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Wheat, Margaret M. & Roy J.

Margaret M. & Roy J. Wheat Photograph Collection, 1917-1940s

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Roy J. Wheat, Sr., was born Dec. 23, 1893, in Laramie, Wyoming. He died January 3, 1991, at the age of 97, in Boise, Idaho. He was a veteran of World War I with the U. S. Army's Signal Corps. He was employed by the U. S. Government at Sand Point Naval Air Station, retiring in 1959.

Margaret M. Wheat was born in Seattle, Washington, March 29, 1905. She died July 29, 1962, at the age of 57, in Bothell, Washington. Mrs. Wheat belonged to St. Brendan's Catholic Church Guild, Seattle Children's Orthopedic Guild, and she crocheted vigorously for the Bishop's Relief Fund.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Many of the photographs in this collection were taken by Roy Wheat when he was stationed in Alaska during WWI. The images are of Nome and Interior Alaska; the date range is 1917-1940s. Most of the photographs are carefully identified. There are also photographs of Captain Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer (1920), when he came through Nome.

SUBJECTS

United States. Army. Signal Corps., Captain Roald Amundsen, steamboats, postcards, World War I, Nome, Skagway, Interior Alaska, Yukon, Yukon River,

INVENTORY

Folder 1

Nome, Black & White Photographs

- 1-1. Old Victoria, Nome, Alaska; Anna C. Evans - Margaret M. Evans (15), Ciddy; Curtis (Jenny) Aircraft, Nome, Alaska - 1920
- 1-2. L - Leonard [Leonhard] Depalla [Seppala], King of the Trail; R - Bert McCarthy [Bill McCartney], Sweepstakes Driver; Two Siberian dogs presented as mascots to aviators holding dogs; 1920.
- 1-3. 1920 First cross country flight N.Y. to Nome - Capt. Street, Chief Pilot of Eight. Four planes of U. S. Army Air Service. Margaret presented Capt. Street two Malamute puppy mascots.
- 1-4. S...[?] NW & NR passage 1920 on board the Maude; Margaret Mary Evans 15-yr-old presenter; muck lucks[mukluk]presented to Capt. Roald Amundson[Amundsen]
- 1-5. ? 27th Ser Co. Sig Corps 1917; *got this off discharge*

- 1-6. PFC 1st CL Roy J. Wheat, Alaska (came from Seattle)
- 1-7. SGT George Hornby & Me; Roy J. Wheat
- 1-8. A little ice – skating on the Yukon River, 1918
- 1-9. PFC Roy J. Wheat – Alaska; Me on an Indian birch bark canoe, 1918
- 1-10. PFC Roy J. Wheat – GAS Engineer – Telegrapher – Purchasing Agent – Alaska
- 1-11. Miss Parcell & Roy Wheat; ‘Coming Home’ 1919; Princess Alice
- 1-12. PFC Roy Wheat – Mrs. Barnett – Draper; 1919
- 1-13. Corp. Roy J. Wheat & Brother Bud (Seattle) Returned from duty in Alaska, Sept. 1919
- 1-14. My dog team near Tolovanz – 1918 – lead dog Max ?
- 1-15. Keeping the sun off in the middle of the Yukon River at Tanana
- 1-16. PFC Roy J. Wheat and Max, his lead dog
- 1-17. Post Card: [Dog sled; message on reverse; postage stamps removed?]
- 1-18. Alarwee, Seattle [vessel]
- 1-19. Granpa Frank’s fishing boat to Alaska [n.d.]
- 1-20. This picture taken five minutes after mother landed; the boat is the Victoria; Mrs. Carry Powell is here; I go with her nephew Clyde. *Carry Powell’s mother died not long ago.*[n.d., dog sled team at rest in front of ship.]
- 1-21. The two girls checked [see picture] are in Nome now. One Eskimo and half-breed family; some family. [n.d.]
- 1-22. A whale at Akutan, Alaska; worth \$20,000, some bunch of money. Tell Grandma I saw where her whale steak came from, we had some on board ship. I like it. [n.d.]
- 1-23. Steaming into Akutan, Alaska, July 18, 1920; a whaling station and oh! Ikie what a smell.
- 1-24. Note the seal on the ice...Nome, Alaska, 1920
- 1-25. Does this remind you of the Cliff house? Don’t have to go to Frisco for cliffs and ocean; Alaska was Evelyns [?] [n.d.]

