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Guide to Collection

Windsor, William R.

Windsor Photograph Collection

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1 folder
25 various sized photographs
33 photo postcards
3 - 8x10 commercial photos

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the item level. All items have been placed in mylar and into a pH-neutral folder.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

This photograph collection was owned by William R. Windsor (21 July, 1913-26 November, 1988). William arrived in Alaska an infant from Fort Blakely in Washington state in 1916. His family had homesteads in the Mendenhall Valley and on Admiralty Island. William was the son of Nellie Sparks Windsor (d. in Washington, 1 September, 1970), and Hal Windsor. Hal Windsor was William's adoptive father. He was chief lineman for the power company. Nellie later married Douglas mayor, William Kilburn. Nellie and Ida's mother was Lavina Sparks. Lavina married Harry Starr who managed the fish hatchery at Grouse Lake near Seward.

Nellie's sister Ida Sparks was married to Al Forsythe. Ida and Al owned Colt Island, in-between Douglas Island and Admiralty Island, Alaska. The Forsythes had what the donor described as a "huge garden and strawberry farm" on Colt Island. The Forsythes employed local people to harvest strawberries, and there was a Juneau farmers' market at that time. The whole of Colt Island, including tideland rights, was sold to a Gig Harbor, Washington realtor in 1956 for \$6000.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Windsor photograph collection includes personal photographs of Colt Island and the Mendenhall Valley in Juneau, Alaska. The collection also contains commercial photograph postcards of several Alaska towns and one postcard showing the Steamship *Al-Ki* wrecking on rocks.

SUBJECTS

Colt Island, Alaska, Juneau, Ketchikan, Anchorage, Cordova, Strawberry farm, Admiralty Island, Wrangell, Skagway, Sitka, Steamship *Al-Ki*

INVENTORY

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1. [Ida (Sparks) Forsythe? and son]
2. Left Al Forsythe, ?, ? (Mrs. Bill Kilburn), Nell Kilburn (Windsor), Ida Forsythe Colt Island
3. Grouse on log at Colt Island farm
4. Ida Forsythe Colt Island near Juneaoh [Juneau] 1920's or 1930's
5. Nell Windsor Kilburn, Bill Windsor, Ida Forsythe Colt Island, Alaska, berry picker cabin
6. Strawberry patch on Colt Island out of Juneau, Alaska, 1920's

7. All [Al] and Ida Forsythe on Colt Island during a storm
8. [Similar to #7]
9. Colt Island Alaska about 1916 Dad, Grandma, Aunt Ida, Hal, Bill Windsor, Nell Windsor Kilburn; Al & Ida Forsythe (owners of Colt Island until 1956. Sold it for \$6000).
10. An hour's fishing at Bear Creek Admiralty Island about 200 fish, 1920's; SE Alaska, Admiralty Alaska, Bear Creek Bill and Nell Windsor Al & Ida Forsythe. [2 copies]
11. Admiralty Island Bear Creek Alaska, 1919
12. Two women in chicken yard
13. Forsythe Home Mendenhall River Area, 1920's
14. Al & Ida Forsythe House ? of Mendenhall River Area, 1920's
15. Ketchikan [fish hatchery]
16. New Town Ketchikan, Alaska
17. Vancouver Harbour, Oct 15, 1929
18. The new car just bought in S.F. Christmas day 1928 in front of Clark Hotel
19. A home.
20. Ankorage Al & Ida Forsythe; Anchorage 1940's, former "sporting house"
21. Two people with small dog
22. Hazelton, B.C.
23. [Reverse image] Stewart, B.C.
24. Steamship "Al-Ki" [breaking up on the rocks] Winter and Pond photo
25. 465 Looking down Gastineau Channel, Juneau-Alaska T. Davis photo
26. P92 Juneau, Alaska and Gastineau Channel
27. Juneau, Alaska Pub. By Brickley T-25
28. 349 Juneau, Alaska Winter and Pond [aerial view of downtown]

29. #477 Douglas Bridge – Alaska T. Davis photo
30. P-421 The Waterfront – Juneau, Alaska
31. Alaska Juneau Mine Mill Juneau, Alaska 3P-38 Ordway photo
32. No. 819 Sunset Juneau – Alaska
33. Auk Lake, Alaska Ordway 3P-40
34. #762 Mendenhall Glacier Alaska T. Davis photo
35. Mendenhall Glacier Alaska 35266 30 Ordway
36. The Mendenhall Glacier Ice Cave, 35499 Ordway – Juneau, Alaska
37. Grandma Kilburn Apartment in Douglas, Alaska
38. Taku Glacier, Alaska
39. Wrangell, Alaska
40. Skagway, Alaska
41. Main Street, Wrangell, Alaska, Frank Morgan photo for Brickley T-115
42. P91- Ketchikan on Tongass Narrows, Alaska
43. #562 Ketchikan, Alaska. T. Davis photo
44. Otto S. Icy Straits, Alaska
45. P93 Sitka, Alaska
46. Lover’s Lane; Sitka, Alaska Case and Draper photo [hand tinted postcard]
47. Cordova and Orca Bay Brickley T-72
48. 5620. Seward Alaska.
49. Anchorage – Alaska
50. S.S. Yukon at Columbia Glacier H.W. Steward 1927
51. Kodiak, Alaska Brickley T-63
52. Canadian Pacific ‘Empress of Britain’ – Tourist Restaurant [inside view of restaurant]

53. P-573 Barr's Bear 10 feet 6 inches square
54. Len Sparks 1922 Juneau, AK
55. Woman with three young girls and dog
56. A home.
57. Portrait of two boys and a dog
58. [Unidentified farmstead]
59. High Trestle in Mile 48 - U.S. Govt. Ry. Alaska.
60. Bartlett Glacier Mile 49 Gov. Ry.
61. [Hand tinted ocean sunset with fishing vessel - photo]