

**Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

**Maria Brower Ahgeak Collection, ca. 1885-1910**

**PCA 322**

[Brower family, Barrow residents, Eskimos, Barrow, Alaska]

**INTRODUCTION**

Maria Brower Ahgeak is the second oldest daughter of Charles and Mary Asianguataq Brower. Most of the Brower children were educated outside of Alaska, however, Maria stayed in Barrow and cared for her mother and family. Maria married Joseph Ahgeak and resides in Barrow. Upon the death of her mother, Maria inherited most of the family possessions. Maria's daughter, Edna MacLean arranged for the Alaska Historical Library to copy these photographs which serve as a sampling of the Maria Brower Ahgeak collection.

In January 1990, Edna MacLean loaned these photographs to the library for copying and identification. Whenever possible, Ms. MacLean has identified the photographs.

**INVENTORY**

1. (Bottom 2nd left, Maria Brower Ahgeak; bottom first left, Sadie Brower Neakok; top first left, Maria Asianguataq Brower mother of Maria and Sadie.)
2. (Maria Brower Ahgeak.)
3. (Charles Brower.)
4. (In front of the Presbyterian Church, Barrow, Alaska. Group of Eskimo children; unidentified.)

5. (Left, Maria Brower Ahgeak; right, Alice Allen Killbear.)
6. (Five Eskimo men and women sitting in two rows; unidentified.)
7. (Carpenters at the Arctic Laboratory, Barrow, Alaska, ca. 1950's. First top row, Joseph Ahgeak; third left, Ross Ahngasok; third right, Claiborne Tunik; second right, Rex Ahvakana; top row, second left, Abe Simmons; bottom row, second left, Clair Okpeaha.)
8. (Eskimo woman standing with four children; two young children seated next to a tent structure, dressed in parkas. Seated girl is Ellen Hopson Kanayurak.)
9. James Minino and family (standing in doorway next to a log structure.)
10. Two Happy Little Souls From The Top of the World at Walkers, Skagway, Alaska. (Right, Flossie George Connery, Kindergarten teacher at Barrow, Alaska.) Photo by Walker.
11. James Yasuda, Beaver City, Ak.
12. (Fred Hopson family. Barrow, Alaska.)
13. (Elizabeth and Chester Lampe, Barrow, Alaska.)
14. (Interior view, fox skinning area; two Eskimo men skinning fox.)
15. (Fred Hopson family. Barrow, Alaska.)
16. (Whaling at Barrow, Alaska.)