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Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Alaska, On the River Photograph Collection, ca. 1898 - 1927

PCA 574

1 box
100+ images

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ACQUISITION: The Kodak negative album was donated by Maggie Rogers, July 2013.
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Donor Maggie Rogers made teaching/training trips into Alaska for special education teachers. While on one of those trips she acquired this Kodak negative album. In April 2012 Ms. Rogers rediscovered the album in her attic.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Provenance unknown. Most of the negatives contain images of daily life on or near rivers in Alaska. Some images show sternwheelers on the Yukon River. Pole-boats are also depicted.

SUBJECTS

River; Yukon River; sternwheelers; pole-boats; Northern Navigation Company; Northern Commercial Company; Red Cross Drug Company; gardens; farming

INVENTORY

Most of the descriptions are from information written on the negative sleeves in the album.

- 1 [Bow of small boat lodged in ice floe; scenic background]
- 2 Beached boat [dredge]
- 3 Beached boat [dredge]
- 4 Beached boat [dredge]
- 5 Bear
- 6 Alaskan family, natives [Women and three children sitting in front of tent]
- 7 Cache? [Five men in front of wooden tripod with barrel on top.]
- 8 Successful fishermen [similar to #100]
- 9 Alaskan home, garden
- 10 2 men in small boat on river
- 11 [Aerial view of river valley, buildings in foreground]
- 12 Mountain Scene
- 13 Successful crop: greens [Man looking at large cauliflower]
- 14 River/forest - erosion in action
- 15 Bear & Cache
- 16 Small craft on beach
- 17 Portrait: man on river stones by forest
- 18 Cabin by river
- 19 Child & 4 adults - in garden?

- 20 3 men & 2 horse carriage
- 21 Dynamite in action [geyser of water in river; buildings on waterfront]
- 22 SHWATKA of St. Michael at dock
- 23 [Barge and dock, river side construction; see #27]
- 24 At the dock [Buildings and dredge surrounded by mounds of soil in winter]
- 25 River & forest vista
- 26 Dog team pulling sledge; driver
- 27 River side construction crew
- 28 Northern Navigation and Freight Co. plus 6 dog team & sledge [Sign reads: Northern Navigation Co. Passenger & Freight Office]
- 29 River boat, the SARAH
- 30 Horse & Buggy by river - is it sandbagged?
- 31 Immense bluff & (construction?)
- 32 Riverboat: SHWATKA of ?[St. Michael]
- 33 Paddlewheeler, DAWSON [and barge on river]
- 34 Rapids [Ice breakup on river]
- 35 Wide river, small boat w/ 2 men
- 36 Clouds, snowy hills behind town
- 37 River & woods vista
- 38 Fireweed (?) and fog bank above river
- 39 Spruce-lined river [Spruce-lined, snow covered road]
- 40 Town - power lines above houses
- 41 Man and (dog at play?) [Woman feeding fox in chicken wire enclosure]
- 42 N. C. Co.[Northern Commercial Company] Store, passersby & dog team
- 43 Town street (see also #26)
- 44 Cloud-shrouded mountain
- 45 Home & garden
- 46 River & hills [buildings in foreground]
- 47 Man (or woman?) tempting dog. See also #41 [Woman feeding fox in chicken wire enclosure]
- 48 Northwest [Northern] Navigation - Passenger & Freight dock. Man with small animal [watermelon] at his feet.
- 49 Unusual front view of river boat: name ? [SHWATKA]
- 50 Horse, buggy & 2 men - at a mine?
- 51 Freight train across river.
- 52 Birch or tamarack forest, winter
- 53 River bends & forest
- 54 Steamer & gulls in strong water
- 54a Snowy peaks (2 of 2 negatives without sleeves in this location in negative book)
- 54b Snowy peak (1 of 2 negatives without sleeves, orig. Position in negative book)
- 55 Island in river
- 55a Forest & river to infinity

- 56 Rock or snow slope, (animals?) on left. [White water rushing over rocks in river, similar to #72]
- 56a Farmer with cattle in fenced barn yard
- 56b Fishing trap-3 men & camp by river
- 57 Dead cow & butchers? & tools...
- 58 3 cow men in a cow-filled corral
- 59 Cattle ranch, cattle yards, cattle
- 60 Log cabin on snowy hillside
- 61 No negative, empty sleeve
- 62 [VICTORIAN and SELKIRK at dock]
- 63 [SUSIE on the river]
- 64 [Men and horses on shore; three men on gangplank to ship]
- 65 [Tall pole with many guide wires to ground; mining operation]
- 66 [Man and dog in snowy street; P. E. Kern sign on building to right]
- 67 [MINNEAPOLIS tied up to the bank of a river]
- 68 [Five people in pole-boat on river; two of the people are standing at each end of boat with poles in water]
- 69 [DELTA of St. Michael, KOYUKUK of St. Michael, and RELIANCE on blocks in winter]
- 70 [Winter scene; snow in foreground, houses, trees in background]
- 71 [Signs on buildings: Natatorium, _____ S Lumber Co., Garden Island, U.M.W.T.]
- 72 [White water rushing over rocks in river; similar to #56]
- 73 [View across water of buildings on an island, lighthouse]
- 74 [Scenic view from ship on river]
- 75 [Three men in pole-boat, heaped with supplies, on river; man in back of boat pushing with a pole, two men in water pulling bow of boat]
- 76 [DELTA pushing a barge]
- 77 [Five people in small, pole-boat on river]
- 78 [Pole-boat loaded with supplies near shore, three people maneuvering boat; more people and a boat further along shore]
- 79 [Two small boats, one a paddle-wheeler, side by side on river with seven people aboard]
- 80 [Scenic view from ship on river]
- 81 [Man in long fur coat and dog in snowy street; sign on building: Danz Bros. Inc.]
- 82 The JEFFERSON [Alaska S S Co.] at dock- crowds, etc.
- 82a [Scenic on river]
- 83 Gordons General Merchandise with two mistachi'd [mustachioed] men & a dog- or two
- 84 View up river
- 85 Red Cross Drug [Co.], 11 men, and maybe a Big Nugget? [One of the men is squatting down holding young bird]
- 86 Sunset? Over the river [View from ship]

- 87 River barge?
- 88 Shadowed man in derby on porch of curtain-windowed house
- 89 Sternwheeler? (Negative badly scratched)
- 90 Prospector's camp? Tent...
- 91 Canoe & 2 in front of flag and distant power lines... forest... [3 people in pole-boat in the middle of the river passing buildings on shore]
- 92 Man with horse (and plough?) Buildings in background [Two horses pulling man on cart]
- 93 River Rapids & forest in distance [Snow covered area, possibly river]
- 94 Nothing beats a pipe during an Alaskan barber's attack [Man getting haircut]
- 95 2 pole-boats headed up river; 9 men & x dogs
- 96 Smooth water-distant campsite.
- 97 Bearded man on horse. Maybe pulling float/pole boats thru rapids?
- 98 Mining operation? (Negative badly scratched)
- 99 Red Cross Drug Co. "Dr. DeNorton, Phys. & surgeon Gerdy City Innoko, Alaska on his porch
- 100 3 men, 2 pipes, and a couple dozen fish [similar to #8]
- 100a Laundry time at the camp: clothesline, tent, etc.

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Box

Kodak Negative Album, 100 capacity, negatives 3¾ x 6 and smaller