill, with less-than-anticipated results. The next year, 1904, R.V. Rowe found ore and in September Raymer gave a tunnelling contract to Tom Cutler and Jack Panns for the Apache claim. Rowe drove another tunnel on the Apache during 1905 but that was the last interest shown in the property for many years. By the end of 1905 there were four tunnels with about 400-500 feet of workings and a 20-foot deep shaft on the Windham Chief property. (Adapted from Earl Redman's "History of the mines and miners in the Juneau gold belt," p. 221.)

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTES

The 51 photos (approximately 4x5 in size) showing camp life at the Windham Chief Con. G.M. & M. Co. mine, ca. 1918. Most of the photos are captioned. The collection includes a small map showing the location of the Windham Chief Con. G.M. & M. Co. Photographs include mining and mining camp scenes, scenic views of the Inside Passage and miscellaneous Northwest Coast areas, miscellaneous California residential scenes and a map titled, "Map showing location of the Windham Chief Con. G.M.&M. Co." with inset: "Plan showing assay values of the Apache and Navajo claims of the Windham Chief G.M.&M. Co.

## INVENTORY

- 1 General View of Windham Bay.
- 2 Waterfalls at Windham Bay.
- 3 View of steamer, "City of Seattle".
- 4 Unloading freight for the mine at Windham Bay.
- 5 View of Windham Bay mining camp with "Chief" houses in the foreground.
- 6 Windham Waterfront scene. "Chief" buildings.

- 7 Steamer, *City of Seattle* unloading freight at Windham Bay.
- 8 Windham Bay, waterfront scene.
- 9 Crew of men constructing a road at Windham Bay mining camp.
- 10 Constructing a road out of tree logs at Windham Bay mining camp.
- 11 Carrying tree logs for road construction at Windham mining camp.
- 12 "Windham Chief pack train". Horse hauling lumber for Windham mine.
- 13 Packing lumber for Windham mine. Donkeys and horses hauling wood.
- 14 "Making hay" at Windham Bay for horses and donkeys at Windham Chief Mining Co.
- 15 View of a donkey with ears pulled back, outside a cabin at Windham Mining Co.
- 16 View of a blacksmith preparing to shoe a horse.
- 17 Blacksmiths at Windham Bay. Preparing a shoe for a horse.
- 18 A blacksmith tending to a donkey (shoeing).
- 19 A stubborn donkey being coaxed by a blacksmith.
- 20 Blacksmith attempting to shoe a donkey (photo blurred).
- 21 View of two donkeys front and rear.
- 22 View of Windham Bay from the mine.
- 23 Trail up the canyon, unidentified trail scene.
- 24 Trail up the canyon, unidentified.
- 25 Newsclipping photo. "Outcropping of Ore in cave under Glacier on Windham Chief Mine." Dr. W.L. Brown, George, A. Hart, and A. Raymer in foreground.
- 26 Newsclipping photo. Mouth of Tunnel number 2.
- 27 Waterfalls for power at the mine.

- 28 Mouth of open cut and tunnel.
- 29 Large body of quartz on the Navajo mining claim at Windham Chief Mining Co.
- 30 Temporary camp on the Apache mining claim. Windham Chief Mining Co.
- 31 Group of workmen on Apache mining claim. Windham Chief Mining Co.
- 32 Erecting a two-stamp mill on Apache mining claim Windham Chief Mining Co.
- 33 A small mill in the canyon at the Apache claim.
- 34a Discovery Tunnel (newsclipping photo).
- 34 Apache and Navajo claims showing quartz 500 feet wide.
- 35 Cabin scene. Windham Bay?
- 36 Map of Windham Bay, Alaska. Windham Chief Con. G.M.&M. Co.
- 37 Juneau, Alaska.
- 38 Treadwell 300 stamp mill across Gastineau Channel.
- 39 Body of mineralized rock.
- 40 View of Windham Bay from ashore.
- 41 Catching halibut.
- 42 Catching king salmon.
- 43 A days halibut catch.
- 44 "Parties starting for a row on the Bay".
- 45 "Scene at Vancouver, B.C."
- 46 "Enroute on the steamer."
- 47 Pioneer cabins at Windham Bay.

- 48 Indians fishing at the dock. (Windham Bay?)
- 49 Waterfalls above 2nd Basin on brush (?) of Spruce Creek.
- 50 Water Falls at second basin 1 1/4 mile from Windham Bay.
- 51 Face of cross cut, 150 feet inside the Apache tunnel.
- 52 Face of tunnel. 75 ft. inside.
- 53 Entrance to an unidentified mine tunnel.
- 54 Unidentified mining scene, blurred.
- 55-68 Miscellaneous California residential scenes.