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Shorthill, William Werner

William Werner Shorthill Photograph Collection, ca. 1898

PCA 389

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Biographical Note

William Werner Shorthill was born October 6, 1870 in Rockford Illinois to Thomas Andrew Shorthill and Sarah Elizabeth Werner. He operated the Olympic News Company in Dyea, Alaska and was Secretary of the White Pass and Yukon Railway in Skagway; he also served as Secretary to Alaska Governor's Walter E. Clark (1909-1913) and John F.A. Strong (1913-1918). Shorthill died on July 26, 1948.

Scope and Contents Note

An album of Case & Draper, Hegg, Hirschfeld and Blankenburg photographs of Dyea , Skagway, gold mines and mining. Includes an image of Soapy Smith on horseback, Frank Reid in the hospital (?), the Treadwell Gloryhole.

Inventory

- 1 [Waterfront of] Skagway, Alaska. Case & Draper (no. 660)
- 2 [View from above of] Skaguay Alaska. Case & Draper (no. 667)
- 3 Broadway, Skagway, Alaska. Photo made at midnight. [Shows Case & Draper storefront and others] Case & Draper (no. 444) [Same as PCA 277-1-3]
- 4 Y.M.C.A. camera club. Case & Draper (no. 476) [Same as PCA 39-817]
- 5 [Students posed before] Public School Skagway Alaska. Case & Draper (no. 709)
- 6 [Unidentified boat. Round print]
- 7 Skagway's wharves. May 1898. (no. 807)
- 8 [Unidentified boat in water in front of mountains]
- 9 [Landscape with town, mountains in background]
- 10 [Buildings, men with belongings, Little Gem Bakery]
- 11 [Dog lying in front of cabin stockpiled with wood. Oval print.]
- 12 High tide at Skaguay Alaska Oct 27th 1897. Hegg (no. 20)
- 13 [S]oapy Smith [?] 4th. Killed July 8th. [on horse]
- 14 Frank Reid. Bishop Rowe Hospital. [oval print]
- 15 Skaguay [Group of men in snowy camp] E.A. Hegg
- 16 Building [Empire Theatre] at base of steep hill.
- 17 [William Werner Shorthill, Charles Kelly, and friend standing in front of Olympic News Stand]

- 18 Power House, Canyon City [Chilkoot Railroad and Transport Co. Freighting to Sheep Camp Summit and Lindeman] A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 7)
- 19 [Storefronts: Hershberg's, Dyea Hardware, Scott Lindsay & Co., Blum & Co., Olympic News Stand]
- 20 Skookum loading at Dyea Harbor June 22nd 1898. A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 104)
- 21 Dyea Harbor. A.C. H[irschfeld] (no. 16)
- 22 [Skiffs in foreground, buildings in background across water. Oval print]
- 23 [Large encampment of tents. Oval print]
- 24 [Large group of men, women, and children gathered outdoors on benches]
- 25 [Skiffs on beach, buildings in background, mountains in distance]
- 26 At Sheep Camp [in front of Hotel Woodlawn]. A.C. Hirschfeld
- 27 [Group of men and dogs in front of Healy and Wilson storefront]
- 28 Dyea Harbor. [A.C. Hirsch]feld.
- 29 [Men and pack mules and horses in front of Yaney-Maden & Co., Red Onion] [*Canyon City, 1898 per Karl Gurcke, March 2013 jas*]
- 30 [Harbor]
- 31 [Men, mules, and wagons laden with packed provisions. Oval print]
- 32 [Group of men on hillside near many fallen trees. Oval print]
- 33 Chilkoot Pass [Chilkoot Pass] A.C. H[irschfeld]. (no. 29)
- 34 Bennet [Bennett]. A.C. Hirschfeld.
- 35 Lake Bennet. [Bennett Lake]
- 36 [Three Canadian Mounties with three other men on top of high snow bank, huge stacks of sacks, Canadian Flag]
- 37 [Very faded photo- Group of men and sled loaded, connected to winch?]
- 38 [Frozen waterfall, men with mules pulling wagon, men walking behind, tent]
- 39 Stonehouse. A.C. H[irschfeld] (no. 31)
- 40 Sheep Camp.
- 41 Sheep Camp Alaska Feb 16, [18]98. E.A. Hegg
- 42 Chilkoot Summit, showing Crater Lake. A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 117) [Very faded]
- 43 [Building in foreground, tents and clearing behind, river/creek running through, large mountain in background]
- 44 Profanity Hill. [people scattered over large area with large piles of provisions]
- 45 [Mules/horses in group in front of log buildings and many tents]
- 46 Bennet. A.C. Hirschfeld [Very faded]
- 47 Lake Linderman [Lake Lindeman]

