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Guide to Collection

Harry F. (Henry) and Carrie Dethlefs Dott

Harry & Carrie Dott Photograph Collection, ca. 1918-1920s

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1 folder  
86 print photographs & 103 Digital images

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## BIO or HISTORICAL NOTE

*Background of Henry F. (Harry) and Carolyn (Carrie) Dethlefs Dott written by Mary Maxwell, August 31, 2015, Indianola, WA.*

Note: I initially thought that my grandmother was the photographer in the family, but since she's in half of the photos, she obviously she didn't take them. No way to tell who took the other pictures, Harry or Carrie, but either way they are great to have.

Harry Dott's parents emigrated from Scotland, and he was born in San Francisco in 1869. He moved from there to Juneau sometime between 1906 and 1915; he was in SF during the 1906 earthquake, and I have correspondence from Sept. 1915 addressed to him at Thane. We also have correspondence from Oct. 1917 addressed to him at Chichagof. My mother, Dorothy Dott Maxwell, had thought that Harry was the office manager at Chichagof, and that he had worked at the mine at Thane and the Perseverance Mine as well.

I don't know when Carrie Dethlefs moved from Chehalis, WA, to Juneau, but it was before 12/10/1918, as that is Carrie and Harry's wedding date in Juneau. Carrie was born in Chicago; her 11 siblings were born in Germany. Harry was 49, and Carrie was 27. I also know that my great-grandmother, Helena Dethlefs, visited Carrie in Juneau, possibly for her wedding. In their Alaska photo's, Carrie looked like she had a lot of fun with her friends. I remember my grandma very well; she was a lovely woman.

I've got correspondence to Carrie from her brother Hermann Dethlefs, who was serving with the U.S. Expeditionary Forces during WWI, and it's addressed to her at the Perseverance Mine. So it could be that grandmother worked for the Perseverance mine, and that's where she met Harry. According to the 1921-1923 local phone books, the Dott's lived at 426 East Street in Juneau. My mother was born in Juneau on January 24, 1922; the family moved to Seattle around 1925.

Harry passed away in Dec.1951, and Carrie in Feb. 1965, both in Seattle, WA; Dorothy Dott Maxwell passed away in 2003; 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive her. (And Harry and Carrie as well).

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The photographs in this collection show life in Juneau in 1918-1920's. This includes various mines, scenery, portraits of Harry Carrie Dott and their friends, ships, houses, and glaciers.

## SUBJECTS

Mines, Juneau, Influenza

## INVENTORY

- 1 A railroad built to handle material in construction of the large mill at Thane, Alaska. 1918-22[?]
- 2 Alaska Gastineau Mill at Thane, Alaska, at start of construction.
- 3 All Bushed. Waiting for a pull up the hill.
- 4 Dad, other men, Dragging Killed Bear. Harry Dott Front Left
- 5 Employees Dwelling at Perseverance Mine 4 miles from Juneau
- 6 Gold Creek about 2 miles from Juneau Alaska
- 7 Gold Creek; an hours' stiff uphill mush through 12 inches and more of snow
- 8 Iceberg in Gastineau Channel
- 9 Influenza 1918 - Harry & Carrie Dott
- 10 Miki at Top of Hill
- 11 Mountain Stream Perseverance Road
- 12 Mountains
- 13 Taku Glacier
- 14 Taku Glacier
- 15 They're All Here I. E., All except the Bride/Groom.
- 16 To Show How Deep the Snow Is. Gr + Grpa Dott in Snow 1918-22.
  
- 17 4th of July parade [Men and children walk past Alaska Transfer Co.]
- 18 Baseball field and homes at mine
- 19 Baseball game
- 20 Baseball players and Harry Solomon possibly
- 21 Boat scene
- 22 A Section of Ketchikan Waterfront, Alaska. Thwaites. 5027.
- 23 Carrie & friend
- 24 Carrie & friend. Gr. [Grandma] Dott on Right.
- 25 Carrie & friend. Gr. [Grandma] Dott on left.
- 26 Carrie & friend. Carrie Dott on right.
- 27 Carrie & friend with soldier at Hotel Zynda. Third & Main St. Grandma Dott (on L) Alaska 1920.
- 28 Carrie & friends. Carrie Dott at end.
- 29 Carrie & friends. Gr [Grandma] Dott on rt.
- 30 Carrie & friends
- 31 Carrie & friends. Carrie Dott 2<sup>nd</sup> from left.

