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Rodine, Claus, 1859-1919

Papers of Claus Rodine, 1898-1979

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Processing: Correspondence was organized by correspondent and date. Postcard correspondence was, however, put at the beginning of the photographs. A news clippings file and the albums were left in original order. Photographs were removed from Album 2 for preservation reasons. JOAN'S ADVENTURES AT THE NORTH POLE... by Alice A. Corkran, was moved into the Historical Collections Alaskana book collection.

Biographical Note

Claus Rodine was born in Sweden in 1859, and emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 5. He became a druggist in Galesburg, Illinois. Around 1897, he married Ella (Anderson?; born 1869) there. Claus journeyed to Alaska in 1898, to seek his fortune in gold as a member of the well-equipped Galesburg-Alaska Mining & Development Co. He left Ella and daughter Mary behind, promising to strike it rich. The company struggled with their steamer ILLINOIS up the Yukon to the Koyukuk River in July 1898. They prospected around Beaver City through the winter, but found no encouraging strikes. With the coming of spring 1899, the company broke up; some members stayed in Alaska, and the rest returned home to the States.

Claus Rodine returned to the States during October 1899, but he was back by summer 1900 with another group of men from Princeton, Illinois. Rodine and his partners developed quartz mines and claims at Twin Mountain Creek near Nome. Meanwhile, he spent time with his family in Illinois, Nome and Seattle. The family lived together in Nome for a period around 1909-1910 and Claus' sisters Ida and Clara also moved there. By 1911, Ella had returned to Seattle with Mary. A son named Arthur was born to Claus and Ella in 1912, but Claus continued to pursue his dreams in Nome

The NOME TRI-WEEKLY NUGGET on June 16, 1919, reported that old-timer "Claes Rodine" tried to commit suicide while on the Str. SENATOR in the Bering Sea. He died in the Nome hospital on June 15 or 16, a wealthy man. Ella lived in Seattle until her death several years later. Their daughter, Mary Rodine Rotermund, and granddaughter Betty Stewart still live in the Seattle area.

Scope and Contents Note

The papers consist mainly of Claus Rodine's letters home, describing his mining endeavors including the Galesburg-Alaska expedition, and life in Nome, from 1898 to approximately 1914. Other family correspondence is included. Picture postcards were organized with the photographs; by correspondent. Apparently Mary's hobby was collecting postcards.

The 346 photographs collected by Claus and Mary include early images of the Galesburg-Alaska Mining expedition, Boulder Creek mining, and Nome. Unfortunately many of the places and people are unidentified. There is some duplication between the two photograph albums. Many photographs (#73-182) had been torn out of an album and are very fragile. Further photographic documentation of the Galesburg-Alaska Mining expedition can be found in *Journey to the Koyukuk*; the photos of J. N. Wyman, 1898-1899, by Jasper N. Wyman, 1988.

There are a few pages of Mary Rodine Rotermund's scrapbook with news articles on Nome events such as the 1925 diphtheria epidemic and Roald Amundsen's visit, and Seattle friends. And Box 2, Miscellaneous papers, includes a Nome High School yearbook, 1912.

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Box listing

BOX 1

Folder 1 **Outgoing correspondence of Claus Rodine, 1898-1913 (25 items)**

1. Claus R., St. Michael, to Ella and baby Mary [probably at Galesburg, Ill.]. Letter dated June 21, 1898. Arrived safely after a 26-1/2 day voyage from Seattle. They plan to leave for the Yukon within 2 weeks.
2. Claus R., St. Michael, to Ella and baby Mary. Letter dated June 27, 1898. Is working hard to leave by July 4th for the gold fields.
3. Claus R., mouth of the Koyukuk, to Ella and Babe Mary. Letter dated Aug. 8, 1898. Struggled upriver 500 miles from St. Michaels during the past 3 weeks in the small steamer SILVER WAVE. Describes leaving some supplies behind to lighten the load, constant wood cutting, and the Indians.

