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Guide to Collection

Kemp Family Photographs, Nome, Alaska, 1905-1910

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3 folders
72 b&w photographs, various sizes

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Black and white photographs of Northern Alaska and Nome, circa 1905-1910, during the gold rush. The bulk of the images are of Charles L. Kemp and Mrs. A.S. Kemp in Nome at the Kemp store, hunting on the Bering Sea, reindeer and dog sleds, school and social gatherings, and theater productions. The photographs primarily concern life in Nome, Alaska, in 1910, but have some pictures of other places in Alaska. Photographers include: Otto Daniel Goetze, Winter and Pond, Lomen Bros., Dobbs, E.W. Merrill and the Curtis Studio-Seattle.

SUBJECTS

Nome, Dawson City, Theatre, Dance Halls, Whaling Ship "*Olga*", dog sled, reindeer, Winter and Pond, Lomen Brothers, Dobbs, Curtis Studio, Otto Daniel Goetze, students and faculty, dinner parties.

INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 3 [Nome, Alaska]

1. F.O.E. [Fraternal Order of Eagles] No. 75 Memorial Service Decorations, Eagle Hall, Nome, Alaska, March 20th, 1910. Lomen Bros.
2. No photograph
3. Cast in "His Old Sweet Hearts," Given by High School, Nome, Alaska, April 16th, 1910. Lomen Bros. [F.O. Eagles Hall]
4. "The Gutta Percha Girl," Given for the Nome Kennel Club, Apr. 5, 1910, Direction of Fred O. Hanks. Dobbs.
5. [Group of Actresses surrounding man dressed as a woman, Nome, Alaska] Dobbs.
6. [Group of Actresses dressed as clowns - Mrs. A.S. Kemp bottom center?] Dobbs.
7. "Mistress Nell" 1 Act - Nome, Alaska #433; O. D. Goetze.
8. "Mistress Nell" 2 Act - Nome, Alaska #435; O. D. Goetze.
9. "Mistress Nell" 3 Act - Nome, Alaska #436; O. D. Goetze [Mrs. A.S. Kemp or daughter dressed as a man with hat with feather center front?]
10. "Mistress Nell" 4 Act - Nome, Alaska #A.434; O. D. Goetze.
11. "Mistress Nell" Sec Act - Nome, Alaska #A.431; O. D. Goetze.

12. [Christmas dinner Nome, Alaska] Dobbs.
13. [Nome society dinner party in Kemp home? above Kemp store. Mr. Charles L. Kemp? third from right. Possibly Thomas T. Lane seated]
14. [Nome society dinner party in Kemp home? above Kemp store. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp? at head of table. Some of the same people from photo number 11. Nome, Alaska. Same dinner party as photo number 12. Nome, Alaska]
15. [Inside Kemp store, Nome, Alaska.] Dobbs Photo. (2 copies)
16. [Mrs. Kemp inside Kemp store, Nome, Alaska] Lomen Bros.
17. Kemp's Nome Jan. 1910. [Exterior of Kemp store]; [Signs on buildings: Pioneer Candy, A.G. Oliver, Blatchford & Oliver.] Dobbs. (2 copies)
18. [Mrs. Kemp standing behind 60 bars of gold, 3 large bags of gold, and 8 large pots of (amalgam?); See also PCA 12-108 - \$1,250,000 Gold Bullion, Miners & Mercht's Bank, Nome, Alaska, June 10th, 1906 Dobbs photo - \$1000 Gold Coin]

Folder 2 of 3 [Nome, Alaska]

19. Walrus Hunters in the Arctic. Dobbs.
20. [Pulling loaded reindeer sleds.]
21. The Midnight Sun
22. The Whaler "*Olga*" Washed ashore on Nome Beach, Nome Alaska, 1909.
23. Faculty and Pupils. Public School of Nome, Alaska, on Bering Sea, April 19th, 1910. Lomen Bros.
24. No photograph.
25. On the Ice Hummocks of Bering Sea, opposite Nome, Alaska, "May Day," 1910. [Lomen Bros. photo]
26. "May Day" Party on the Ice Hummocks of Bering Sea Opposite Nome, Alaska, 1910. Lomen Bros.
- 26a. "May Day" on Bering Sea Opposite Nome, Alaska. 1910. Lomen Bros.
27. School "Cadets" of Nome, Alaska, Drilling on Bering Sea, April 16th, 1910. Lomen Bros.
28. "Champions of Alaska" Eagle Basket Ball Team of Nome. Season 1909-1910 on a Bering Sea Ice Hammock. Lomen Bros.

