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Brackett, George Augustus

Brackett Family Collection, 1898-1899

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Biographical Note

In 1897, former Minneapolis mayor George Augustus Brackett and four of his seven sons came to Alaska to construct a railroad to the Klondike gold fields. Due to a lack of funds, the men changed their plans and built a toll road over the Dead Horse Trail. However, miners balked at the idea of paying to haul supplies over the trail and eventually a compromise with the Canadian government allowed the Brackett's to operate the toll road until the White Pass and Yukon Railway was completed in 1899. For more information about the Brackett family see: *One Woman's Gold Rush. Snapshots from Mollie Brackett's Lost Photo Album 1898-1899.*

Scope and Contents Note

Views of Skagway, on the trail to the Klondike gold fields and the Brackett family in Alaska. Also images of Alaskan Native men and women, unidentified. Captions were taken from the photographs when available. Other information supplied from donation papers and Cynthia Driscoll Brackett's book, *One Woman's Gold Rush. Snapshots from Mollie Brackett's Lost Photo Album 1898-1899.*

Inventory

- 1 Toll gate on the wagon road at the cutoff. E A. Hegg.
- 2 "Left to die. Skagway Trail." E.A. Hegg Photo. No. 30
- 3 Skaguay, 1897-98
- 4 High tide at Skaguay Alaska Oct 27, 1897. Hegg
- 5 [George Augustus Brackett and sons , l to r: Karl, Frank, Jim, Chape, Tom, Dave, Al, and George. Orono Point, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota]
- 6 James Brackett. No 2 Adams Gulch. E.A. Hegg
- 7 [store front: Brackett's Trading Post, groceries and gen'l merchandise.]
- 8 [Man with pack and pack mules]
- 9 George Brackett on log flume
- 10 [men in furs sitting on porch]

- 11 [house with sign "Kitcheenault" [Killisnoo Jake?]. man and girl on porch]
- 12 Summit of White Pass, Mar 17 '99 [?]. White Pass and Yukon Route freight yard. E.A. Hegg.
- 13 Brackett and men outside of cabin E.A. Hegg 114
- 14 [woman in bed; man sitting on edge]
- 15 [unidentified man]
- 16 [Brackett family in garden]
- 17 [Brackett sitting on rocks with son]
- 18 Cradeling [cradling] on the beach at Nome. Oct 3 .99
- 19 [laying the rails along the bluff]
- 20 [Dyea. Hotel Rosalie, Brannick Hotel]
- 21 [Unloading freight at Nome City]
- 22 [Brackett and friends next to totem pole between houses]
- 23 [beach scene; boats and people on shore - Lake Bennett? Mirror Lake]
- 24 [men with packs on the trail along lake or river]
- 25 Skaguay Trail, Alaska. E.A. Hegg. No. 22
- 26 Revs [reverends?] Bert Dickey and Grant, Pres [Presbyterian?], missionaries at Skaguay enroute to Klondike. Jan. [18]98. E.A. Hegg, No. 13.
- 27 Skaguay and Lake Bennett wagon road. E.A. Hegg. NO. 145
- 28 Skaguay and Lake Bennett wagon road, [18]98. E.A. Hegg.
- 29 White Pass City and White Pass & Yukon route. Mar. 30, 1899. E.A. Hegg
- 30 White Pass Alaska. Sept. 1, 1898. (No. 213)
- 31 George Brackett and men and a woman, at the rear of train.

32 Alaska (?) Native woman holding infant.

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