

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

President Harding's Trip to Alaska, 1923

PCA 418

14 photographs
7 postcards
3 stereographs

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ACQUISITION: The Alaska State Library purchased the photographs from the *New York Times*, Photo Archives in December 2000 and February 2001, Acc. no. 2001-15. Photograph # 10 was donated in 2007 (Acc.# 2007-026). Folder #3 was donated in November of 2008 (Acc. # 2008-036).

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing, however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The photos were numbered and inventoried. Because the photos are fragile, reprints are available for viewing.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTES

The photographs were taken for the New York Times' coverage of President Warren Harding's "Voyage of Understanding" to the Far North in late July and early August of 1923. They include his arrival in Ketchikan, in Juneau, Metlakatla, Skagway, Seward, Cantwell, and Valdez. Governor Bone's daughter Marguerite Bone Wilcox donated a collection of photographs also of President Harding's trip to Alaska, PCA 70.

INVENTORY

The inventory is transcribed from the newspaper or typewritten labels on the verso of each photo.

Folder 1:

- 1 With the President in Alaska: Photograph taken from the deck of the U.S.S. Henderson immediately after its arrival in Alaska with the Presidential party aboard showing Market Street Ketchikan, gay with bunting, while individual houses are also decorated in honor of the Chief Executive (Pacific & Atlantic Photos).
- 2 President Harding speaking from Governor Bone's mansion, Juneau, Alaska (Times Wide World Photos).
- 3 President and Mrs. Harding and Governor Bone of Alaska at the Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau (Times Wide World Photos).
- 4 He can't get away from the airplanes: President Harding, while seated on the porch of the schoolhouse at the Indian Village of Metlakatla, with Mrs. Harding, Governor Scott Bone and Secretary Wallace, sights an aviator cutting circles in the Alaskan Skies (Times Wide World Photos).
- 5 President Harding and party leaving the Artic [Arctic] Brotherhood, a fraternal organization whose motto is "No Boundary Line Here." Camp Skagway #1, 1889. The Artic [Arctic] Brotherhood conferred their degree on the Pres[ident]. 7/30/[19]23 (Times Wide World Photos).
- 6 Inspecting Alaska's lines of communication with the outer world: the President, with Governor Bone, chatting with two sailors of the U.S. Naval Radio Station at Seward (Times Wide World Photos).

- 7 The railway sedan becomes a presidential adjunct: President Harding leaving his pullman at Seward, Alaska, for an extended exploration of a branch line of the railroad by means of an automobile fitted with railway wheels (Times Wide World Photos).
- 8 An e[E]skimo dog team at Cantwell, Alaska. President is seen admiring the dog team (Times Wide World Photos).
- 9 Left to right: Lt. Commander Boone- assistant to Dr. Sawyer, Sec. Herbert Hoover, Malcolm Jennings, personal friend of President Harding, President Harding, on the Richardson Highway. Autos in background used for transporting the party, Valdez (Times Wide World Photos).
- 10 A polar "mailman." President Harding makes friends with this Alaskan husky who drags the mail sledge north of fifty-four. (International Newsreel Photo)

Folder 2: Reprints of photographs 1-9 in folder 1. Photocopies of verso of photographs are also included.

Folder 3:

- 11 Ketchikan, Alaska. [A large assembly of people gather in street, upper story windows and on rooftops to see President Harding. Sign in image: Welcome to our President.]
- 12 Harding in Alaska [at Seward *per Jim Geraghty*]
- 13 9. The President does a bit of bridge building. Driving the final golden spike at the Tanana Bridge, Alaska railway.
- 14 "On Broadway." President and Mrs. Harding [Marguerite Bone *per Jim Geraghty*] walk along the main street of Skagway, Alaska. Note the absence of the customary crowds.
- 15 [Mrs. Harding and President Harding greeted by little girl while crowd watches.]
- 16 President & Gov.
- 17 [President Harding walking down dirt street with military men to his left and unidentified man to his right. Crowd in background, dog in foreground.]

- 18 [President Harding walking down middle of street beneath Welcome arch with 4 gentlemen. Crowd on sidewalk.]
- 19 [Mrs. Harding in container being hoisted on or off ship]
- 20 [President Harding with group of about 20 on trail near river, similar to #23]
- 21 [President Harding and about 10 others on boat]
- 22 18514 - Alaskan Salmon Looks Good to President and Mrs. Harding at Metlakatla, Alaska. [Stereograph]
- 23 18590 - President Harding and Party Enjoying Glacier Sights in Alaska. [Stereograph]
- 24 18594 - Gov. Bone Dons Eskimo "Parka" for President and Mrs. Harding. [Stereograph]