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Guide to Collection

Fred E. Hovey Photograph Collection, ca. 1898-1899

The Dalton Trail

PCA 352

1 album (103 photographs)

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ACQUISITION: The Fred E. Hovey Album was purchased from the Skinner Auction House of Massachusetts in January 1994. Acc. No. 1994-009.

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PROCESSING: The album is in poor condition; please wear gloves when handling. Please note that one detached page was re-attached to the album. The photographs are numbered and Mylar sleeves were added to separate the images.

Historical Note

The album has no provenance. A selection of photographs from the album illustrates the book, *Gold-Seeking On The Dalton Trail*, by Arthur R. Thompson, 1900. According to historian Michael Gates, it is possible that the photographs in the Hovey album are the work of Arthur R. Thompson. Thompson, along with Fred E. Hovey and Henry Dow Banks, was a member of the "Mysterious 36," who came to southwest Yukon in the spring and summer of 1898, looking for gold. The prospecting party traveled the Dalton Trail, from Pyramid Harbor to the goldfields of the Klondike via Chilkoot Pass. **Note:** The MacBride Museum in Whitehorse has the Henry Banks album, which contains many of the same photographs found in the Fred Hovey collection.

An inscription in the album reads: "To A.C. Burrage, With the highest appreciation of the noble efforts by which we endeavored to make the expedition a success. [signed] Fred E. Hovey."

Scope and Contents Note

Images include members of the Dalton Trail expedition in 1898 or 1899, camps in which they stayed and sights along the way, life in the camps and on the trail, the Chilkoot Trail and the summit. Some images were taken in Seattle and Victoria, B.C.

Inventory

1. Down the hill to Pleasant Camp. [Three men hiking on a cliff.]
2. Cache at Pleasant Camp. [Faded view of two men standing next to a cache.]
3. Group on summit. Homeward bound. [Group of men resting on a barren hillside with packs and other climbing gear.]
4. Pack Horses on Summit, Devil's Slide. [Faded view of horses and a cart climbing a mountainside.]
5. The Wharf (Seattle) after arrival of steamer from San Francisco. [Group of men standing on the docks.]
6. Ship yard (Seattle) Boats built for the Yukon River. [Clear view of shipbuilding operation with wooden frames of hulls in distance.]

7. Captain Roberts. [Man posed onboard vessel.]
8. STR. FARALLON-on which we sailed. [Side view of a steamer at a dock.]
9. Davidson Glacier-as seen from the steamer deck. [Damaged photo, barely visible.]
10. In line for miner's license, Victoria. [Men standing outside a brick building.]
11. Our Provisions-on wharf at Pyramid Harbor. [Men standing with supplies on a deck with a warehouse? in background.]
12. The Bemis-Showing Klondike Uniform. [Man posed in the "typical" Klondike Miner attire.]
13. An Indian's Home-Pyramid Harbor. [Three Native people standing outside a small dwelling; damaged photo.] [Home of James Klanott, tribal leader of Raven-Sockeye Clan per his grandson, David Katzeek, 3/00]
14. Our First Camp-Pyramid Harbor. [Faded view of men posing with tents and provisions in the snow.]
15. Stranded on the beach between Pyramid Harbor and "Care (?) Camp" [Faded view of men with provisions on the beach.]
16. Leaving, "Care(?) Camp," mouth of Chilcat River." [Damaged photo of men standing in distance; snow scene?]
17. Crossing the flat's from, "Care Camp." [Men with sleds and supplies on the snow.]
18. First "block and tackle" hill. [Faded view of men and sleds on a snowy trail.]
19. Hauling sleds-Chilcat River. [Men with loaded sled pulling across a frozen river.]
20. Forging the Klaheena. [Men standing in water with ice chunks; supplies on shore.]
21. An upset Lewis. [Man lying in the snow with a sled tipped over.]
22. Brush bridge-Klaheena River. [Stained view of men wading in water along a snowy riverbank.]

