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Guide to Collection

Swanson, Ruth

Strawberry Point Photograph Collection, 1914-1917

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7 b&w photographs
One Folder

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The collection is a gift of James R. Mackovjak, an author from Gustavus, Alaska. The photos were taken at Strawberry Point, which is now called Gustavus. Ernest Swanson is considered to be the founder of Elfin Cove. He spent some time at Strawberry Point/Gustavus circa 1916-1917. The photos taken at Strawberry Point/ Gustavus came from the collection of Ruth Swanson of Elfin Cove, Ernest Swanson's spouse via James Mackovjak, who was visiting with Ruth Swanson when she decided to purge her photo album of these particular photos.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Family photographs. Strawberry Point, now Gustavus, Alaska, 1914-1917.

SUBJECTS

Southeast Alaska
Gustavus
Strawberry Point
Alaska Farming

INVENTORY

Folder 1

- 1 Circa 1917. Ernest Swanson (left), Verne Henry (right). Horse drawn cart with a crop of rutabagas[?] in cart and on ground.
- 2 1914. Janet Henry along Salmon River with shotgun.
- 3 July 1914. Along the Salmon River (by John Davis), Verne Henry (back, left, w/black shirt). Bernice Davis (front left w/cat), Janet Henry (back center, looking aside), William Taggart (back right). Margaret Taggart (front right) in front of tent.
- 4 1914. Janet Henry along Salmon River with paddles or poles.
- 5 Circa 1916. John Davis (left) with child. Bernice Davis (center), Ernest Swanson (right). See Alaska Magazine, October 1964.
- 6 Circa 1916. Ernest Swanson with Davis child.
- 7 Circa 1917. Orville Oliver O. K. Rude (left), John Davis (center), Ernest Swanson (right) with hoes. See Alaska Magazine, October 1964. Verso: "Rude- from Hoonah boat "Bulah."