4. Claus R. to Ella. Incomplete letter, n.d. (ca. summer 1898?). Possibly more news of the river voyage. They have to "lay up" at night as it is too dark.
5. Claus R., St. Michaels, to Ella. Letter dated July 1, 1899. This is his first letter in 11 months, having just arrived from Beaver City. The Galesburg-Alaska Mining & Developing Co. has nearly disbanded; some members have left for other opportunities. Rodine's immediate plans are to board the Str. MARGARET headed toward Andreafsky, possibly Cape Nome, and head back to the States within a few months. Describes wintering in the Beaver area and their techniques for mining the frozen ground; no profitable gold was found.
6. Claus R., Cape Nome, to Ella & Baby Mary. Letter dated Sept. 16, 1899. Claus has begun to prospect on the beach at Nome and decided to winter there. He and his partner have built a cabin on the beach 1-1/2 mi. from Anvil City (Nome).
7. Claus R., Seattle, to Ella & baby and Sisters. Incomplete letter dated Oct. 24, 1899. Claus left Cape Nome on Oct. 7. He and partner Gust(?) Carlson from Princeton, IL, rocked on the Nome beach until freezing temperatures prevented much work. He thinks those left behind will run out of coal before winter's end.
8. Claus R., Seattle, to Ella. Incomplete letter dated Oct. 29 [1899]. Talks about the gifts he has brought back and regrets he did not make more money in Nome.
9. Claus R., Cape Nome, to Ella and baby. Letter dated Aug. 31, 1900. Sluicing at Twin Mt. Creek with 8 remaining members of a group from Princeton; staked 3 quartz claims. Their efforts at No. 12 Anvil Cr. were to no avail due to lack of water. He regrets they did not prospect at nearby Nikhala(?) benches, where miners are now making \$1,000 per day. Still optimistic.
10. Claus R., Nome, to Ella. Letter dated Oct. 19, 1900. Claus is partner with Mr. Weiner at "the creek," but most of the Princeton group have left. Will be a notary public.
11. Claus R., Cape Nome, to Ella & baby Mary. Letter dated Dec. 11, 1900. Optimistic about the quartz claims at Twin Mt. and anticipating a group from Princeton, IL coming in the spring. Going to Council with Weiner and Malmstrom to do assessment work on a claim and jump another. Talks about winter life in Nome and prices.
12. Claus R., Nome, to Ella & baby Mary. Letter dated Feb. 1, 1901. About the trip to Council City from which he returned two weeks ago. Did assessment work on a claim for Miner Bruce. Bruce's claim is jumped by Mrs. Stewart. In waist-deep snow the partners located and jumped a Melsing Cr. claim, beating out a couple of other men at midnight. Big storm.
13. Claus R., Nome, to Ella and Mary. Letter dated March 10, 1901. News of the Princeton group and possible monetary support; apparently Rodine, Weimer and Malmstrom are maintaining the Twin Mt. claims for the group. Food prices came down.

14. Claus R., Cape Nome, to Ella. Letter dated July 12, 1901. Working with Mr. Porter and Mr. Hughs on No. 3 Twin Mt. Creek claim, which is paying only \$5 per day. The Princeton men, some of whom have arrived, and Rodine and Nutcher (of California) have formed a company to work the quartz claims.
15. Claus R., Nome, to Ella & baby. Letter dated Aug. 19, 1901. Still only able to send a little money to Ella. Wants her to come up with Mary in the fall or spring (so he can keep prospecting) as Ed is going to bring Claus' sister Ida then.
16. Claus R., Cape Nome, to Ella & baby Mary. Letter dated Jan. 11, 1902, on Twin Mt. Gold Mining & Milling Co. letterhead. About the deaths of Mr. Nutcher and Mr. Corneille in a mine explosion on January 3.
17. Claus R., Nome, to Ella and Mary. Letter dated May 1, 1902. Talks about Mary. Claus is hoping to bring the family together later in the year.
18. Claus R., Boulder Cr. Camp, Nome, to Ella & Mary. Letter dated July 14, 1904. Wants to meet Ella in California for the winter; Claus will have an operation.
19. Santa Claus, Nome, to Mary. Letter dated Dec. 24, 1905. Sends a book and doll.
20. Claus R., Nome, to Ella & Mary. Letter dated Aug. 25, 1911. Claus is supervising work at the Boulder Cr. claim for Mr. Rodey and Mr. Clark. Mr. Stewart is working Rodine's Sledge Cr. claim, as well as Boulder Cr. at a large deficit. Clara and Ida Rodine are working in Nome. News of friends.
21. Claus R., Nome, to Ella, Mary and Clara. Letter dated June 12, 1912. Arrived on first boat [of the season?]. Ida is living in Nome.
22. Claus R., Nome, to Folks, Ella, Mary, Arthur & Clara. Letter dated June 1912. An elevator has been put in at Boulder Cr. and plans for another at the Sledge Cr. claim. Other mining prospects.
23. Claus R., Nome, to Ella, Mary, baby and Clara. Letter dated Aug. 25, 1912. Claus is doing assessment work on Placer Cr. and quartz claims at Sledge Cr. Work on Sledge Cr. has been delayed. Urges Ella to socialize more. Wants to build a house in Seattle.
24. Claus R., Nome, to Ella, Mary, Baby & Clara. Letter dated Sept. 24, 1912. Update on the claims. Is clear of debt and vows (once more) to stay out of the saloons.
25. Claus R., Nome, to Mr. V. V. Clark, Seattle. Letter dated Aug. 5, 1913. Rodine was not notified that Clark decided not to come to Nome, asks about money promised Rodine, and about Clark's plans for Boulder Cr. holdings.

Folder 2. Family correspondence, 1883-1925 (17 items)
Incoming correspondence of Claus Rodine, 1910

1. Letter of V. V. Clark, Boulder Creek, AK, dated Aug. 7, 1910. Transmitting samples from a new quartz vein for testing.

