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Guide to Collection

Trowbridge, Jessie June
Inman, Pauline Winchester, collector/writer, 1904-1990

Pauline Winchester Inman Photograph Collection, ca. 1880-1895

PCA 327

43 photographs
.21 linear ft.

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ACQUISITION: The Pauline Winchester Inman collection was donated by the collector's sister, Alice Winchester of Newtown, Connecticut. Inman collaborated with Frances Knapp Morgan, daughter of Governor Lyman E. Knapp, and produced a manuscript based on Knapp's experiences while living in Alaska from 1890-1893 (MS 127). Acc. no. 1990-69.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted. However the photographs may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The slightly curled 5 x 7 images are generally in good condition, although foxing may have occurred on several of the views. The photos are numbered and listed.

Biographical Notes

Pauline Winchester Inman was born March 24, 1904 in Chicago, to Rev. Dr. Benjamin and Pearl Gunn Winchester. A 1926 graduate of Smith College, she taught at Rye Country Day School and was head of the Chapin Middle School in New York City. She studied wood engraving at the Art Students League, Parsons School of Design, and Columbia University. Her works are in the collections of the Library of Congress, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh. She illustrated *The Down East Reader*, *How To Know American Antiques*, and *Antiques Guide to Decorative Arts*.

Inman's interest in her family genealogy led her to contact a distant cousin in Portland, Oregon, Frances Knapp Morgan. They began corresponding in 1958 and continued until Morgan's death in 1965. In 1959 Morgan re-discovered her notes and manuscripts about the Tlingit Indians, collected during her residence in Sitka, Alaska from 1890-1893. The papers had been missing for almost 70 years. Inman and Morgan collaborated on a manuscript based on these notes. The manuscript was rejected for publication, as were several other revisions with varying titles, because, among other reasons, the subject was determined to be "too unfamiliar to have appeal for the great general public." Frances Knapp Morgan sent the newly recovered notes and manuscripts to her cousin, Pauline Winchester Inman, for revision and publication. Rather than editing the tales as a companion volume, Inman collaborated with Frances Knapp Morgan to incorporate the published work, *The Thlinkets of Southeastern Alaska*, and the unpublished manuscript, *Tales of the Sitka Indians*, into one volume, a new, enlarged version titled *Bluejay Fly with Me*. Several publishers rejected the manuscript. Pauline Winchester Inman died January 16, 1990 in Newtown, Connecticut.

Scope and Content

This early Alaskan collection includes forty-three original photographs by Reuben Albertstone, Edward DeGross, the Partridge brothers, and unidentified photographers. The Partridge views, which list Portland, Oregon as the publisher's address, may have been taken by William H. Partridge (see PCA 88) during the summer of 1886, which he spent in Sitka and Glacier Bay. DeGross (PCA 91), a Sitka merchant, began taking pictures of Sitka in 1886 and continued this profitable hobby until 1890. Sitka photographer, Albertstone, was the co-proprietor of the Sitka View & Portrait Co. with L. Moosbauer. The subjects, mostly southeast Alaskan scenics, include Tlingit Indians, Sitka views and the Treadwell Mine.

Inventory

1. "The Madonna." DeGross (no. 1008)
2. Top of Muir Glacier. Partridge
3. Muir Glacier [foreground, people in small boat leaving shore; two men on beach]. Partridge (no. 7968)

4. Interior of Indian House, Sitka, [foreground, woman sitting on floor working with food, man seated on stool (?)]. Partridge (no. 7812)
5. Sitka Training School [group photo in front of school]. Partridge (no. 7982)
6. [Foliage-lined road with wooden crossing.] Partridge (no. 7934)
7. Treadwell's Gold Mine [looking down hillside toward buildings and dock on Gastineau Channel]. Partridge (no. 7779)
8. Treadwell's Gold Mines [two men in background working in mine shaft]. Partridge (no. 7791)
9. [View of Treadwell Mine from channel end of dock.] Partridge (no. 7778)
10. Treadwell's Gold Mine [interior of quartz mill]. Partridge (no. 7P86?)
11. Ft. Wrangel [Wrangell] [looking across water toward Ft. Wrangel; totem pole on left, paddle wheel boat on right]. Partridge (no. 7875)
12. Totem Poles [Poles], Fort Wrangel [two totems in front of wooden buildings; wooden stairs and stone wall in foreground]. Partridge (no. 7315)
13. Indian Graves, Fort Wrangel [wolf totem atop log structure in foreground; wooden buildings and church in background]. Partridge (no. 7737)
14. Wrangel Narrows, - a view during the voyage. Partridge (no. 7950-C)
15. Loring Fish Cannery [three buildings on waterfront; canoe in foreground]. Partridge (no. 7993)
16. [Native man and boy and four dogs standing in front of wooden building.] Partridge (no. 7730)
17. [Water view of Sitka area.] Partridge (no. 7984)
18. [Sitka waterfront; dock and steamer in foreground.] Albertstone (no. 70.C)
19. [Sitka waterfront.] Albertstone (no. III)
20. [Sitka waterfront.] Albertstone
- 20a. View of Greek Church, Sitka. Albertstone (no. 23.B)
21. [View of downtown Sitka.] Albertstone (no. 55.)
22. [St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church in center, snow-covered buildings on either side.] Albertstone (no. 41.B)

23. Sitka, AK. [waterfront with buildings in background; four men on right]. Albertstone
24. View of Sitka showing "Castle on the Hill" to the left. Albertstone
25. Indian River, near Sitka. [man sitting on log in foreground; wooden bridge in background]. Albertstone (no. 15)
26. [Wooden bridge over river.] Albertstone (no. 72.B)
27. [Stream with rocks and rapids.] Albertstone (no. 13.B)
28. [Stream with rocky beach.] Albertstone (no. 74?)
29. [Water view of Sitka area; similar to #17.] Albertstone (no. 701?)
30. [Interior of St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Sitka.] Albertstone (no. 24.C)
31. [Sitka. St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church.]
32. [Sitka barracks and government houses; four uniformed men in foreground.]
33. [Downtown Sitka; blockhouse in background.]
34. [Men in uniforms standing by chairs on makeshift wooden platform on the waterfront; Governor Lyman Knapp on platform, center, onlookers on either side.]
35. [Three glaciers, tops obscured by clouds.]
36. Mt. Adams from Trout Lake.
37. Mt. Adams thru "the Glades."
38. [View of Sitka waterfront and the Castle.]
39. [View of mountains with treed hillside in foreground; cloud cover obscuring furthest range.]
40. [View of mountains obscured by clouds.]
41. [Downtown Juneau waterfront; boat leaving harbor.]

Accession # 97-3 added 1/8/97:

42. Indian River Road, Sitka, Alaska. DeGroff (no. 4)
43. [Verso] Frances A. Knapp, April 1893.