- 1-26. [Two persons in unidentified rocky area] [n.d.]
- 1-27. An Eskimo family; maybe they're happy, search me. [n.d.]
- 1-28. Does this look like Cal? Well it isn't. It's Spring Glen, Alaska, 20 miles north of Nome. [n.d.]
- 1-29. [Unidentified area, snow-covered, n.d.]
- 1-30. The mosquito fleet; 1920, Nome
- 1-31. Spring is here. Some spring. Imachuck River. [n.d.]
- 1-32. Another scene of spring. On the Imachuck. [n.d.]
- 1-33. A real crowd. [n.d.]
- 1-34. The Baptist missionary [sic] and his wife, and striker, that's just the same as hired man. [n.d.]
- 1-35. [Unidentified mill; rocks and logs in foreground; n.d.]
- 1-36. [Nome?; unidentified community with snow-covered mountains in background]
- 1-37. Peeling blubber; Akutan, Alaska. July 18, 1920. [in Aleutians, ORTH]
- 1-38. A 3 hour catch; Tarmagin [sic], the best eating game in Alaska [n.d.]
- 1-39. No. 1 - is the court house; No. 2 - is the Post Office; Nome, Alaska, 1920
- 1-40. An Eskimo and a reindeer team [n.d.]
- 1-41. June 13, 1920; Nome, Alaska. [two dog sleds]
- 1-42. Gathering wood. [n.d.]
- 1-43. Even reindeers are Americans in Nome; see the flag or part of one. [n.d.]
- 1-44. Some Bird. The first cross-country flight. It was from New York to Nome, four planes. [n.d.]
- 1-45. Mother and I; 1920, Nome, Alaska
- 1-46. This in my hand is a pair of Eskimo shoes called muckluks[mukluk]. On board the ship called the Maude that sailed through the North West & North East passage. Capt. Roald Amundson[Amundsen], Norwegian explorer. [n.d.]

- 1-47. Margaret in Nome, she was 15 years. Plys [?] from N.Y.-Capt. Street [n.d.]
- 1-48. Margaret in Nome, 1920 [Printed on Post Card; second young woman unidentified; both on horseback.]
- 1-49. Nome, Alaska, 1920. Capt. Street & 8 other pilots, 4 planes, U. S. Army Service
- 1-50. 1920; To [Two] more Siberian dogs presented as mascots to the aviators - Leonard [Leonhard] Deppala [Seppala], King of the Trail and Bert McCarthy [Bill McCartney], sweepstakes driver, holding dogs.
- 1-51. Eskimo boys bathing in Grantley Harbor. Teller, Alaska. Lomen Bros. Nome