Incoming correspondence of Ella Rodine, 1883-1919

2. Letter of [sister] Mary, Alameda, CA, dated Feb. 4, 1883. Personal news.
3. Letter of [sister] Emma, Riverside, CA, dated July 3, 1905. Is ill and plans to return to Galesburg, IL. Was in an envelope with #10.
4. Telegram of Al Hansen, Nome, dated June 15, 1919. Claus is in the hospital.
5. Alfred Hansen, Nome, to Ella Rodine, Seattle. Telegram dated Oct. 23, 1919. Asks her to keep Slate Cr. property until he can talk to her.
6. Letter of G(?) C. Stewart, Lynch Hospital, Nome, dated June 19, 1919. Concerning the funeral of Claus Rodine and business.

Outgoing correspondence of Mary Rodine, ca. 1909-1911

7. Letter to Bessie, dated July, no yr. Tells about the trip from Galesburg, IL. to Nome (sailing on the YUCATAN) with mother and Aunt Ida.
8. Letter to Aunt Emma Anderson, Galesburg, IL, dated Jan. 10, 1909. About Christmas with her parents and life in Nome. Mary is in the 6th grade. [Emma passed away in the meantime.]
9. Letter to Claus Rodine, Nome, dated Sept. 9, 1911. Mary is 14 years old and in high school now at Seattle, where she found a Nome friend, Carita Coston.

Incoming correspondence of Mary Rodine (Rotermund), 1905-1920

10. Inc. letter of Emma?, Galesburg, IL, dated Aug. 15, 1905. Personal news. In same envelope as #3.
11. Letter of Aunt Katie and Will [Anderson], Galesburg, IL, dated June 28, 1908. Family news.
12. Letter of cousin Hazel Peterson, Galesburg, IL, dated June 18, 1910. News from home.
13. Letter of Catherine ?, Nome, dated April 2, 1917. Congratulations on Mary Rodine's marriage to W. F. Rotermund.
14. Letter of Clara Mielke, Nome, dated July 7, 1917. Mary has had a baby girl. Describes the wedding of Mildred Lehman to Alfred Lomen and other Nome news.

15. Letter of Catherine ?, Candle, dated Sept. 17, 1920. Nome news. Was one of a party of 45 which accompanied Roald Amundsen when he left Nome. Tells of the arrival of airplanes from New York and will send photographs.

Other family correspondence

16. Inc. letter of [Ida Rodine?], Nome, to Brother & All, dated Nov. 4, 1913. News about a big storm in Nome they just missed. (See also *Ida Hansen*)
17. Letter of Ida [Rodine] Hansen, Nome, to "Folks," dated Sept. 24/25. Discusses a claim Al has been working for them for 4 years and for no pay. News of several other claims, Columbia Mining Co., friends. (See also *Ida Rodine*)

Folder 3. Transcription of correspondence by Alaska State Museum

To be added at a later date.

Folder 4. Photographs (#1-92)

#1-7 Postcards from Katie B. [Bongard?], Nome, to Mary Rodine, Seattle, dated 1911-1914.

1. Where the harem skirt originated, N.E. Siberia [five Eskimo women in fur pants and shirts with pouches]. H. G. Kaiser, Madsen (no. 6H?)
2. Picnic Party, Nome, Alaska [women and girls with camp fire tripod]. H. G. Kaiser
3. Girls' race, July 4, 1912 [bird's eye view over crowd]. H. G. Kaiser
4. Madonna of the No...[North (caption partially cut off); Eskimo woman with sleeping child in hood]. H. G. [Kaiser]
5. Ski jumping, Nome, Alaska. O. D. Goetze, Nome
6. Seal hunt [three men dragging seals and kayak? across ice blocks] H. G. Kaiser
7. Reindeer camp, Nome, Alaska [four Eskimo with harnessed reindeer and sleds]. H. G. Kaiser
- 8-10 Postcards from Mrs. Frank Koudela, Nome, to Mary Rodine, Seattle, dated 1911 & ?*
8. [Mrs. Koudela (left?) and 5 women standing in front of a house on D St. in Nome.]
9. [Mrs. Koudela, July 16, 1911, standing in daisies one mile outside of Nome.]
10. [Studio portrait of a woman in fur parka, holding NKC pennant.] Margaret Moldt?
- 11-20 Postcards from Clara Mielke, Nome, to Mary Rodine, Seattle, dated March 1911 to March 1914.*
11. [Nome telephone building on fire, March 12, 1911, at -32 degrees.] blurred

