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Guide to Collection

Lundvall, Ralph Emerson

Ralph Emerson Lundvall Collection, 1909-1937

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1 Box
9 Folders
140 b&w photographs, various sizes
4 black album pages

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ralph Emerson Lundvall (b. 12/12/1883, d. 3/3/1943) was born in Oakland, Nebraska. He came to the Seattle area as a boy of 14 and found work as a laborer around 1900. Perhaps influenced by the lure of the gold fields of that time he prospected in Alaska and Northern B.C. Sometime, probably around 1915 he acquired some property near Atlin, B.C. About 1921 he acquired some mining interests in Hyder, Alaska. A corporation was formed of which he was a majority stock holder. He worked the mine until the 1929 stock market crash dried up development funding. In 1937 he became the superintendent of a mine in Valdez. He spent the remainder of his years in Kirkland, Washington, as a carpenter.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains 136 black and white photographs of various sizes, taken in Alaska, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory. 4 larger photos look to be hand tinted. The pictures range in date from about 1909 to 1937. Most of the pictures depict the photographer's mining interests and general scenery.

SUBJECTS

Hyder, Valdez, Taku River, Atlin, British Columbia, Skagway, Petersburg, Juneau, Alaska Gastineau Mining Co., Perseverance Mine, Thane, Carcross, Yukon Territory

INVENTORY

Folder 1

Documents

- 1 Brief history of Ralph Emerson Lundvall written by his son, Ralph A. Lundvall
- 2 Excerpt from *Hyder, Alaska* by Roy and Joan Atchison

Photographs Hyder, Alaska

- 3 [Aerial photo of tops of buildings with pier in background]
- 4 Old house that burnt, 9172
- 5 Hyder 1920's
- 6 Lindvall Mine, Hyder
- 7 Dad at Lindvall Mine, Hyder
- 8 Lindvall Mine, Hyder

Folder 2 Valdez, Alaska, 1937

- 9-25 [Unidentified men mining, equipment and structures]

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Folder 3 Taku River Area

- 27 [Ice]bergs on beach, Taku Inlet [2 copies]
- 28 Taku Glacier
- 29 South Glacier, Glacier Lake [West Twin Glacier]
- 30 [West Twin Glacier]
- 31 North Glacier, Glacier Lake, Alaska [East Twin Glacier], Arm of Taku Glacier [2 copies]
- 32 Icebergs Glacier Lake [Twin Glacier Lake - Taku]
- 33 Taku River, Alaska [2 copies]
- 34 On Taku River
- 35 Taku River, Alaska & B.C.
- 36 Taku Glacier Alaska
- 37 Glacier Creek [Boat Tolsudlem?]

Folder 4 Atlin area, British Columbia

- 38 Property of R. E. Lindenhall, Atlin B.C. [2 copies]
- 39 Mining on Rose Creek, Atlin B.C.
- 40 Sunset at 11p.m., Atlin B.C.
- 41 Volcanic Crater, Atlin
- 42 Indian School, Carcross, Y.T.
- 43 Ralph Lundvall, Prospectors Camp, Atlin
- 44 Prospecting, Atlin, B.C.
- 45 Placer Mine, Atlin B.C.
- 46 Blue Canyon, Atlin, B.C.
- 47 "Taku Sam" & Dogs [2 copies]
- 48 Old boat on lake, Atlin
- 49 Atlin, B.C. [View from water]
- 50 "Sportsmans Paradise" Y.T.
- 51 Falls on Granite Creek
- 52 [Man sitting on flat bed with large wooden wheels being pulled by sled dogs]
- 53 1917 [Altina Claire?] [Family and pets sitting outside a wooden tent structure.]
- 54 [Man, woman, and girl sit beside mining structures]
- 55 [4 people outside a small log cabin]
- 56 Frar, Sister to, Warrior [4 people stand in front of small log cabin, woman in doorway dressed as an Indian warrior]
- 57 [2 people pose in front while 3rd individual hoses hillside]
- 58 [3 men, 4 dogs harnessed together]
- 59 [Family (one female dressed as Indian warrior) climb on wooden structure]
- 60 [Group picnicking and fishing]
- 61 [Two men and a woman with 4 dogs harnessed together]
- 62 *Scotia* Steamer front

63 *Scotia Steamer* back

Folder 5 Skagway, Haines & Fort Seward, Davidson Glacier, Lake Bennett, Carcross, Y.T.

- 64 Davidson Glacier and Porpoises
- 65 Haines, Alaska
- 66 Ft. William H. Seward, Haines, Alaska
- 67 W. P. Dock, Skagway
- 68 [Aerial photo of Skagway] [3 copies]
- 69 Lake Bennett & Carcross, Y.T.
- 70 Carcross, Y.T.

