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Guide to Collection

Maloney, John, 1890-

John Maloney in Alaska, ca. 1919

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18 b&w photographs
1 Folder

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ACQUISITION: James Potts donated the prints, November 6, 2008. The original photographs belonged to his late wife, John Maloney's daughter. Accession # 2010-08.

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PROCESSING: The photographs were accompanied by notes identifying John Maloney in the images; these notes were transcribed into the finding aid and removed from the prints. The collection has been described at the item level, and the photographs placed into a pH-neutral folder.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Maloney was born in Rosscarberry, county Cork, Ireland, August 20, 1890. He was a master carpenter by trade, who immigrated to the United States at an unknown date. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve June 15, 1917, and was made a chief carpenters mate. He left Mare Island, California, aboard the USS NERO on or about June 30, 1917, sailing to the Atlantic, where he served until March 24, 1919. He returned to San Francisco from Norfolk, Virginia, and then traveled to Alaska, where he worked on various carpentry projects. He was discharged from the military on August 4, 1921.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The majority of the photographs were taken in 1919, when John Maloney traveled up to Alaska with a "work party" on the S.S. NORTHWESTERN. Several images show construction projects in the area of Seward, Alaska, including work on the railroad bridge at Mile 3. Two photographs, 11 and 17, show John Maloney and others, working on the framework of a large dome, such as would form part of a capitol building. These may be of a project in California, where Maloney lived before and after his trip to Alaska.

INVENTORY

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- 1 Excursion train, C.R.N.W, Alaska. [Men stand on train engine in station; John Maloney is on the top, far left]
- 2 U.S. Gov't R.R. Engine #2. [Men pose on train engine; Maloney is second from right]
- 3 [Maloney, on right, and another man at end of train car; photographer's shadow in foreground]
- 4 Working party, Mile 14, Alaska. [Men on top of platform at construction site; Maloney is sixth from left]
- 5 Seward, Oct. 17, 1919. [Men in front of large wooden building framed in scaffolding]
- 6 Working party, H-----, Alaska. [Men outside wooden building; Maloney on stairs, top left]
- 7 R.R. bridge, Mile 3, Seward. [Men on top of railroad bridge supports; Maloney is second from left]

- 8 The joy riders, Woodrow, Alaska. [Men on railroad flat car; five men in Navy uniforms; Maloney is on right, looking over shoulder of man in front]
- 9 Ketchikan, Alaska, July 5, 1919. [Men lined up in front of a ship, possibly on journey north on USS NORTHWESTERN; Maloney is in middle row, third from right]
- 10 Ketchikan, Alaska, July 5, 1919. [Similar group of men as in 9, except there is a woman in middle; Maloney is just to the right of the woman]
- 11 [Carpenters/builders pose on outer framework for a dome; probably not in Alaska (*See also 17*); Maloney is standing in top row, third from right]
- 12 [Group of five men; Maloney is second from right]
- 13 On board S.S. NORTHWESTERN to Seward. [Group of men; Maloney is in back row, third from right]
- 14 [Large group of men and one woman on beach, with Childs Glacier in background; Maloney is on bottom right, second from end] Hegg Photo
- 15 Seward, Alaska, Sept. 24, 1919. [Carpenters/builders stand inside a wood foundation frame; Maloney is second from left]
- 16 Seward, Alaska, October 1, 1919. [Carpenters/builders framing a wooden building; Maloney is on top right]
- 17 [Full view of dome under construction, probably not in Alaska (*See also 11*); Maloney is on top of dome, on right]
- 18 Working party, Childs Glacier. [Passengers, crew, and workmen pose on beach with glacier in background; Maloney is on far right]