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Trowbridge, Jessie June

Jessie J. Trowbridge Photograph Collection, 1896

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Biographical Note

Miss Jessie June Trowbridge was the eldest daughter of Jessie C. "Kate" Trowbridge and Nelson Seymour Trowbridge.

Nelson Trowbridge worked as superintendent and part owner of the Bald Eagle mine at Sumdum, Alaska during 1896. The Bald Eagle mine was first organized in 1895 by G.W. Garside of Juneau, Alaska. In 1899, the mining property was consolidated with the Sumdum Chief to form the Sumdum Mining Company.

While her father worked at the mine, Jessie J. Trowbridge photographed daily life at the mining camp.

Scope and Content Note

This photo collection shows the living conditions and mining operations that are typical of remote mining camps during the 1890s. Mrs. Jessie C. "Kate" Trowbridge possibly lived at Sumdum during the summer months as many of the photographs also feature the Trowbridge children and family gatherings.

Inventory

1. Ware House at the beach Sumdum [team of horses in front of a small warehouse.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
2. A bridge and part of the road. Sumdum [mining road made of logs, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
3. Indian village and miners cabins, Sumdum [waterfront view of residential structures on the beach, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
4. Barge at beach, Sumdum [beached barge, EUREKA ASTORIA with five children and one woman standing on deck.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
5. Mary Island custom house [U.S. Custom House from waterfront, built in 1892 and moved to Ketchikan in 1900, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
6. Loading the Scow at Sumdum [two men loading a small vessel during low tide.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
7. Sumdum Glacier mountains as seen from the Ware House wharf [onboard a vessel looking toward glacier, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
8. Small falls at Sumdum [waterfalls with logs, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
9. Front view of mill at Sumdum. Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.

10. A general view of Metlahkatla [Metlakatla] This picture was taken at 9:30 p.m. [Village scene, very faded.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
11. Side view of mill and assay office. [Sumdum, Alaska] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
12. Ice berg. Sumdum. Leslie standing in front. [Woman standing in front of large ice mass, probably on a beach, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
13. A view of the trail to the mine. [Heavily wooded trail with a woman standing in the foreground.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
14. Our house, ware house and scow. [Two small wooden structures on a beach, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
15. Our Kitchen at Sumdum. [Interior view of single family kitchen facilities.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
16. Indian family at Sumdum. [Woman with two small children in front of a campsite. Note: large logging saw to the right.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
17. Church and school house at Metlahkatla [Metlakatla]. Taken at 9:30 p.m. [Front view of old church.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
18. Jessie Cove picnic on Sumdum Island. [Three adults and three children sitting on a beach, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
19. Bald Eagle mine canyon. Showing tunnels. [Hillside view of mining tunnels with three men in foreground, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
20. Large falls at Sumdum. [Waterfalls] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
21. Fort Wrangle [sic]. [Wrangell waterfront scene with a steamship anchored to the dock, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
22. Olive Rose Trowbridge. 5 yrs. 6 mos. [Portrait of a young girl in a pinafore.]
23. Leslie. [Leslie Amelia Trowbridge standing in a small creek, wearing a raincoat.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
24. Eloise in Alaska Dress. [Eloise Hammond Trowbridge.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
25. Eloise Hammond Trowbridge 19 yrs., 1896. [Young woman sitting in front of a piano.]
26. Leslie Amelia Trowbridge 14 yrs. 8 mos., 1896. [Young woman holding a violin.]
27. Fort Simpson, British Columbia. [Waterfront view of town with a vessel in the foreground, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.

28. Jessie June [Woman standing in a small creek, wearing a raincoat and holding a fishing pole.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
29. Papa in his assay office. [Mr. Nelson Trowbridge examining assay equipment, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
30. Blacksmith shop and ore house at mine [Two small structures situated on a hillside.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
31. Falls at the Bald Eagle Mine. Snow 40 feet deep. [Waterfalls and snow mass, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
32. Kate Elliot Trowbridge. 11 yrs. 5 mos. [Young girl sitting in front of a piano.]
33. Our parlor at Sumdum. Parlor one end and kitchen the other end of same room. [Interior view of living quarters, young girl sits on the right in front of a stove.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
34. Nelson Seymour Trowbridge Jr., 7yrs. 7 mos., 1896. [Boy posed with a small rifle.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
35. The Bald Eagle boat and the Trowbridge family. Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
36. The camp in Quartz Gulch. Sumdum. [View of small mining cabins and facilities, slightly faded.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.
37. Scow at her moorings. [Small vessel anchored in calm waters.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.