

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Pihl, Carl G.A., 1873-1950

Carl G.A. Pihl Photograph Collection, ca. 1910

PCA 407

11 photographs and postcards, 1 wooden plaque

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Acquisition: Rogers B. Finch of Little Silver, New Jersey, a great nephew of the collector donated the items in 1988 (Acc. No. 1988-001).

Access: The photos may be viewed, however, the images may not be photocopied.

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Processing: Original order was retained. Historical Collections staff numbered the photographs.

Biographical Note

Carl G. A. (Gustaf Alfred) Pihl was born (August 22 1873) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He came to Alaska in 1899-1900 to join the gold rush around Dawson, Yukon. He prospected with his close friend "Andy" whom he discovered murdered in their cabin. On his return to California, he taught shop in the Eureka, California school system. He died in September 1950.

Scope and Contents Note

All photographs and postcards relate to Rex Beach's stay at Rampart, Alaska, ca. 1910. Plaque is from the *Northern Light*, Rex Beach's steamboat.

Inventory

Photographs and Postcards:

- 1 Rex Beach's cabin at Rampart [Alaska] where he wrote many of his books.
- 2 Fishing. Taking the Northern Light out of the water by use of Spanish windlass. [Northern Light in background, people fishing on riverbank in foreground.] [Postcard]
- 3 Rex Beach - Cabin, Rampart, Alaska.
- 4 [Northern Light pushing barge of logs.] [Postcard]
- 5 [Northern Light beached for winter. Riverbank buildings have signs reading: Tanana Commercial Co., Grand Hotel? Cafe, and Lincoln H...]
- 6 [Northern Light beached for winter. Smaller boats in foreground. Frozen river in background.]
- 7 Str. Northern Light. Last steamboat up the Yukon. [No.] 59.
- 8 [Engine of the Northern Light?] [Postcard]
- 9 Engine room. Str. Northern Light - port side. [Postcard]
- 10 [Engine room, Str. Northern Light] [Postcard]
- 11 Engine room. Str. Northern Light - starboard side. [Postcard]

Wood plaque:

[Physical description: 7.58" h x 5.5" w x 1" d. Wooden base with 2 metal plates affixed to verso surface. 2 paper notes are affixed to verso surface.]

[Top metal plate reads:] The W. L. Corson Gas Engine Co. San Francisco Eng No 40 H P 26 Rev 500

[Bottom metal plate reads:] Presented by Miss Helen Miller Gould to The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations for use of American Soldiers.

[Top paper note reads:] From engine Rex Beach's boat "Northern Light" Rampart, Alaska. - 1910 - On this boat was written many of his famous stories.

[Bottom paper note reads:] This plate is from the Soldiers [?] Library. Ft. Egbert, Alaska - 1910.