Folder 2

Alaska Pictures, 1917 to 1919, U. S. Signal Corps, Black & White Photographs

- 1. [View of camp with buildings and tents, undated.]
- 2. 2nd Ser 60 Signal Corps; 27th Serv. Co. Sig. Corps, Alaska 1917; from Discharge Paper
- 3. A little ice skating on the Yukon River 1917
- 4. PVT 1st Class Roy J. Wheat, Signal Corp on left; Mr. & Mrs. Barnett + me, 1917
- 5. The Middle of the Yukon at Tanana - keeping the sun off the middle of the river?
- 6. Me on Indian Birch bark canoe 1918
- 7. Draper, Mrs. Barnett & me 1917
- 8. Sgt. Barnett's wife with a couple crab hounds (pets)
- 9. On our way to Russian outpost with supplies 1918
- 10. [View of shore, unidentified waters]
- 11. [View of hillside, unidentified]
- 12. Princess Alice at Aleuts
- 13. Princess Alice & Mary at Aleut Bay
- 14. S. S. Alaska near Rampart, AK, 1918
- 15. Steamer Yukon at Fort Yukon, 2:30 a.m., 1919; Gull on Yukon, 8/1/49
- 16. Steamboats pulled up thru the rapids on cable attached to rock formation; Five Finger Rapids, upper Yukon; Sept. 1919
- 17. Fort Gibbon, Alaska. *All pictures without stamped numbers were developed and printed in water tower in this picture.*
- 18. Breakup 1919 Tanana.
- 19. Gull...[Steamer] Yukon
- 20. China, Alaska from Bluff. Launch Victory in distance
- 21. Our mascot...silver gray fox
- 22. Gov't warehouse Fairbanks, Alaska
- 23. Taken from Copper River & NW. RR [in blue ink]; Deadhorse canyon near Skagway.
- 24. Rex Beach cabin at Rampart, Alaska 1917
- 25. Dawson, Y. T.
- 26. Dawson, Y. T.
- 27. Selkirk, Y. T.
- 28. Five Fingers Rapids in distance, 1919

29. Yukon River near Eagle, Sept. 1919
30. Ferry Crossing Yukon R
31. River rapids near Dawson, Thirty-mile River
32. Something looked worth while but where is it?
33. [Unidentified forest]
34. Yukon River 1918 [in blue ink] Native birch canoe & owner
35. sleeping out near Chena [?]; each one under a mosquito tent [in blue ink]
36. Tanana River near Nenana
37. Fish camp Yukon R.; 1917 [in blue ink]
38. Victoria Rock near Selkirk Y. T.; Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
39. Duck or Mud Hens on ice? [in blue ink]
40. Alert [?], Alert Bay (B. C.); Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
41. 10:30 p.m. Lake LaBarge
42. Circle, Alaska
43. Yukon River near Dawson
44. Near Summit, W.P. & Y Route
45. [Steamer] Yukon; Yukon hills
46. [Canoe at unidentified river side]
47. Near Rampart. Rapids Yukon R.; where Yukon & Tanana Rivers join 1917 [in blue ink]
48. Forty-mile. Boundary YT-Alaska
49. Light house near Wrangle Narrows, Alaska
50. Fish wheels near Rampart, Alaska; 1917 [in blue ink]
51. Mary Mathews at Hot Springs, Alaska; 1918 [in blue ink]
52. Sun at Fort Yukon, 2:30 a.m.; Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
53. Prospectors Cabins, Y T
54. upside F. F. Rapids
55. Eagle in the distance; Eagle, Alaska [in blue ink]
56. Ed Lund [?] [Steamer] Yukon
57. Ducks Y. T.; 1919 [in blue ink]
58. R.N.W.M.P. Eagle, Alaska; 1919 [in blue ink]
59. Skinning a 'porcky' at China, Alaska; Private Born & ?, China, Alaska, 1918 [in blue ink]
60. Meeting train at Lake Bennett Y. T.; all narrow gauge, 1919 [in blue ink]
61. [Steamer] Casio above Dawson Y. T.; 1919 [in blue ink]
62. Saw Tooth Ridge near summit W.P. & Y. route; Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
63. at camp near China, June 1919; 10 miles down Tanana River from Fairbanks [in blue ink]
64. Road near Fairbanks, Alaska [in blue ink]
65. Seagulls near [Steamer] Yukon [Word Dawson is crossed out]
66. Camp, 70 miles up Tanana R. Benchley & Kelley; 1917 [in blue ink]
67. Hootalingua Yards; Yukon River [in blue ink]
68. Whiskey Jack's relief cabin on Yukon below Tanana (Motel?) [all in blue ink]
69. Taken from Volunteer Park reservoir tower looking west, Jan. 30, 1922
70. Ground squirrel at summit W.P.&Y.R.; He looked plain enough but where is he on the picture? [in blue ink]
71. Natives of Tanana R.; 1918 [in blue ink]
72. Inside of the Lt. Gen. Kelley (Tunnel drive Launch) On Yukon River 1918 [all in blue ink]
73. King at camp 70 mi up Tanana R.; 1917 [in blue ink]
74. Tower at Fort Gibbon, Alaska (210 ft), 1917[all in blue ink]

