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Chesney, George and Irene Chesney McGillvray

George Chesney and Irene Chesney McGillvray Photo Album, 1912-1916

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1 Folder
52 photographs and postcards, most b&w

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Chesney was born in Cuba, Illinois, in July 1859. He moved to Ketchikan from Seattle in 1904 with his wife Nettie and daughter Irene. Mr. Chesney was chief electrician for Ketchikan's Citizen's Light, Power and Water Company from 1904-1918. George Chesney left Citizen's Light, Power and Water Company to spend two years as the chief electrician at the Kennecott mine. Mr. Chesney was a member of the Pioneers of Alaska. He passed away in Ketchikan in 1939.

Irene Frances Chesney McGillvray was born May 22, 1898 in DeMoines, Washington. She came to Ketchikan as a young girl in 1904 with her parents, George and Nettie May Chesney. Mrs. McGillvray also lived in Douglas and Kennicott.

Irene married Max McGillvray in Seattle. In 1923 they returned to Ketchikan where they lived with their four children; Donald, Patricia, Rita, and James.

Mrs. McGillvray was past president of the Pioneer Auxiliary, a charter member of Tongass Historical Society, active in the Republican Party, and a member of the Christian Science Church.

Irene Chesney McGillvray resided in Ketchikan, Alaska, for many years. Her collection of photographs showing Ketchikan in the early days and changes over the period of years is one of the valuable record sources in the community.

Mrs. McGillvray passed away June 26, 1976 at the Pioneer Home in Sitka.
Information from the Ketchikan Daily News; Monday, June 28, 1976; page 3

The collection was given to the donor by the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Chesney.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection is from an album put together by Irene Chesney McGillvray. It contains postcards and photographs printed on postcard stock of several places in Alaska.

SUBJECTS

Erie Mine, Alaska; Jumbo Mine; Kennecott Mine; Tunedu or Tuneda Mine; Bonanza; Shushana Trail; Boundary Mountain; Kodiak Island; Katmai Volcano ash

INVENTORY

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1. Packing to Erie Mine, Alaska
2. Tunedu[?] Tuneda[?] Mine
3. [Tunedu or Jumbo Mine Camp?]
4. [Probably Jumbo Mine tramway]
5. [Probably Jumbo Mine tramway]
6. Jumbo Mining Camp #247
7. [Jumbo Mining Camp?]
8. [Jumbo Mining Camp?]
9. Jumbo Mine
10. Jumbo Tramway
11. Kennecott Copper Mine Alaska #249
12. Kennecott Copper Mine Alaska [sled dogs on railroad track with mill in background]
13. Kennecott, Alaska [Track level]
14. Kennecott, Alaska [Track level]
15. Kennecott, Alaska [Track level]
16. Cunning Cable on the Bonanza Tramway
17. Bonanza Mine, Kennecott, Alaska
18. McCarthy, Alaska
19. Thwaites Childs Glacier, Alaska
20. Pack Train Shushana, Alaska
21. C. David's Road House Shushana Trail Alaska
22. Mining In the Shushana Alaska

23. [Reverse says "Cordova?"]
24. Round Island Channel Bridge, C.R.&N.W. R'y. Alaska
25. Miles Glacier Bridge, C.R.&N.W. Ry. Alaska; rev: Copper River and Iorn [Iron] Trail Bridge Marie Chesney
26. Copper River & North Western R'y., Alaska. No. 10. Publ. by E.A. Hegg, Cordova, Alaska
27. Whiting Falls, C.R.&N.W. R'y. Alaska
28. C.R.&N.W. R'y. Showing Eleven Mile Tangent, Alaska; No. 172 Publ. by E.A. Hegg, Cordova, Alaska
29. Baird Canyon, Copper River, Alaska
30. The Railroad Crossing Copper River Flats, Cordova, Alaska. Hand-colored.
31. Copper River, Alaska. Publ. by E.A. Hegg, Cordova, Alaska.
32. Sheriden Glacier, Seen From C.R.&N.W. R'y. Alaska
33. Wild Sheep Alaska, B.J. Pho.
34. Wild Sheep. Boundary Mountain Alaska, BJ. Pho.
35. Wild Sheep. Boundary Mountain Alaska, BJ. Pho.
36. Chitina River, Alaska BJ. Photo.
37. Russel Glacier, Alaska [pack teams and men on glacier]
38. Mt. Blackburn - 17,600 ft. #246
39. [glacier]
40. [Mendenhall River Bridge with Mt. McGinnis in the background, ca. 1910]
41. [Mendenhall Glacier right side]
42. Outlet of water from Taku Glacier
43. Juneau, Alaska [waterfront] Mercer photo
44. Juneau and Gastineau Channel, 1906

45. Bishop Row's Episcopal Church and Residence, Sitka, Alaska [colored]
46. Greek Church Sitka
47. Sunset at Sitka. Western Sitka Islands before the Causeway was built in the 1940's
48. A Snappy Day in March, On the Alaska Coast. #620. Thwaites photo.
49. Cape Resurrection and Island at Entrance to Resurrection Bay, Alaska. Case and Draper photo.
50. Valez [Street of storefronts including: V. B. & M. Co. Bank and Store, S. Blum & Co.]
51. Evening on Valdez Harbor, Alaska.
52. Volcanic Ash Directly Overhead, As it approached Kodiak Island. Photo at 75 miles from Katmai Volcano. June 6, 1912. Copyright 1912 by E. Thwaites. #1108. [Huge wall of black ash moving across water toward camera]