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Guide to Collection

Nurmi, Gus & Mathilda Johnson

Gus & Mathilda Johnson Nurmi Photograph Collection, ca. 1910

PCA 330

56 photographs, b&w
(0.04 linear ft.)

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ACQUISITION: The photographs were donated by Roberta Fraser Johnson, of Douglas, Alaska, daughter-in-law to Mathilda Johnson Nurmi. The photographs were discovered in a trunk owned by Gus and Mathilda Nurmi (Acc. No. 1991-48).

ACCESS: The photographs may be viewed. However because the photographs are fragile, they may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The photographs are numbered; no finding aid is available.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mrs. Nurmi was born in Finland in 1883. In 1902, Mrs. Nurmi came to Alaska to live with her cousin, Mr. George Oja. She married Charles Johnson in 1905 and had three children, Daisy, Leonard and Violet. In 1933, Charles Johnson died and she married Gustiv V. "Gus" Nurmi a year later. Gus was born in Finland in 1888. Mathilda worked for various businesses in Douglas including tile Douglas Steam Laundry. Gus Nurmi was a fisherman and later worked as a carpenter for the Alaska Juneau Mine.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographs, circa 1910. Subjects include Taku Harbor (Alaska), gillnetters, Alaska fishing, fishing boats, setting nets, repairing boats, cannery workers, fish netting, fishermen and families. Images are not identified.

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