- 48 [Tree-lined lake? Very faded. Oval print]
- 49 Power House showing tramway in operation Dyea Train.
- 50 In the canyon. A.C. H[irschfeld] (no. 10?)
- 51 [Wagons on sleds going under "Toll Gate" sign: horses, mules, burros, oxen 50 cts. & Dog teams 4 dogs and over 50 cts.] (no. 818)
- 52 [Three men with guns by lake. Very faded]
- 53 Discovery Pine Creek, B.C. A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 120)
- 54 [Trail through clearing, people with packs scattered over area, piles of provisions. Oval print]
- 55 [Tramway, much clearing of timber, could be same area as 49]
- 56 Canyon. Canyon City. A.C. H[irschfeld] (no. 19)
- 57 The Scales [with structures scattered about, including restaurant] A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 116)
- 58 [Loaded pack mules, men on road in front of store fronts: El Dorado Hotel, Feed Store, the Nevada Restaurant] [*Canyon City, 1898 per Karl Gurcke, March 2013 jas*]
- 59 Snow Slide Stone House April 3rd. A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 15)
- 60 The Stone House Dyea Trail. A.C. Hirschfeld (no. 61)
- 61 [Loaded mules and horses near buildings with seven men posing]
- 62 [Snowy scene. Chilkoot? Very faded]
- 63 Chilcoot pass. A.C. H[irschfeld] (no. 2-?)
- 64 Dyea [with woman sitting on dock]. A.C. Hirschfeld. (no. 42?)
- 65 [Parade of soldiers down street. Many people watching along sides of street.]
- 66 [Encampment with many tents]
- 67 [Group of men in clearing near building]
- 68 Hirschfeld Creek. [Two men]
- 69 Bennet and harbor. J[ohn]M. B[lankenber].
- 70 [Same as 45. Print cut into oval]
- 71 Governor of Alaska. Dad W.W. Shorthill [Portrait of two men] Dad & Gov. of Alaska [on back of postcard]
- 72 [no photo 72]
- 73 Douglas, Alaska. E.A. Hegg
- 74 [Inside a Treadwell mill?]
- 75 [Inside a Treadwell mill?]
- 76 [Part of Treadwell mine?]
- 77 [Glory Hole of Treadwell mine?]

- 78 Glory Hole Treadwell Alaska. E.A. Hegg
- 79 Juneau Alaska. E.A. Hegg
- 80 [Juneau Alaska]
- 81 Foster Glacier, Taku Inlet Alaska. E.A. Hegg 1903.
- 82 Ice bergs, in Taku Inlet Alaska. E.A. Hegg 1903
- 83 Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Shorthill [in front of Skaguay News Depot] Case & Draper
- 84 Canyon, Dyea Trail. Alaska View and Photo. Co.(no. 818) [Same as 51, except with matting]
- 85 "Glory Hole" at Treadwell, Alaska and Juneau in the distance.
- 86 [Boat in water, Gastineau Channel?]
- 87 [Silverbow Basin?]
- 88 Taku Glacier
- 89 [Skiff rowing toward shore with cabin]
- 90 [Homestead?]