Folder 6 Petersburg, Alaska

- 71 Waterfront Petersburg, Alaska [2 copies]
- 72 Fishing Boats, Petersburg [2 copies]
- 73 Seagulls, Petersburg, Alaska

Folder 7 Juneau, Alaska area - Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. operations

- 74 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Perseverance Mine - Mill Building & "Beach Camp" at Thane, Alaska]
- 75 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. "Beach Camp" at Thane, Alaska]
- 76 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Mill Building under construction ca. 1914]
- 77 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. "Beach Camp" and mill building under construction, Thane, Alaska ca. 1914]
- 78 Sheep Mt. Alaska
- 79 Sheep Creek [Sheep Creek Flume, Thane, Alaska]
- 80 Sheep Mt. "Moonlight" [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Perseverance Mine Sheep Creek Portal Camp]
- 81 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Perseverance Mine Sheep Creek Portal Camp]
- 82 Head of Gold Creek, Alaska [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Perseverance Mine Tram, Silverbow Basin]
- 83 A.G.M. Co. "Perseverance" Alaska [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Perseverance Mine Camp, Silverbow Basin]
- 84 Gold Creek [Gold Creek, Silverbow Basin, Juneau, Alaska]
- 85 Gold Creek Canyon near Juneau [Gold Creek, Silverbow Basin, Juneau, Alaska]
- 86 Gold Creek [Gold Creek, Silverbow Basin, Juneau, Alaska]
- 87 Gold Creek [Gold Creek, Silverbow Basin & Perseverance Mine Road, Juneau, Alaska]
- 88 Waterfall Gold Creek Basin
- 89 Falls on Granite Creek [Granite Creek, Juneau, Alaska]
- 90 Lower Falls Granite Creek [Granite Creek, Juneau, Alaska]
- 91 Granite Creek Falls [Granite Creek, Juneau, Alaska]
- 92 [Granite Creek, Juneau, Alaska]

93 [Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Salmon Creek Dam - under construction - ca. 1914]

Folder 8 Miscellaneous

- 94 [Line of pack horses on glacier]
- 95 [3 men on boardwalk sidewalk with large fish in wagon]
- 96 [Shoreline view from water of buildings and towers]
- 97 Wards Cove North of Ketchikan
- 98 [Man standing with fully packed sled]
- 99 [Man pushing sled with a sail]
- 100 Resurrection Bay
- 101 Resurrection Bay, Alaska
- 102 Marooned [Dog], Port Etches Alaska, © H. A. Ives, Photographer's #101
- 103 Arch Rock Boswell Bay, Alaska, © H. A. Ives, Photographer's #69
- 104 Cataract and Surprise Glacier, Harriman Fjord, Alaska. © H. A. Ives, Photographer's #133
- 105 Cascade, Barry, and Cox Glaciers, Alaska

Folder 9 4 loose album pages:

"Leaving for Alaska June 13th, 1917"

- 106 Marion & Ruth on the famous White Pass [train]
- 107 The "Dutchess" carrying passengers across Taku arm
- 108 The old church at Bennett
- 109 The a.m. I left [Mother and child outside house]
- 110 Ruth & Marion at Bennett
- 111 Marion Panning Gold
- 112 Out for a hike, "Ruby Creek"

- 113 [Beached wooden paddlewheel boat]
- 114 [Rowboat near pier, shoreline with buildings in background]
- 115 On our property Blue Creek
- 116 [Unidentified view of shoreline from water]
- 117 Taku Sam and his pack dogs
- 118 [Unidentified mining structures]
- 119 [Volcanic Crater]

- 120 [Two women and a dog in front of cabins]
- 121 [4 dogs lounge in front of a wooden building]
- 122 [Dog in front of a wooden building]
- 123 [Family with sled dogs]
- 124 [Dogs pulling a man sitting on a flatbed with large wooden wheels]

"Leaving Alaska April 19th, 1917"

- 125 In front of [?], Atlin, B.C.
- 126 Ready to cross the lakes, the stage leaving Atlin
- 127 Not snow, but cracks in ice - Lake Atlin, April 19th, 1917
- 128 At Rigtail Point
- 129 Atlin, B.C.
- 130 Lon [Gorkil?] Marion - Mr. Godman, Albert [?] - At [Squaw?] Point Road house
on way out
- 131 Ruth
- 132 The Prince John leaving Skagway
- 133 Marion & Ruth
- 134 On board the S. S. Dolphin bound for Seattle, April 1917
- 135 Fort
- 136 Ruth & Lois
- 137 Ruth in Alaska 1921
- 138 Ruth & Lois Hannah
- 139 Our queen dog & the [babies]
- 140 Ruth and her first fish, Rose Lake, Alaska