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P.H. Fox Family Photograph Collection, ca. 1890-1930s

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ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Diane W. DeWitt of Bellevue, Washington. Ms. DeWitt is the great-granddaughter of P.H. Fox and the granddaughter of Charles Fox and Zoora Weyer. Charles and Zoora had five children: Ross, Rex, Marjory (Ms. DeWitt's mother), Lucile Reed and Marie. P.H. Fox came to Douglas in the 1880's and ran a merchandise store. (Acc. nos. 1995-018, 1995-029)

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Biographical Information

Patrick H. Fox came to Alaska in 1882 [?]. He was the first postmaster of Douglas, Alaska, and also served as councilman and city treasurer since its incorporation. He was appointed "representative of the law" by Governor Swineford. Mr. and Mrs. Fox, owners of a Douglas general store, had seven children. Charles, one of the sons, married Zoora Weyer and had five children: Ross, Rex, Marjory (mother of donor), Lucille Reed and Marie. The Fox family left Alaska in the 1950's when Rex Fox moved his family to Washington. [From *Alaska-Yukon Magazine*, 1907, Polk's Alaska Yukon Directory, and Donor.]

Scope and Contents Note

Collection includes memorabilia (2 items), portraits, photographs of Juneau and Douglas people, government and social activities and scenics by various photographers (Ordway, Alaska Photo Co., Elite Studio), commercial and unidentified. The collection also includes a Camp Fire Girls certificate (1929), a Douglas High School diploma, 1928, and an image of Will Rogers and Wiley Post.

Inventory

1. [Juneau, Alaska. Gold Creek; ball field on left and Indian Hospital at right, ca. 1930's.]
2. [Interior of a hospital room.]
3. [Ball field in Juneau, Alaska. Federal Building is located at this site today (1995).]
4. [SS YUKON at dock.]
5. [Juneau, Alaska view from the water, ca. 1930's.]
- 6-7. [USCG HAIDA coming into port.]
8. [Juneau, Alaska. Native Hospital?]
9. [Pacific Alaska Airways U.S. Airmail plane at airport, ca. 1930's.]
10. [Auk Village Shelter, 1936.]
- 11-12. [Pacific Alaska Airways, Electra at the airport.]
13. [Mendenhall Glacier 1936.]
14. [Scene of downtown Juneau, ca. 1930's]
15. [Alaska Steamship Company dock in Juneau, ca. 1930's.]
16. [Brotherhood bridge? near Juneau, Alaska.]
17. [Mendenhall Glacier, 1938.]
18. [John Cashen and Ross Fox.]

