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**Fort William H. Seward Photographs, ca. 1908-1909**

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41 glass plates

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

Fort William H. Seward, located in Haines, was the first permanent Army post in Alaska. Its construction began in 1903 and by the time construction was completed, Fort Seward consisted of approximately 90 buildings scattered over 4,000 acres. The Fort was named in honor of the U.S. Secretary of State responsible for the purchase of Alaska from the Russians in 1867. Fort William H. Seward was later renamed Chilkoot Barracks to avoid confusion with the town of Seward. At the end of World War II Chilkoot Barracks was decommissioned. Five veterans of World War II bought the old fort and in 1947 renamed it Port Chilkoot. In 1970 Port Chilkoot became part of the City of Haines and in 1972 it was designated a national historic site and officially renamed Fort William H. Seward.

Information from: *"A History and Walking Tour: Fort William H. Seward, Haines, Alaska"* and *"Ft. William H. Seward"* by Brenda Wilcox, Artic Soldier, Winter 1991

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Many of the photographs are of soldiers from the 22nd Infantry, A and F Company, at Fort William H. Seward in Haines, Alaska, 1908-1909. The images include portraits of the soldiers, the men reading and playing cards in their barracks, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regimental Band and their instruments. One photograph is an image of Co. F leaving March 27, 1908 for Treadwell, Alaska, for duty in connection with a miners' strike there.

## INVENTORY

1. [Portrait of man in military uniform, U.S. 22 Infantry insignia on coat collar and cap] (*see #20, 41; may be same person*)
2. [Man, woman, and child sitting by pile of cut evergreen branches]
3. [Interior of general merchandise store]
4. [Portrait of man in military uniform sitting on chair]
5. [22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regimental Band and others in Company marching on the Parade Ground]
6. Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, 08. Co. F. [Tenth Infantry] Ready to leave for Treadwell; W.A.P.
7. [Man standing in front of log cabin door]

8. [Man in uniform (Corporal) sitting on chair in barracks near cot. Trombone hanging on wall and cornet on bed]
9. [Man in uniform (Sergeant) sitting in chair reading a book, cot and nightstand near]
10. [Portrait of man, seated on bench, wearing coat, fur hat, and fur gloves]
11. [Two bakers in oven area of kitchen. Loaves of bread on pans.]
12. [Interior of barracks. Cots, chairs, lamps, night stands, lockers, chests, musical instruments, and cards on wall]
13. [Man standing by counter in barber shop]
14. [Two hunters standing in snow near snow shoes and four bear skins] (*Same as #18*)
15. [Man in uniform (Sergeant) standing near cot and table, six pairs of shoes and boots under cot. Calendar on wall September 1909]
16. [View of cove; buildings, pier]
17. [Four men standing outside J.Heubner. and J.Heubner Drug Co. stores] (*Same as #21*)
18. [Two hunters standing in snow near snow shoes and four bear skins](*Same as #14*)
19. [View from above of buildings at waterfront, pier with docked boat, mountains in background]
20. [Portrait of man in military uniform, U.S. 22 Infantry insignia on coat collar and cap] (*see #1, 41; may be same person*)
21. [Four men standing outside J.Heubner. and J.Heubner Drug Co. stores] (*Same as #17*)
22. [Two bakers in oven area of kitchen. Loaves of bread on pans.]
23. Band Squad Room Ft. Seward, Alaska; Edw. G. Perkins [Two men in uniform sitting near cots in barracks, clarinets on cots]

24. [Man in military uniform sitting in chair next to dresser, 22nd Infantry insignia on cap]
25. [Man in military uniform sitting in chair holding a cornet that is resting on a small side table]
26. [Portrait of man in military uniform with breast cords sitting in chair, Company A 22nd Infantry insignia on cap]
27. [Portrait of man in military uniform sitting on chair, Company F 22nd Infantry insignia on cap]
28. [Portrait of man in military uniform standing in front of stone wall]
29. [Portrait of man in military uniform sitting on chair, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry insignia on collar, 4 medals on chest]
30. [Man standing in snow dressed in heavy coat, fur mittens, winter hat; building in background]
31. [Officers' Row at Fort William H. Seward (5 buildings) in background, Parade Ground in foreground]
32. [Young girl steering four wheel pedal cart on boardwalk in winter]
33. [Man sitting in kitchen area, pans and utensils hanging from wall, pies on table]
34. [Two men dressed in military uniforms sitting on cot playing cards, cornet on table and trombone hanging from wall]
35. Merry Xmas 1908 [Groups of men in uniform sitting at tables eating and drinking; room decorated for Christmas]
36. [Groups of men in uniform sitting at tables eating and drinking; room decorated for Christmas]
37. [Portrait of man in military uniform]
38. [Winter scene; snow covered road and wooden fence leading to shack, mountains in background]

39. [Two men standing in room prepared for holiday meal; the room includes a number of tables and chairs, Christmas tree, and decorations]
40. [Baby in wicker stroller in doorway]
41. [Portrait of man dressed in plain clothes] (*see #1, 20; may be same person*)