- 32 Carrie & friends at home. Carrie Dott sitting on rail.
- 33 Carrie & friends picnic. Gr. [Grandma] Dott front left.
- 34 Carrie & girlfriends. Gr. [Grandma] Dott top right.
- 35 Carrie & girlfriends. Grandma Dott front.
- 36 Carrie & girlfriends. Carrie in front left?
- 37 Carrie & girlfriends. Gr. Dott on L.
- 38 Carrie & girlfriends. Carrie Dott Bottom Right Corner
- 39 Carrie & girlfriends
- 40 Carrie & girlfriends in snow. Carrie Dott on Left.
- 41 Gr. Dott. Carrie Dott.
- 42 Carrie Dott.
- 43 Carrie Dott at home. Carrie Dethlefs Dott. Gr. Dott 1918-22.
- 44 Carrie Dott in snow.
- 45 Carrie Dott on rt with camera.
- 46 Dott's Home - at a mine maybe, Thane?
- 47 Employment line - Juneau
- 48 Glacier & Mountains
- 49 Harry Flood Dott
- 50 Harry & Carrie 1920's
- 51 Harry & Carrie & friends at glacier. Harry & Carrie Dott in Middle.
- 52 Harry & Carrie & friends at glacier Verso: Gr. Dott on left. Grandma middle right.
- 53 Harry & Carrie & Friends- watching parade maybe. Carrie & Harry Dott 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from left.
- 54 Harry, Carrie, friends in car. Gr Dott leaning on car. Grandma Dott- middle car.
- 55 Housing at water.
- 56 Juneau scene.
- 57 Man and girl.
- 58 Men - employment line possibly. Typical employment scene.
- 59 Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska
- 60 Mine scene.
- 61 Mine scene.
- 62 Mine scene.
- 63 Mountain Stream at Perseverance Road
- 64 Portal Camp, Sheep Creek
- 65 S.S. Admiral Farragut, Juneau, Alaska
- 66 S.S. Northwestern, Juneau, Jan 22 1916.
- 67 S.S. Spokane, Juneau, Alaska
- 68 Street scene from Dott Home @ 426 East St. Juneau
- 69 Taku Glacier
- 70 Taku Glacier
- 71 Waterfall

- 72 Waterfront scene.
- 73 Gastineau Ave., Juneau, Alaska, wracked by slide during storm of Sept 26, 1918 - Kirk
- 74 Gold Creek after the Storm Sept. 26, 1918, Juneau, Alaska - Kirk
- 75 Hyder Alaska, Looking across Portland Canal into Canada - Thwaites 5109.
- 76 March 1918, Front Street, Juneau Alaska - Kirk.
- 77 Mendenhall Glacier - Kirk
- 78 Palace Theatre, Juneau, Alaska - Kirk
- 79 Phoenix Peak, Res. Bay, Alaska, - 683 L.H.P.
- 80 Resurrection Bay Alaska - 835 L.H.P.
- 81 Totem Poles, Alert Bay - Kirk
- 82 Treadwell Mine after cave-in - (cutoff bottom of photo). "Cave-in" Treadwell Alaska, April 22, 1917. Copyright S. B. Combest.
- 83 1403 Typical Alaska Mining Scene - unknown
- 84 Waiting for Dinner Sheep Creek - unknown
- 85 Channel scene

*Paper Print w/no digital copy*

- 86 Taku Glacier

*Digital Images w/no paper print copy*

- 87 Carrie & Miki the dog
- 88 Carrie Dott
- 89 Carrie Dott
- 90 Carrie Dott
- 91 Carrie with Dorothy Dott 1922
- 92 Harry & Carrie
- 93 Harry & friend
- 94 Harry Dott
- 95 Homes right beneath mountain
- 96 Men in car
- 97 Miki the dog
- 98 Miki the dog
- 99 Miki the dog
- 100 Mountain scene
- 101 River in snow
- 102 John Vanderbilt postcard  
Verso:  
Mr. Harry Dott  
Chichagoff, Alaska

Seattle Oct  
Dear Harry,

This is the only life. Have been  
On the go constantly.  
Expect to leave  
For the East the  
Last part of the  
Week. Remember  
Me to the boys.

Sincerely yours

John W. Vanderbilt

103 Postcard to Harry at Thane, AK

Verso:

Mr Harry F. Dott  
Thane, Alaska

New York City Sept 20/15

Dear Mr. Dott-  
Just a line to as  
sure you of my ap  
preciation of your  
kindness while at  
Thane. Just stopping  
in N.Y. a few days on  
my way to Charleston S.C.  
Yours Truly R.H. Solomon