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Guide to Collection

**Tenter, Herman A.**

**Herman A. Tenter Photograph Collection, ca. 1917-1918**

**PCA 437**

16 photographs

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Herman A. Tenter was born March 20, 1895. In his early 20's he went to Fairbanks, via Valdez, with several relatives. After trying placer mining at Cleary Creek, he discovered there was more money running (dog sledding) the mail from Fairbanks to Circle for the U.S. Post Office. Tenter was a quiet and gentle man. Having a special talent for metal working, he could make or fix almost anything. He spent his later life raising prune plums near Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA. Herman Tenter died October 19, 1968.

*[From biographical notes written by Wood McCann, 2002]*

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Photographs are primarily Herman Tenter's mining operation and life at Cleary Creek, ca. 1917. A few photos depict Tenter's sled dogs running mail between Fairbanks and Circle.

## INVENTORY

Most descriptions are written by Wood McCann on the verso of photos. Descriptions written by Herman Tenter are in italics. Information supplied by staff is in brackets.

- 1 Herman Tenter abt. 1917, Fairbanks, AK, [seated in front of] the "squaw" hut
- 2 Herman Tenter & unkn. Abt. 1917, Fairbanks, AK, [standing in front of] their "squaw" hut
- 3 Left, Herman Tenter, right, unknown, abt. 1917, location?
- 4 Alaska trip partners, Herman Tenter (2nd from left), "on the trail" from Valdez abt. 1917 [one man sleeping with hat over face, 4 other men seated on ground, one reading newspaper]
- 5 Right, Herman Tenter & partners abt. 1917, Fairbanks area [2 men stooping by creek with pans, one man standing, large tub at edge of creek]
- 6 Fairbanks [area] 1917 [mining operation in valley with creek running through]
- 7 Abt. 1917. The open cut in summer and \_\_\_\_ [?] of Cleary in background [mining operation in foreground; buildings in background]
- 8 Cleary Creek, abt. 1917. Open cut at anvil [?], car going up to dump

- 9 Fairbanks 1917 [mining operation]
- 10 Herman Tenter, Cleary Creeks dig abt. 1917 [mining equipment]
- 11 Cleary Creek? [2 men working a mining operation]
- 12 Fairbanks 1917 [mining operation]
- 13 Sluice near Fairbanks, abt. 1917
- 14 Herman Tenter "running the U.S. mail" to Circle from Fairbanks, abt. 1918 [sled dog team running through the snow in a birch woods]
- 15 Fairbanks abt. 1918. [Sled dog team waiting in front of L.F. Protzman Groceries; 4 men standing in front of store. To the right, building with sign, "Freighting to the Creeks"]
- 16 Fairbanks abt. 1918. [Sled dog team in street with 3 men standing behind, men lining the street. Scott ? Hardware Co., Vachon's, and Gilsey House, up the street]

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