12. [Reindeer in harness which raced dog teams between Nome and Ft. Davis, but lost.] blurred
 13. Str. UMATILLA in the Nome roadstead, June 13-11 [1911; ship in the ice]. H. G. Kaiser
 14. Str. VICTORIA - SENATOR & BEAR in the Nome roadstead. H. G. Kaiser
 15. Girls' egg and spoon race, 4-July, 1911, Nome.
 16. R-C-BEAR in Nome roadstead, June 23, 1911 [ship in background behind ice bergs]. H. G. Kaiser
 17. Spring clean-up on Front St., Nome, Alaska [looking down on men hosing the street down].
 18. [Solomon dredger?]
 19. Clara, out for a drive. Nome, Alaska [Clara with dog and sled].
 20. Marooned [dog on wrecked barge]. Lomen Bros., Nome
 - 21-25 *Undated postcards from Aunt Ida Rodine, Nome, to Mary Rodine, Seattle.*
 21. [High school dog racer in a crowd. Ida is marked by an 'x'.]
 22. Chewing the rag [two horses chewing a rag].
 23. Burke Entry - Ladies Race, Nome, Alaska, March 31, 1917 [dog team in crowd]. Lomen Bros.
 24. Mikanina Eskimo. Nome, Alaska [young girl in kuspuk]. H. G. Kaiser
 25. Girls' foot race, 4-July-1911, Nome, Alaska. H. G. Kaiser
 - 26-27 *Postcards from Mrs. Frank J. Mielke, Nome, to Mrs. Claus Rodine, Seattle, dated June-July, 1911*
 26. Steamer CORWIN in the ice 7 mls. [miles] from Nome, June 8-11 [1911] H. G. Kaiser
 27. 4-July11- Nome, Alaska [1911; crowd along street]. J. Meyers
 - 28 *Postcard from Agnes Peirson, Quilcene, WA, to Mrs. Claus Rodine, Seattle, dated Aug. 23, 1912*
 28. Wild Blue Grouse Hen [non-Alaska view]. P. M. Richardson (no. 673)
- Some of the unsigned postcards (#29-71) were addressed to Mary Rodine; some have comments on the verso.**
29. [Seated woman with four girls; studio portrait.]

30. [Caucasian girl in fur parka; full length studio portrait.]
31. 3 Friends - Nome, Alaska [girl on ice block with two dogs].
32. [Woman watering garden flowers.]
- 33-34. [Two women, a girl and dogs on beach.]
- 35-36. [The same trio making flower wreaths, seated on the ground.]
- 37-38. [Two girls seated in the daisies.]
39. [Girl with flower and grass bouquet.]
40. [Woman in suit standing on a road.]
41. [Woman in long coat and broad hat, next to a slough.]
42. Little Creek express - Nome, Alaska [dog team and tram on rails]. H. G. Kaiser
43. Chuchceh(?) women - N.W. Siberia [Chukchi women?; girl and tall cooking tripod]. C. Madsen
- 44-45. Eskimo double-kicking. Nome, Alaska, July 4, 1914. N. S. Jolls
46. Eskimo's Looking for Walrus, Nome, Alaska [men paddling skin boat]. Moldt Studio (no. 148)
47. [Santa Claus with a little Christmas tree and gifts on a dog sled.]
48. Kyak (sic)-"Boat" Race - July 4th, 1912, Nome, Alaska [crowd and four kayaks on a beach].
49. Kyak (sic)-Race - 4th of July - Nome - Alaska [small boats on the water]. Moldt Studio (no. 634)
50. Longest Dog Team in the World. 106 Dogs...Destined to France [on beach]. Church
51. Egg Race - 4th of July - 1912. Nome, Alaska [girls racing through a crowd].
52. The Winners. Start, Fred M. Ayer Entry, Borden Marathon Dog Race, Nome, Alaska, Feb. 1918(?).
53. 4-July 191(?) - Nome, Alaska [crowd watching a man walking the high wire]. H. C. Kaiser
54. Milk - Dairy - Nome - Alaska [large building]. Moldt Studio

55. Log Cabin - Club-House- Nome - Alaska. Moldt (no. 39)
 56. One of the first log cabins. Nome, Alaska. Moldt (no. 216)
 57. Rear of Pacific Cold Storage Co. Plant. Nome, Alaska, after the Big Storm, 1913. Lomen Bros.
 58. First Ave. after the Big Storm. Nome, Alaska, 1913 [Snake River Grocery and houses off their foundations]. Lomen Bros.
 59. The MARY SACKS' (sic) Thrown on the Beach During Storm, Bering Sea - Nome - Alaska - Aug. 14, 1912 [MARY SACHS]. Moldt Studio
 60. [Two skin boats racing?]
 61. [People on beach watching boat races?]
 62. THE-MARY-SACKS (SIC)-in-the-ice-pack -- June 28 - 1911 [men posed on deck of boats and on ice].
 63. On-the-Little-Creek-Farm--Nome-Alaska [a cow]. Moldt Studio
 64. The Alaska musher [side view of a man wearing pack and mosquito net]. Lomen Bros.
 65. [Dredge.]
 66. As-Seen-Near Teller, Alaska [looking over a loaded barge to a horse-drawn wagon in the water]. Moldt Studio (no. 144)
 67. Polishing Ivory. Nome, Alaska [two Eskimo men working under a skin boat tipped on its side]. Moldt Studio
 68. [Eskimo dancers.]
 69. Tom-Cod-Fishing-On-Bering Sea-in-Winter. Nome-Alaska [Eskimo girl and her catch]. Moldt Studio (no. 600)
 70. [Native family standing outside their skin-covered tent.]
 71. Eskimo-Child-of-Nome-Alaska. Moldt Studio
- End of postcards.**
72. [2-story wood house with fence; girl with doll sitting in front and woman on porch.]
 73. [Claus Rodine, 1898. Illinois Group (written on front); 11 men with loaded sled.]