29. Finish Col. Ramsay's Entry, John Johnson, Driver, Winner 3rd All Alaska Sweepstakes. Lomen Bros.
30. Col. Ramsey Winner's 1st Prize 3rd Annual All Alaska Sweepstake Nome. John Johnson, Driver. Copyright 1910 by B. B. Dobbs, #82.
31. Allen & Darling's Racing Team. 3rd Annual All Alaska Sweepstake, Nome 1910. Dobbs.
32. Start Fox Ramsey's Entry 3rd All Alaska Sweepstakes, Fox Ramsey Driver, Nome, Alaska, April 7, 1910. Lomen Bros.
33. Loading Passengers for S. S. *St. Paul* Sesnon Lighterage Co., Nome.#121. Dobbs.
34. A Happy Miner's Home, Nome, Alaska. Goetze.
35. [Aerial oblique photo of Nome, Alaska]
36. Officers Row Fort Davis, Alaska. Dobbs.
37. No photograph
38. [Portrait of a man]
39. No photograph
40. No photograph
41. [Dog team and musher]
42. [Man, Woman and child climbing hill in snow]
43. [Dog in doorway to home buried in snow, sign above home says F. St. Mary]
44. [Two women on dogsled]
45. [Mrs. Kemp and daughter? with two wet dogs on tundra]
46. No photograph
47. [Two women riding in aerial ore tram bucket]
48. [Mrs. Kemp and daughter? with two wet dogs on tundra]
49. [Three people posing on broken sea ice]
50. [Woman (Mrs. Kemp) standing in snow]

51. [Man laying on vertical broken sea ice]
52. [Two women seated on broken sea ice (Mrs. Kemp in rear)]
53. [Men teasing dogs with dead grouse]
54. [Woman shaking paw of malamute]
55. [Two women and dogs in snow]
56. [Husky dog]
57. [Man shoveling snow on sidewalk]
58. [Two husky dogs laying in snow at window level of house]

Folder 3 of 3 [Non-Nome photographs]

59. [Aerial oblique view of] Juneau, Alaska. #484. Copyrighted by Winter & Pond, 1905.
60. #76. Taku Glacier. Copyright by Winter and Pond.
61. [Tidewater view of Sitka, Alaska - small cannons and native war canoe in foreground - small boat *Nadya Sitka* in water; E.W. Merrill photo]
62. [View of Sitka, Alaska, from the water] Photo by E.W. Merrill Sitka, Alaska.
63. [Interior view of St. Michaels, Russian Orthodox, Church, Sitka, Alaska.]
64. [Native Alaskan women seated on board sidewalk in front of Sitka business (Gen'l Merchandise Sitka Trading Co.) selling berries] Photo by E.W. Merrill Sitka, Alaska.
65. A Yukon Railroad. B. N. Co. No. 78.
66. A Dawson Dance Hall. B. N. Co. No. 65.
67. "Dawson by the Light of the Aurora Borealis." Copyright applied for Jan. 2, 1908. [possibly photographed by O.D. Goetz]
68. Native Grave, St. Michael, Alaska. #650. Dobbs.
69. Sledge Island Rookeries. Lomen Bros.
70. [Men with reindeer and loaded sleds]

71. Mrs. A.S. Kemp. Light brown hair, brown eyes, good ? Old Rose Waist, Black skirt, Gold frame. [Hand tinted portrait - Curtis' Studio, Seattle. The reverse side has information about colors to tint the photo and the name: Mrs. A.S. Kemp]
72. [Studio portrait of Mrs. Kemp in decorated fur parka and mittens]