

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

**Kashevaroff Family Photograph Collection, 1920s-1930s**

**PCA 425-31**

4 folders  
CD  
50 b&w images from CD  
14 nitrate negatives

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**ACQUISITION:** The collection was donated to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections December of 2003 by Mary Purvis of the Kiks.ádi Clan of Sitka, who is the granddaughter of Sasha Kashevaroff. Acc. # 2005-004. Thirty seven negatives were lent to the Historical Collections for copying. Fourteen nitrate negatives were donated.

**ACCESS:** The collection is unrestricted.

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**PROCESSING:** This collection has been described at the item level. All photographs have been digitized and are located on a CD. The original negatives that were retained by the Historical Collections have been placed in frozen storage. All of the photographs were printed on paper. All items have been placed in pH-neutral folders.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Reverend Andrew Petrovich Kashevaroff was born in Kodiak in 1863, four years before the Alaska Purchase. Andrew's father was also born in Russian America, the Russian and American term for Alaska. His grandfather arrived from Russia in 1820 to work as a naval instructor. Andrew went to school from age 7 to 17 in San Francisco, which led to his becoming an accomplished violinist. Father Kashevaroff held many positions in various locations in Alaska, including 60 years of service to the Russian Orthodox Church, which culminated in the role of Archpriest. Father Kashevaroff lobbied the Alaska legislature for an Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum in Juneau. Instrumental in its establishment, he was appointed curator of the institution and held the position for 20 years. Kashevaroff wrote many articles on Native culture and Alaska history. He was married on April 30, 1893, to Martha Bolshanin of Sitka, who died April 13, 1931. They had seven children. Nina, who was born in 1900, between Mary and Cyril, died in an unfortunate accident. October, 1908, she was run over by a horse in front of her best friend, Margaret Hanlin's house next to the Bishop's house. Sasha Kashevaroff and Margaret Hanlin witnessed the accident. Sasha was the oldest daughter (b. 1900) after Nina (b. 1888). A.P. Kashevaroff left Cyril, Mary, Nadja, Legia, Natalia, Xenia, as well as eight grandchildren at the time of his death April 3, 1940. [From a Daily Alaska Empire obituary, 4/3/1940, page 1, with corrections and additions from donor].

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Kashevaroff family photographs in Sitka and California, photographs taken on a canoe trip Jack and Sasha made in 1929 from Tacoma to Juneau. Images of fish traps, net fishing, petroglyphs and totems, Tlingit crests, canoe trip.

## SUBJECTS

Kashevaroff, Sitka, Tacoma, Juneau, canoe, petroglyphs, totems

## INVENTORY

**Folder 1** of 4

**Photographs of the Kashevaroffs, their children, friends, and family**

*Images from 14 nitrate negatives*

*On CD as: Big Box 1-14*

1. [Group of children and two adults sitting outdoors eating at picnic table, clothing hanging on clothes line.]

2. [Two Kashevaroff girls holding cats in their laps sitting by porch]
3. [Group of children and adult women standing at end of dock. Possibly preparing to board boat that will take them to village at waterfront in distance, two of the children are holding furled American flags.]
4. [Group of eleven children and adult women posing on snow covered hillside.]
5. [Four Kashevaroff girls sitting by porch, two of the girls with cats in their laps.]
6. [Father Kashevaroff, Mrs. Kashevaroff, and girls standing near and on porch]
7. [Group, mostly children, watching girls play checkers in yard. House and two tents behind.]
8. [Father Kashevaroff, Mrs. Kashevaroff, their four girls, and a cat on porch.]
9. [Father Kashevaroff family, clergyman, and woman standing outside of log building]
10. [Seven girls, of various ages, standing and sitting in yard]
11. [Group of adults and children standing in front of U. S. Warehouse building]
12. [Group of adults and children standing on ground between two bodies of water. Trees in background reflected in water.]
13. [Two little girls in dresses and rubber boots standing in water near small boat that is tied to beach. Woman in canoe next to small boat.]
14. [Mrs. Kashevaroff, the Kashevaroff girls, and four women outside of building]

**Folder 2** of 4 – Photographs of 53 day canoe trip taken by Jack Calvin and Sasha Kashevaroff Calvin from Tacoma to Juneau, June 25 to August 16, 1929

*On CD as: Last Box 1-21 & 3x4 1-13*

*Numbers with \* indicate photographs that are included in the article: "Nakwasina" Goes North: A Man, a Woman, and a Pup Cruise from Tacoma to Juneau in a 17-Foot Canoe". See Folder 4*

15. [Three men on board the boat *Rose City* Vancouver. B.C handling fishing net]
16. [Boat harbor]

- \*17. [Captain Tom of the *Mary T.*]
- \*18. [A friendly trap watchman provides salmon for dinner]
- 19. [Sasha standing in door way of shack]
- 20. [Jack and Sasha handling their canoe *Nakwasina* on rocky beach]
- \*21. [Five men on boat pulling in a heavy purse seine]
- 22. [Fish trap]
- 23. [Fish trap]
- 24. [Boat at small dock]
- \*25. [Jack and Sasha paddling their canoe *Nakwasina*]
- \*26. [Sasha unfurls *Nakwasina's* sail]
- \*27. [Two British Columbia trollers run together]
- 28. [Scenic aerial view of water, land and mountains]
- 29. [Boat harbor, Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, B.C.] *reverse image*
- 30. [Captain Tom on boat unrolling chart, dog Kayo near]
- 31. [Sasha in bow of *Nakwasina* holding on to barnacle covered rock]
- 32. [Petroglyphs on rock]
- \*33. [Old dugout canoes at Alert Bay]
- 34. [Whale totemic carving; totem pole]
- 35. [Totem pole]
- 36. [Petroglyphs on rock] *same as #32*
- 37. [Boats docked at harbor]

38. [Sasha standing by beached *Nakwasina*]
- \*39. [Sasha and Kayo in canvas covered *Nakwasina*]
40. [*Nakwasina* by rocky shore, Kayo on board, Sasha standing near holding oar]
41. [Totem pole] *close up view of totem in #34*
42. [Close up view of portion of totem pole]
43. [Jack and Sasha handling their canoe *Nakwasina* on rocky beach] *same as #20*
44. [Close up of Jack Calvin paddling the *Nakwasina*]
- \*45. [Jack and Sasha breaking camp in lower British Columbia]
46. [View from boat across water, trees and mountains in the distance; small British flag attached to pole on boat]
47. [Sasha standing by *Nakwasina* in shallow water by shore, village in background]
48. [Petroglyphs on rock] *same as #32 & 36*

**Folder 3** of 4 – Two miscellaneous photographs

*On CD as: Envelope 1-2*

49. [Image, taken across water, of buildings on pilings, mountains in background]
50. [House in wooded area]

**Folder 4** of 4

Article:

*"Nakwasina" Goes North: A Man, a Woman, and a Pup Cruise from Tacoma to Juneau in a 17-Foot Canoe* by Jack Calvin. The National Geographic Magazine, Vol. 64, No. 1, July 1933, pages 1-16, 33-42.

Compact Disc of all images described in this collection:

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| Big Box: 1-14  | PCA 425-31-1 to PCA 425-31-14  |
| Last Box: 1-21 | PCA 425-31-15 to PCA 425-31-35 |
| 3x4: 1-13      | PCA 425-31-36 to PCA 425-31-48 |
| Envelope: 1-2  | PCA 425-31-49 to PCA 425-31-50 |

**INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES**  
Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

**Box 1** of 1: Original negatives 1-14