19. [2nd woman left is Lucile Fox, 1st man on right is Ross Fox. In front of Guy's store, now Mike's place (restaurant). Mae Gray or Roberta Fraser Johnson.]
20. [Douglas, Alaska. After the 1936 fire. Front St. where Mike's, Feusis, the Cash grocer, Jap. Laundry and old Theatre (Orpheum) were-also Tony Simius.]
21. [Lutheran Church or back of the Congregational. Shows the building on fire.] Delano c. 1937.
22. Opening of Douglas Bridge Oct. 13th 1935. Elite Studio.
23. Juneau Lumber Mills. c. 29 Ordway.
24. [Zooro Weyer Fox and children ~1904-07. Douglas School. Married C.A. Fox in 1908. Graduated Central Wash Univ. in 1900, blurry view.]
25. [Douglas, Alaska after 1937 fire.]
26. [Icebergs near a glacier, tinted view.]
27. [This party group taken about 1900. All friends of Charles Fox. Faded view of men and women seated outdoors.] Alaska Photo Co. Douglas, Alaska.
28. [Douglas Alaska 1898 July 4th. Don Cashen, Frank Berry, Thos. Cashen, John H. King, Richard Gillespie, Henry Croft, Charles Fox. Faded view of the men posting in formal clothing.] The Alaska Photo Co., Douglas, Alaska.
29. [Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Edwards (Aalto), Mrs. Cahill (?) (Irene), Mrs. Beatrice Guerin, Mrs. Anna Loken, Catherine Bonner Balog, Mrs. Glen Kirkham (Flora). Women all posed in long dresses.]
30. ["Etolin" head shot of a young woman.]
31. [Mae Fraser Gray, head shot.]
32. [Lucile Fox Reed, head shot.]
33. [Will Rogers and Wiley Post exiting a plane, probably while on their tour through Juneau, Alaska. Photo by Ordway.]
34. [Damaged photo of a group of firemen in uniform posing with a girl on a wagon, Douglas, no date.]
35. [Dredge at work on Juneau small boat harbor. Starting at entrance to remove material to a depth of 11 feet at low tide. This picture taken at low water. General Const. Co. Dredge Titan (?).]
36. [First white school, Douglas, Alaska 1891-1892. Identifications on verso of photo.]
- 36a. [Larger version of #36, with identifications on verso of photo.]
37. Douglas, Alaska, 1912. [Bird's-eye view of Douglas, looking toward Juneau. Photo is probably by Andrews.]
38. [Governors Office, Juneau, Alaska. Those that took an active part in the inauguration (of the) First Air Mail in Alaska. Juneau to Fairbanks May 3rd, 1938. Seated left. James Truett - Atty Gen., John W. Troy, Governor, Louriel (?) Supt. of International Mail P.O. Dept, Washington D.C., J.J. Connors, Collector of Customs, Chas. Carter, Pres. Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Harry Lucas-Mayor Juneau. Standing with mail pouch, Capt. Robbins, pilot

- of flight, H.G. Watson, Sect. to Governor. Capt. Hall, Co-Pilot of flight, C.B. Arnold, Mgr. K.I.N.Y. Broadcasting station Juneau. Albert Wile. Postmaster Juneau, Ralph Robertson, Pres. Territorial Chamber of Commerce and Whittier, Sect. Territorial Chamber of Commerce.]
39. [High School Diploma for Charles Ross Fox, dated May 17, 1928, Douglas High School.]
40. [Charles A. Fox, taken at Douglas, Alaska. Spring 1898 - age 19 years. This enlargement made 1899 while Charles was in the Klondike.]
(Oversized)
41. [Newspaper article about Lillian Watson from *The Seattle Times*, February 17, 1963.] (Placed in Biography File.)
42. ["First-Day Cover" commemorating the first flight from Juneau to Fairbanks, postmarked May 3, 1938.]
43. ["First-Day Cover" commemorating first flight from Seattle, Washington to Juneau, Alaska. Postmarked June 21, 1940.]
44. [Stamped envelope from Klawock, Alaska, to Frank Allen Peratrovich, Ketchikan, Alaska. Postmarked September 26, 1941.]

Negatives (no prints at this time)

- 45- 46. Governor's Mansion.
47. Federal Building (now the Capitol Building).
- 48-51. Baranof Hotel.
52. Capitol Building.
- 53-78. Juneau Scenics.
79. Alaska-Juneau Mine (interior scene).
80. Road sign: "Tongass National Forest-Mendenhall..."
- 81-85. Mendenhall Glacier scenes.
- 86-87. Ice skating near the Mendenhall Glacier.
- 88-89. S.S. MT. MCKINLEY at the Juneau dock.
- 90-91. S.S. NORAH at the Juneau dock.
- 92-96. Christmas 1938
- 97-98. Christmas 1939
- 99-102. Christmas 1940-family scenes.
103. Thanksgiving Dinner [1939-1940]
- 104-106. Yacht NOPARO docked at Juneau.
- 107-139. Family Events
- 140-141. Juneau, Alaska downtown views of the Courthouse.
- 142-143. Sitka-Pioneers Home and scenes.
- 144-150. Juneau, Alaska-Goldstein Building Fire,