75. Fitzwilliams, Boon s---- (I took the picture[in blue ink]); Govt. Launch Lt. G.E.M. Kelley Tanana R. 1917
76. Bennett Y. T.; Alaska Yukon RR, Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
77. [Steamer] Casio near Dawson 1919
78. Hoonah Tel station, Tanana R., 1918; River Boat Lt. Jim Kelley
79. Tanana & Fort Gibbon from radio tower at Gibbon, 1917 [all in blue ink]
80. Boat entrance in F. F. Rapids, 1919; Going Thru Five Finger Rapids [in blue ink]
81. Method of going thru Five Fingers, [Steamer] Selkirk; 1919
82. Road outside Fairbanks, Alaska, 1918 [all in blue ink]
83. Buried in the snow at Gibbon, 1918 [all in blue ink]
84. Fairbanks, Alaska, June 1919
85. Fort Gibbon, Alaska, on the Mighty Yukon; from top of radio tower (210 ft), 1917 [in blue ink] *blue and pink tint*
86. S. S. Jefferson docking at Skagway 8-14-19
87. Cushman St. Bridge, Bridge at F.B., Alaska, 1918
88. Cushman St. Bridge, Bridge at Fairbanks, Alaska, 1918
89. Under two flags Boundary YT, YR; Canada & Alaska Y T, Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
90. [Steamer] Yukon at Ft. Yukon, 2:30 a.m., 1919
91. Government R. R. station Fairbanks, Alaska
92. Eagle, Alaska: Miss Louise Hamilton; Miss Jane McGowan; Miss Martha Hayden; Miss Vivienne Hamilton; Scierup [?], Reese, Morgan, R.M.W.M.P.; coming home Sept. 1919 [in blue ink]
93. Draper, M. Terrell, Beattie; Breakup at Tanana 1919

Folder 3

Alaska Pictures, 1917-1919, Black & White Photographs and Post Cards

94. [Horse-drawn (1) sled in front of two-story frame building, unidentified, undated]
95. [Horse-drawn (2) sled, four persons. Tower in background]
96. 2 Fifteen Dog Teams; my team is in front!; Pfc. Roy J. Wheat, Alaska
97. [Dog sled team with driver, unidentified]
98. [Musher, unidentified]
99. PFC Roy J. Wheat; 'cold up here'
101. PFC Roy J. Wheat with Max, His team leader, 1917
102. PFC Roy J. Wheat
103. PFC Roy J. Wheat with Max - lead dog - on way to Russian outpost with supplies; 'They were nice guys - always made tea for us.'
104. PFC Roy J. Wheat, WWI, 1917, with Max his lead dog - 'They are a one-man dog you know - so I had to put him down when I went home - hardest thing I ever did....If you said gee softly he would gently turn to r - little louder - sharp turn - you gee & he'd take the whole team right up the mountain.
105. My dog team near Toloon 2 [Tolounz ?] 1918
106. [Unidentified, undated]
107. [Frame buildings, one bearing sign - Telegraph Office]
108. [Man, dog, dog houses; unidentified, undated]
109. Totems Howkan, Alaska