74. [Group taken at Beaver City last fall (verso); large party around a log cabin, ca. 1898.] damaged
75. [Illinois camp(?), Beaver City, April 1899. Fred B... & myself - taken [early?] this spring (verso); two men in front of a log cabin. Claus Rodine at right?] torn corner
76. [Boulder Creek Camp...Blackstone holding horse...Johnson next to door...Weiner in the middle...[Claus] Rodine at the lower end. Picture was taken the [latter?] part of August 1902...a happy home. C. R. (verso). Four men and horse in front of cabin and tent.] torn
77. [Man seated in front of the Boulder Creek cabin.] Nowell & Rognon, Seattle (no. 680A) damaged
78. Boulder Creek M'ng. Co. operating on Twin Mt. Creek, Aug. 1907 [12 people posed]. Grinnold (no. 6803), Nowell & Rognon, Seattle
79. [Hydraulic elevator.]
80. [Mining camp; man in background is dumping soil on a large pile.]
81. [Mining operation; man with hydraulic giant.] faded
82. [Overall hydraulic mining view; shooting water into a gully.] faded
83. [Birds eye view of Blewett & the twenty stamp mill of Blewett Gold Mining Co. (verso); Castle Hotel at center.]
84. [View of upper bar from lower end (verso).] faded
85. [A prospecting cut in the bar showing bed rock and sluice boxes (verso); man standing at right.]
86. [Along the flum (sic) near the dam (verso); man standing at left.] faded
87. [Along the flume, showing entrance [to] "Lucky Queen" tunnel (verso); man sitting at right.]
88. [Side view of flume bridge (verso).] faded
89. [Bench flume, waste gate & trestle (verso).] faded
90. [Flume around rocky point (verso).] faded
91. [Man in fur parka; full length studio portrait.] Sciaroni & Hammond, Nome. matted
92. [Five men standing around a flume.] matted

Folder 5. ALBUM 1 (#93-182)

93. [Stormy seas; same as #215.] torn
94. Looking Down Boulder Creek. Claus & Rodene (sic) operators. N.A. [overall view of valley].
95. [Man and child (Mary Rodine?) at mining camp.]
96. [Two partially clothed Eskimo children next to a boat.]
97. [Possibly the Rodine family in front of a tent.] torn
98. [Snowy buildings at Nome?] blurred
99. [Distant view of a woman in camp.] torn
100. [Two girls in hats; possibly Mary Rodine at right. Same as #324.]
101. [Looking over a railway station with horse-drawn wagons in foreground.]
102. [Woman between two wood piles.] Right top corner cut off
103. [Sleeping man.]
104. [Woman in hat.] blurred
105. [Snow-covered houses.]
106. [Crowd of men on a barge approaching shore; same as #117, 216.]
107. [Distant view of four people (the Rodine's?) in front of a tent on a beach (Nome?); same as #214.]
108. [Woman in hat with net; 3/4 length view. Same as #338.] uneven contrast
109. Marshal Field, Chicago [(sic) Illinois; three floors, with pillars.]
110. Hudson River, Albany [New York; bridge in distance.]
111. [Mary Rodine standing at a mining operation.]
112. [Eskimo camp; upturned skin boat at left.]
113. [Distant view of men operating a hydraulic nozzle.]

114. [Overall view of mining camp.]
115. [Steamer, partial broadside view.] low contrast
116. [Distant view of hydraulic mining.]
117. [Men on barge; same as #106.]
118. [Men and dogs on beach with supplies; buildings in background; same as #171.] torn
119. [Camp view; drying rack at left.]
120. [Natives in a large boat? probably at Nome; same as #217.]
121. [A mining operation in the distance.] blurred
122. [Mary Rodine and a woman (up to her shoulders), both in fur parkas.] blurred, torn
123. [Tailings pile?]
124. [Eskimo couple in fur parkas.] low contrast
125. [Mary Rodine (left) and others bundled up on a bench; see also #267.]
126. [Hydraulic mining operation.] torn
127. [Large stately building with columns and dome, on shore; non-Alaska.]
128. [Mining operation.] torn
129. [Forested hill from railroad tracks.] overexposed at left
130. [Distant hydraulic mining operation.] blurred, torn
131. [Possibly a distant view of Mrs. Rodine and Mary walking on a beach.] blurred, torn
132. [Eskimo children playing on an overturned boat; buildings in background. Same as #320.]
torn
133. [Couple and a girl walking in snow; buildings in background; see #255.]
134. [Men with lumber and supplies in town; same as #257.] blurred
135. [Two women in long coats.] blurred

