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Guide to Collection

Smith, William, Photographer

William Smith Collection, ca. 1897-1900

PCA 339

29 photographs

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Biographical Note

William Smith was born in Rock Springs, WY (date unknown) and came to the Klondike with George Chilton in 1897. William spent the years of 1897-1908 in the Klondike and southeast Alaska (including Juneau). His daughter, Eva, was born in a cabin on the "40 Below Claim" on Quartz Creek. A note in the collection states William Smith was a representative to Wyoming's 4th Legislature.

Scope and Contents Note

The Klondike photographs are by Winter and Pond with the exception of two images, unsigned. The collection also includes two small journals with faded pencil entries by Smith.

Inventory

1. Section of Muir Glacier, Alaska, c. 1895 [view of face from across water]. (PCA 87-2989)
2. Muir Glacier, Alaska, Steamer *Topeka* in the distance. (PCA 117-127)
3. Steamer *Topeka* at Muir Glacier, Alaska, c. 1895 [side view]. (PCA 87-1735)
4. Douglas City, Alaska. [view across water to buildings along beach, stumps from clearcutting visible along shore to left] (PCA 87-2985)
5. Birds-Eye View of Douglas City, Alaska. (PCA 87-2810 similar)
6. Treadwell Mine and Pier, Douglas Island, Alaska c. 1899 [winter view from water, showing coal bunkers on the pier]. (PCA 87-334)
7. In the Pit, Treadwell Gold Mine, Alaska [five miners at work in the glory hole, using air drills, ca. 1915]. (PCA 87-358)
8. Interior Treadwell Gold Mill, Alaska, c. 1896 [Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co.]. (PCA 87-373)
9. Battery Floor, A.U.G.M. Co.'s "Ready Bullion" Mill, Douglas Island, Alaska, c. 1899. (PCA 87-372)
10. Concentrator Floor, A.U.G.M. Co.'s "Ready Bullion" Mill, Douglas Island, Alaska, c. 1899.

11. Herring Catch, Douglas City, Alaska [four men with five children squatting on fish-covered beach, photographed 1895]. (PCA 87-1473)
12. Juneau, Alaska, c. 1898. (PCA 87-779, 300-30, 01-2167)
13. R.G. Willoughby's Mirage - the Silent City - Alaska. (PCA 87-2738)
14. General View of Sitka, Alaska, c. 1896 [view across water and islands; U.S.S. *Pinta* in Harbor, Indian Village at left; Mount Verstovia and Arrowhead right background; Three Sisters center background; Gavan' Hill left background]. (PCA 87-1497)
15. Greek Church, Sitka, Alaska [north side, photographed 1897]. (PCA 87-1519)
16. Interior, Greek Church, Sitka, Alaska [altar area]. (PCA 87-1525)
17. Native women weaving baskets, Sitka, Alaska [three women by fence; five spruce-root baskets under construction, ca. 1897]. (PCA 87-109)
18. Chief Shakes Totem, Wrangel [Wrangell], Alaska, c. 1898 [raven totem pole and edge of frame house]. (PCA 87-126)
19. Klin-quan Indian village, Alaska, c. 1897 [nine houses on curving beach with fifteen totem poles, and remains of poles; a number of canoes at water's edge]. (PCA 87-90)
20. Saginaw Jake, of Killisnoo, Alaska, c. 1895 [standing in uniform with sword in front of house with sign and shield over door]. (PCA 87-224)
21. Totem Poles, Kake, Alaska, c. 1895 [cemetery showing fenced grave, six totem poles and one figure of eagle]. (PCA 87-84)
22. Steamer *Willamette* discharging freight at Skaguay [Skagway], Alaska, c. 1897.
23. Bird's-eye view from summit of Chilkoot Pass, c. 1897 [looking down on a group of gold seekers and across mountains]. (PCA 87-705)
24. Klondike outfits on the rocks near Dyea, Alaska, c. 1897 [beach covered with supplies, men and tents]. (PCA 87-661)
25. Yukon Dog Team Freighting Through Canyon, Alaska, c. 1897. (PCA 87-692)
26. Whip-sawing Lumber for Boat-building, Yukon Valley, Alaska [actually in British Columbia or the Yukon Territory, ca. 1897]. (PCA 87-717)

27. Fur seals on St. Paul Island, Alaska [overall view of seal herd on sandy beach]. (PCA 87-1806)
28. Summer in the Klondike.
29. [Winter view of “40 Below” mining claim on Quartz Creek, Klondike. William Smith’s daughter, Eva (Shores) was born in the cabin in the extreme left of the picture in 1899.]