23. Billy Dickinson, our guide. [Native man wearing a fur hat and snowshoes.]
24. Lunch at Boulder Creek. [Men eating in a snowy forest.]
25. A soft spot in the trail. [Rear view of trail scene; men hauling sleds with provisions.]
26. Pleasant Camp showing cook tents. [Men posed with snowshoes and guns with tents in background; damaged photo.]
27. Indian Outfit, Pleasant Camp. [view of sled and dogs on the trail.]
28. Packing near Pleasant Camp. [Blurred view of trail scene.]
29. First "Cache" after Pleasant Camp. [Men in trees next to provisions.]
30. Natural formation of snow on a tree. [Snow formation shaped like a skull.]
31. Climbing a hill from Pleasant Camp. F.E. Hovey in the rear. [Man pulling sled up a hill.]
32. A hard proposition near Rainy Hollow. [Men hiking up a snowy hill; faded photo.]
33. Rainy Hollow, last timber near summit. [Men standing amongst trees and tents in a snowy camp.]
34. F.E. Hovey's tent at Rainy Hollow. [Faded view of a man inside a tent.]
35. Devil's Slide-near the summit. [Men sliding? down a snowy hill.]
36. Indians, Helpers, and Guide on the summit. [Faded view of men posed in the snow.]
37. On the summit-Chilkat Mts. [Faded view of men standing in a row on the summit.]
38. Leaving Alsak [Alaska] River near the Glacier Camp. [Faded view of men and supplies pulling out of camp.]
39. Burnham and Irving camp on the plains. [Good photo of two outfitted men posed next to a tent.]

40. Alsak [Alaska] River, near Dalton Post. [Damaged view of men standing in snow.]
41. Chief of the Stick Indians and his home. [Slightly damaged view of Chief with a group of people standing in front of a wooden dwelling.]
42. Dalton Hill, a hard climb of three days, 800 ft. gain "Ah, had I but wings." [Damaged view of a landscape scenic.]
43. Camp Scott, near Dalton Trail. [Men standing amid trees with tents and provisions in foreground.]
44. Our cooks at work-Deadwood Camp. [Good view of men posed in front of cooking pots.]
45. Sergeant Farrow on the Klukshu Lakes. [Blurry view of a man standing on a frozen lake.]
46. Climbing hill from Lake Klucshu. [Men and gear climbing a rocky slope.]
47. Lieut. Adair's dog team. [Blurry photo of men with a dog team.]
48. Locating Claims on Shorty Creek. [Men staking areas on a snow-covered surface.]
49. F.E. Hovey's Cache where the raft was built. [Man sitting outside a tent with supplies.]
50. Starting to pack from Alsak (sic) River after leaving the sleds. [Men with large packs walking toward a snowy patch.]
51. Alsak [Alaska] River near Pennock Post. [Scenic view.]
52. Pennock's Post. [Good view of a log cabin in a forested area.]
53. C.C. Pennock panning Frying Pan Creek. [Good view of a man panning for gold.]
54. Packing from Pennock Post to Shorty Creek. [Men with large packs on a creek bed.]
55. Raft with seven tons of goods, on the Alsak. [Men with floating a log raft on a river.]

