

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Cropley, J.

J. Cropley Photograph Album, ca. 1900s

PCA 477

1 box (0.15 linear ft.)
1 album, 53 b&w photographs
3 sleeved negatives

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ACQUISITION: Provenance unknown. Found onsite in December 1987; accessioned September 19, 2001 (Acc# 2001-074.)

ACCESS: Unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: Boxed, leaves protected with Mylar inserts. Photos were numbered; album pages were digitized and stored as jpg and tiff images. The album, in its entirety was saved in portable document format (PDF).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

All of the photographs in the bound photo album document a large-scale mining operation. Only four of the photographs have identifying notes. The first three photographs, which show horse teams pulling loaded sleds across ice, are labeled Tagish Lake. Photograph number 31, which shows a man standing beneath a flume, is labeled J. Cropley. The 3 ½ by 4 ½ black and white photographs are mounted one per page to black album pages. The images include scenes of hydraulic mining, the harvesting and transporting of logs and lumber, the assembly of a pipeline and a flume, and the construction of a sawmill.

SUBJECTS

Gold mines and mining; Hydraulic mining; Construction of ditches, flumes, and pipes for transporting water; Mining camps; Sawmills

INVENTORY

Album

1-3	[Horse teams pulling heavily loaded sleds across frozen] Tagish Lake
4-9	[Logging timber for transportation by horse team to construction sites]
10	[Three men and a dog with sections of pipe on snow-covered ground]
11-13	[Road building]
14-16	[Hydraulic mining]
17-19	[Pipeline assembly]
20-21	[Hydraulic mining]
22	[Dam (?) for water diversion]
23-30	[Construction of flume]
31	J. Cropley [J. Cropley standing beneath flume]

- 32 [Man standing next to water wheel]
- 33-34 [Surveyor's tripod and men working in ditch]
- 35 [Pipeline with gauge]
- 36-37 [Newly constructed mining camp buildings]
- 38 [Mining pulley inside building]
- 39 [Five men work on construction of sawmill building]
- 40 [Stacked section of large-diameter pipe]
- 41-42 [Framed in sawmill on pilings]
- 43-52 [Interior views of sawmill building, showing machinery]
- 53 [Office space with desk, chairs, telephone, clock, oil lamps, towels and water pitcher, and pigeonhole shelves]

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Envelope

Negatives for #1, 23, 31