110. [Unidentified group of frame buildings, undated]
111. [Unidentified sled, two persons, undated]
112. Au...`\[?] Bunkers, Skagway, n.d.]
113. Skagway from dock
114. Skagway, head of Lynn Canal, n.d.
115. Spokane at Skagway
116. Eldred Rock Light Station In Lynn Canal
117. Burro Creek from Skagway Dock
118. [Caribou, tinted blue and pink]
119. Grand Trunk [Steamer] at Skagway
120. Skagway Dock
121. Post Card: Taking the mail from the ice to Shore, at Tanana, May 1st.
122. Post Card: Cub Bear & Keeper, Circle, Alaska
123. Post Card: On the Trail Yukon River Alaska
124. Post Card: Tanana Pups - Tanana, Alaska
125. Post Card: [Unidentified river, snow covered mountains in background, n.d.]
126. Post Card: St. Michael
127. Post Card: [Illegible caption to right of picture]
128. Post Card: Fort Gibbon, Alaska
129. Post Card: The sun every 15 min on Dec 22nd 1919 at Tanana, Alaska
130. Post Card: Yukon River Breakup 1916, Fort Gibbon, Alaska, Allen...
131. Post Card: [Frame house with tower, n.d.]
132. Post Card: [Birds, hanging upside down]
133. Post Card: Discarded Schooner, Unalaska
134. Post Card: [View from water, buildings on distant bank]
135. Post Card: [On board an unidentified ship, n.d.]
136. Post Card: Circle, Alaska
137. Post Card: [Herd at water's edge, n.d.]
138. Post Card: [Unidentified waters with mountains in background]
139. Post Card: [Buildings on unidentified shore]
140. Post Card: [Pile of boulders]
141. Post Card: Yukon Breakup at Tanana, May 5, 1915
142. Post Card: [Caribou, Uniformed Man, n.d.]
143. Post Card: Last Trace of Princess Sofia Wreck; Winter & Pond
144. Post Card: Position of wreck of 'Princess Sofia' from Vanderbilt Reef; Winter & Pond
145. Post Card: Princess Sofia ten hours after hitting Vanderbilt Reef; Winter & Pond
146. Post Card: Princess Sofia on Vanderbilt Reef; Winter & Pond
147. Post Card: Princess Sofia stranded on Vanderbilt Reef, Oct.24, 1918; Winter & Pod
148. Post Card: Windward side of Princess Sofia stranded on Vanderbilt Reef, Oct. 24, 1918; Winter & Pond
149. Post Card: The Midnight Sun - The Setting And Rising Sun at Kotzebue, Alaska, June 21-22; Seven Exposures at Intervals of 15 minutes; Lomen Bros, Nome
150. Post Card: Caribou grazing on hillside, n.d.]
151. Post Card: Wireless Station, Circle, Alaska; n.d.
152. Post Card: In Winter Garb, Tanana, Alaska, n.d.
153. Post Card: Tanana Chickens
154. Post Card: Native Alaskans, Shade Photo

155. Post Card: [Two buildings, one flying U. S. Flag]
156. Post Card: [U...in Attu Harbor, n.d.]
157. Post Card: [Mounted harpoon]
158. Post Card: [Oarsmen (11) rowing in unidentified waters]
159. Post Card: [Walrus on beach, unidentified, n.d., 2 copies]
160. Post Card: [Walrus on rocks, unidentified beach, n.d.]
161. Post Card: Birdseye View, Tanana, Alaska
162. [Unidentified man in winter garb, maybe Wheat]
163. [Unidentified waters and shore]
164. [Unidentified waters and shore]
165. [Unidentified flooded buildings]
166. [Unidentified locks and waters]
167. [Dredge, unidentified location, n.d.]
168. Pacific Trail, Unalaska
169. Post Card: Taking the mail from the ice to Shore, at Tanana, May 1st.
170. Post Card: Mail teams leaving for the trails, interior of Alaska...641 [Tanana Post Office Building and two dog sled teams]
171. Post Card: A happy family, Circle, Alaska.
172. Post Card: Coggan at 91 - Trappers Cabin, Alaska
173. Post Card [cropped]: [shoreline with buildings, unidentified location, n.d.]
174. Post Card: [shoreline with buildings including a church, unidentified location, n.d.]
175. Post Card: Refuge on cabin during breakup Tanana River, Tanana, Alaska; n.d.
176. Post Card: Skinning a reindeer
177. Post Card: Dutch Harbor
178. Post Card: [unidentified, n.d.]