56. Raft and pilot on the Alsak [Alaska]. [Damaged view of men and supplies floating the river.]
57. Marsh Creek. Camp Storey. [Faded view of men in front of a log structure.]
58. Whipsawing, Marsh Creek. [Two men whipsawing lumber.]
59. First meal at a table, Camp Storey. [Men inside a tent, eating at a makeshift table.]
60. Cannon Creek Cabin. [Log structure with a grass roof; trees in foreground.]
61. Cannon Creek. Our Goal. [Men and dog standing on the banks of a rocky creek bed.]
62. Burial houses of the Indians. [Hutchi Village, 45 miles from Whitehorse, YT; faded view of burial houses]
63. Tents at Champlain's Landing. "Hovey's Camp." [Two men standing between tents with supplies.]
64. First Boat to arrive at Champlain's Landing. [Men in a small row boat floating the river.]
65. At Dinner, "Hovey's Camp," Champlain's Landing. [Men posed in front of Cooking pots; a tarp provides a backdrop.]
66. Packing back to Shorty Creek. [Faded view of a group of men with packs posed for camera.]
67. Group at Champlain's Landing. [Good view of men posed in front of a tent.]
68. Wash day at "Camp Hovey" Champlain's Landing. [Good view of men wringing clothes.]
69. Packing with oxen. [Man standing with an ox carrying a bundle of supplies.]
70. Group of Hoochei Indians. [Excellent view of a family? of Native people seated on a log.]
71. A Burnt District, familiar condition of trail. [Man walking in a forest of burned trees.]
72. Victims of the Klondike Craze. [A herd of cattle wandering along a hillside.]

73. A Good Friend. [A man standing with an oxen that is carrying a large bundle of supplies.]
74. Lieut. Adair's Party from Five Finger Rapids. [Group of men standing next to a log dwelling.]
75. Camp at Shorty Creek, showing prospect hole and sluice box. [View of tents on a hill overlooking the creek.]
76. The Dunn's Rocker. [Blurred view of a mining operation.]
77. Moran's Forge. [Man standing next to a log structure.]
78. June Snow Storm. [Faded view of a cabin covered with snow.]
79. Beginning Wade's Tunnel at Shorty Creek. [Men standing at the entrance of a tunnel.]
80. Sluice Boxes at Shorty Creek. [Men working the sluice boxes alongside the creek.]
81. Looking down Kha Sha River from Shorty Creek.
82. Our Boat on Lake Desar-Dee-Ash [Dezeadash Lake].
83. Rietz gaffing salmon on the Kluckshu. [Man catching fish with a pole.]
84. Reitz's Salmon Racks, at Lake Kluckshu. [Damaged photo of a man standing next to salmon racks.]
85. One of the many mudholes (Colburn.) [Good view of a man standing ankle deep in a mud hole.]
86. Dalton Post. [Fair view of a group of men standing next to log structures.]
87. Letters from home. [Group of men lounging and reading letters.]
88. Pack Train crossing the Klaheena River. [Stained view of two men and one woman? crossing the river on horseback.]
89. Crossing Salmon River. [Damaged view of two people crossing the river on horseback.]

90. Near Toll Bridge. [Stained view of river and scenery.]
91. Last meal on the trail near Toll Bridge. [Slightly dark view of men resting in the trees.]
92. Waiting for low tide, Chilkat Flats. [Men seated on a log, posing for the camera.]
93. 3,500 Salmon, Pyramid Harbor. [Stained view of men gaffing salmon.]
94. Barber Shop (Colburn & Wade) Pyramid Harbor. [Man with a hat and pipe trimming a bald man's beard.]
95. Indian Chief & Canoe. Canoe from a solid block of wood. [Blurry view of a Native man standing on a rocky shore with a canoe floating in the distance.]
96. Birdseye view of Juneau. [Faded view of Juneau waterfront and town.]
97. Treadwell Mines, Douglass (sic) Alaska. [Very damaged view of Douglas; difficult to see.]
98. Pyramid Harbor from the hill. [Stained view of dock with buildings and boats in foreground.]
99. Company storehouse at Pyramid Harbor. [Good view of the store with other buildings in distance.]
100. Lewis as a hobo. [Very faded view of a man posing for the camera.]
101. Totem Poles. Fort Wrangle (sic) Indians form of recording historical event. [group of men looking at a totem pole outside a house with a "Wrangell Dairy Co." sign on the porch.]
102. Totem Poles. Fort Wrangle [Wrangell] Indians form of recording historical event. [View of a totem pole next to a house with a round window.]
103. The photographer (F.E. Hovey). [Very faded view of Hovey standing in front of a wooden structure wearing work clothes and hat.]