136. [Snowing at the mining camp.]
137. [Hydraulic mining and stream.]
138. [Two men working with lumber.]
139. [Man, halfway visible beside buildings.] poor
140. Skin boat [tilted on its side and hung with cloth, etc., on the beach.]
141. [Man with group of dogs outside a building.]
142. Bessie Mine [distant view.]
143. Skin Boat, Siberian [distant view of tent camp; boat behind tents.]
144. [Looking down on cabin and shed next to berms.]
145. [Two women, a man and child in a fancy sled; same as #249.]
146. Unimak Pass [distant view of headland across water.]
147. Turning on The Water in the Morning, The Boxes Loaded [three men on flume, dog in foreground].
148. Looking Down Stream, Boulder Creek. Clause & Rodine, Operators. N. A.
149. [Man chopping wood.] blurred
150. [Cabin roofs; bush in foreground.]
151. [Looking downhill over a flume structure toward tents.]
152. [Possibly an Eskimo camp.]
153. [Overall view of hydraulic mining operation.] faded
154. Looking Down Stream, Boulder Creek. N. A.
155. Hydraulic Mining on Boulder Creek. Claus & Rodine, operator's. N. A.
156. Two women and a girl on a snowy bridge?]
157. [Man working under a flume structure.]
158. [Looking down sluice or flume.]

159. [Construction area?]
160. Mt. Boulder showing part of Boulder Ditch Line [hillside]. N. A.
161. [Four women and a girl (Mary Rodine?) on porch.
162. [7 men and Mary Rodine posed at mining camp; same as #212.]
163. Fox River [man standing on boulder at center.]
164. Wharf, Nome [from water].
165. [Two men a a dog in front of a cabin.]
166. Sealer, Bering Sea [distant side view].
167. [Distant hydraulic operation.] blurred
168. [Couple standing on ice below a draped sailing ship; same as #256.]
169. [Cabin.]
170. Home from town. Sand Spit [Eskimo couple in camp]. blurred
171. [Men on beach; same as #118.]
172. [Woman emerging from cabin with a bucket.]
173. [Str. TARTAR at dock.] low contrast
174. Looking down into a ditch.
175. Boulder Creek, Sept. 18, 1909 [three men on top of a dredge mechanism?].
176. [Side portrait of a man; upper torso.] very faded
177. Mt. Golconda. blurred, low contrast
178. [Men alongside train, in trees.]
179. [Snowy roofs and smokestacks.]
180. Interior Native Tent home [woman seated at left]. faded
181. Gov. Haggat [Governor Hoggatt in a horse-drawn carriage on a street].

182. Long Tom, Nome Beach, 1906 [two men working beach sand].

BOX 2 Oversize items

Folder 1. Album 2 (#183-344)

183. [Dredge; woman and two girls in foreground.]
184. [Mary Rodine at left, and a friend.] blurred
185. [School children lined up against the wall; Mary Rodine may be fifth from the left.]
186. [Two girls with skis and sled in the snow.]
187. [Woman and girl lying in the snow.]
188. [Nome, Alaska - Early Days (handwritten); man and two women sitting in the grass.]
189. [Three Eskimo children in the street.]
190. [Nome, Alaska, 1917 (handwritten); man and woman standing in front of a building.]
191. [Group of children on steps, with dog in foreground.]
192. [Large group of children on steps.]
193. [School house (handwritten).]
194. [Three children holding hands in the street.]
195. [Group on a large sledge in snow; horses at right.] blurred
196. [Possibly Mr. Rodine, holding Mary.]
197. [Dog at edge of a stream.]
198. [Large childrens' picnic.]
199. [Children's parade with U.S. flags.]
200. [Dredge.]
201. [Close view of a cat in the snow.]
202. [Children's pageant with stars; Mary Rodine at left?] blurred

