

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Rolston, Anna Montgomery

Anna Montgomery Rolston Photograph Album: A Trip to Alaska, 1930

PCA 408

20 photographs

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ACQUISITION: Lesley Percival, daughter of Anna Montgomery Rolston, donated the items to Prince Rupert City and Regional Archives; they were subsequently transferred to the Alaska State Library (Acc. No. 1999-044).

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

COPYRIGHT: Request for permission to publish or reproduce material from the collection should be discussed with the Librarian.

PROCESSING: The original photograph order was retained. Photographs were numbered and housed in mylar. Some of the photographs have scorched edges. According to the donor, "in 1942 my parents home burned to the ground. Fortunately the photos were saved, although damaged." [letter from Lesley J. Percival, March 25, 2000]

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Anna Montgomery emigrated with her family from Ireland when she was 5 (1913) to Richmond where she lived most of her life. Just before high school graduation she got a job with B.C. Tel as a telephone operator. She was probably employed there when she took the cruise to Alaska. Soon after, she married Pete Rolston and was fired from B.C. Tel. because married women were not allowed to work in the telephone office at that time. However, they rehired her the same day with the directive that she could work until she got pregnant. She was the first *married* woman to work for B.C. Tel.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

All photographs relate to Anna Montgomery Rolston's cruise through Southeast Alaska in 1930, when she was 22 years old.

INVENTORY

Photograph identifications are included on verso of each photograph. Information in brackets was provided by the library staff.

- 1 [Power] plant and Juneau, 1930
- 2 Glacier break up at Juneau, 1930
- 3 Ice break up near Juneau, 1930
- 4 Annie [boat]
- 5 Chamiss [boat]
- 6 Bennett [Yukon]
- 7 Taku [Glacier]
- 8 [Taku Glacier]
- 9 Wrangell, 1930

- 10 Ketchikan, Alaska, 1930
- 11 [Skagway Court House?]
- 12 W[h]arf at Skagway, 1930
- 13 Skagway, Alaska, 1930
- 14 Husky at Skagway, 1930
- 15 Bank of Alaska, Skagway, 1930
- 16 Skagway flats, 1930
- 17 Cove Cliff
- 18 Icebergs at Alaska, 1930
- 19 Wrangell?
- 20 Summitt [i.e., Summit] Alaska, U.S.A., Yukon, Can[ada].