203. [Mary Rodine standing near the mining operation.]
204. A Typical Boulder Creek Miner [Mary in the stream behind a cabin].
205. [Man, woman and Mary Rodine outside a tent.]
206. [Possibly the Rodine family outside a house.]
207. [A line of children in the snow.]
208. [Possibly Mary Rodine and her mother with another woman, outside a tent; same as #210.]
209. [Young woman in frilled apron.] cyanotype
210. [Same as #208.]
211. [Mary and unidentified man at a mining camp.]
212. [Seven men and Mary Rodine at camp; same as #162.]
213. A young prospector [probably Mary Rodine panning in a stream].
214. [Four people and tent on beach; same as #107.]
215. [Stormy seas; same as #93.]
216. [Men on barge; same as ##117.]
217. [Eskimos in boat; same as #120.]
218. [Mary Rodine with woman, two men and dogs; buildings in background.]
219. [Girl pushing dog dressed up in a buggy.]
220. [Woman and two girls on a wharf?]
221. [Man with white beard and woman standing in the waves.]
222. [Distant view of the same people.] faded
223. [Possibly a group of soldiers.] uneven contrast
224. [Log building.] uneven contrast
225. [Children playing in front of a fence.] low contrast

226. [Girl in costume and dog.]
227. [Two girls in flower costumes.]
228. [Two girls in flower costumes facing each other.]
229. [Man and woman on horse-drawn wagon.] cyanotype
230. [Two girls in flower costumes, rear view.]
231. [Child sitting in the grass with a hatful of flowers.]
232. [Photocollage; three views of a girl gathering flowers.]
233. [Girl in white holding a doll.]
234. [Two girls at the beach with a dog.]
235. [Girl sitting in wagon harnessed to a dog, with boy.]
236. [Two girls standing on gravel pile at edge of water.]
237. [Flower gathering party.]
238. [Picnic group.]
239. [Two girls gathering daisies.]
240. [Group of four women, three children and two dogs.]
241. [Girl and dog standing in front of enormous wheel of a heavy wagon.] blurred
242. [Group of women and girls in the bushes.]
243. [Three women, three children and dog in buggy.]
244. [Four women and four children.]
245. Auto Sled, Invented by W. A. Boice. Nome, Alaska, 1910(?) [and group of men].
246. [Picnic group and flowers.]
247. [Two girls standing under bushes.]
248. [Two women and two girls on a wood structure, with flowers.]

- 249. [Three adults and girl in sled; same as #145.]
- 250. [Girl with plants on a porch.]
- 251. [Distant view of a girl standing under an ice mound.]
- 252. [Group with a small fish caught under the ice.]
- 253. [Girl sitting on ice under icicles.]
- 254. [Two girls sitting on gravel pile next to water.]
- 255. [Couple and girl walking in snow. Same as #322; #133 except backwards.]
- 256. [Couple below a covered ship; same as #168.]
- 257. [Men and supplies; same as #134.]
- 258. [Snowy tower with circular staircase.]
- 259. [Mary Rodine (in hood) with four adults and a baby; snowy tower in background.]
- 260. [Similar group picture from a different angle.]
- 261. [Norwegian who helped me do the work this winter (verso); with dog sled.] faded
- 263. [The boys that helped me do the work on Boulder Creek (verso); two buckets and a winch.]
- 264. [Mining operation.]
- 265. [Group picture in front of a sod house.] uneven exposure
- 266. [Similar but closer view.] uneven exposure
- 267. [Group bundled on bench; poorer version of #125.]
- 268. Hooper Bay Eskimo Villadge (sic), Alaska - G. Madsen [kayaks on stands in middle ground].
H. G. Kaiser
- 269. Str. VICTORIA in the Nome roadstead, June [ship behind ice.]
- 270. [Another view of the Hooper Bay Eskimo village.]
- 271. [Hydraulic mining; overall view.]

272. [Hydraulic mining.]
273. [Man operating hydraulic nozzle.]
274. [Two girls with flowers and a dog, next to house.]
275. [Two girls making daisy wreaths.]
276. [Girl and flowers.] blurred
277. [Two girls making daisy wreaths, and a dog.]
278. [Woman with daisy basket.]
279. [Two women and two girls with daisies.]
280. [Nome street scene; crowd with heavy wagon. Lomen Bros. sign in background.]
281. [Puppies and a doghouse.]
282. Shelton, Kougarok, Alaska [buildings along shoreline].
283. [Two dogs in snow.]
284. [Fancy chair in front of a tapestry.]
285. [Snow-covered 2-story house.] blurred
286. Mushing with Dogs in Alaska "in May," about the time of the Breakup. Nome, Alaska [small dog team and sled in water]. H. G. Kaiser
287. E-Front St.-Nome, Alaska - after storm, Oc-6-13 [Oct. 6, 1913; wreckage in street]. H. G. Kaiser (no. 8)
288. Front St. during storm, Oct. 7, 1913. Nome, Alaska. H. G. Kaiser (no. 6)
289. [Side view of a bear.]
290. [Boxes of root vegetables.]
291. [Turnips? on a box.]
292. [Woman and girl alongside a tar-papered cabin.]
293. [Man and girl with horse team in snow.]

294. [Woman and girl on building balcony.]
295. [Distant view of ice mounds.]
296. [Three girls on boardwalk.] faded
297. [Bringing mail on a stormy day (handwritten); possibly Mary Rodine on a snowy street].
blurred
298. [Three girls playing with dolls.] double exposure
299. [Two women on bridge?]
300. [Four children dressed up.]
301. [Young child in flower field.]
302. [Girl sitting under icicles on ice mound.]
303. [Woman at ice mound.]
304. [Girl and boy in flower field.]
305. [Five men sitting next to a building.]
306. [Woman in fur parka in snow.]
307. [Distant view of a tent camp with drying racks.]
308. [Mary Rodine? (center) and two boys; upper torso view.]
309. [Women and children on a picnic.] over-exposed
310. [Three children on street.] poor
311. [Four adults, two children on snow outing.]
312. [Looking down a crowded ship with sails.]
313. [Ocean view.]
314. [Tower on the water.]
315. Looking Down Stream, Boulder Creek. N. A.
316. Looking Down Stream, Boulder Creek. Clause & Rodine, Operatos (sic). N. A.

- 317. Mt. Golconda [in distance; cloth in foreground].
- 318. [Two girls in flower field.]
- 319. [Man and girl with horse team in snow.]
- 320. [Children playing on an overturned boat; same as #132.]
- 321. [Two women on board ship.]
- 322. [Couple and a girl walking in snow; same as #255.] faded
- 323. [Woman with high-necked blouse.]
- 324. [Two girls; same as #100.]
- 325. [Mary Rodine, behind a curtain.]
- 326. [Two women and two girls posed in front of Discovery (building) on snowy street.]
- 327. [Woman in hat with net.]
- 328. [Two women.]
- 329. [Man, woman and two girls in front of Discovery building; similar to #326.]
- 330. [Woman and girl sitting on steps of bath house.]
- 331. [Two men, woman and girl with horse-drawn sledges.]
- 332. [Two women and horse-drawn sleigh.] blurred
- 333. [Two women on bridge?] blurred
- 334. [Man sitting on couch.]
- 335. [Three men partially visible at construction site.]
- 336. [Side view portrait of man on porch.] faded
- 337. [Two women in snow outside a building.]
- 338. [Upper torso view of woman in hat with net; same as #108.] damaged
- 339. [Two men and woman sitting on a tobaggan.]

- 340. [Woman wearing fur parka and hood; upper torso studio portrait.]
- 341. [Looking over houses toward ice and buildings on far shore.]
- 342. [Looking across water toward buildings on far shore.] Clara Mielke
- 343. [Girl with large dog in garden.]
- 344. [Couple in parkas; upper torso studio portrait.]

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Folder 2. Oversize photographs (#345-346)

- 345. May Day exercise, Nome Public School - 3rd & 4th grade, 1906 [two rows of twenty girls around the 'queen' on a throne and the May pole. Names listed on verso; Mary Rodine (fifth from left) and an African-American girl at left.][Helen Lomen, Euphemia Allen, Helen Allen, Mary Rodine, Ellen Lyle, Bessie Lyle, Mildred Lehman, Clara Kondell, Katherine Bongard, Lily Bakke, Carita Costens, Carrie Stipek, Ida Wittenberg, ___ Simpson, Hazel Dashley, Estelle Turner, Alice Olsen, Rose Finklestein] Dobbs, 12-1/2 x 10-1/2"
- 346. The Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 1, Feb. 19-08, Nome, Alaska [large group in snow in front of a building. "Klondike or burst" flag at center. Claus Rodine identified in front row, right center, with dog]. Goetze, 13 x 10-3/4"

Folder 3. Miscellaneous family papers (5 items)

- 1. "Expenses-Acct. [account] from Creek Assmt [assessment]," of Claus Rodine, 1912?
- 2. Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 1, membership certificate for Claus Rodine, dated July 10, 1907.
- 3. Envelope from Claus to Ella Rodine, dated Nov. 6, 1903?
- 4. *Aurora*, 1912. Nome High School yearbook
- 5. *Aurora*, 1914 (inc., title page only). Nome High School yearbook.

Folder 4. Newspaper clippings, miscellaneous (ca. 1902-1979) (17 items)

- 1. "Disaster at Nome," from BUREAU COUNT... REPUBLICAN, Princeton, IL, March 27, 1902. Describes the accident at Twin Mt. which killed C. J. Corneille and John Natcher, members of the Twin Mt. Gold Mining & Milling Co. of Princeton on January 3.
- 2. NOME DAILY NUGGET, February 20, 1908, 4 p. torn

News clippings on Nome and Seattle from a scrapbook:

3-17 Contains Nome-related articles, including that on the 1925 diphtheria epidemic and serum run, Roald Amundsen's visit to Nome in 1926, and the Str. VICTORIA. Also "The Forty-Ninth State," a poem by Sarah Youngblood Guttu (c. 1959), and a biography of "Mother Tiffany," the first white woman in Nome.

Folder 4a. News clipping, original (1 item)

Original copy of Folder 4 #13, article on Amundsen's visit to Seattle from SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, May 28, 1926.