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Heywood W. Seton-Karr Sketchbook, 1886, 1887

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Biographical Note

HW (Heywood Walter) Seton Karr, an officer in the Gordon Highlanders, was also an artist, traveler and big game hunter. During his lifetime he published several books on his travels. Those relating to Alaska include:

SHORES AND ALPS OF ALASKA (London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington; Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co., 1887)

TEN YEARS TRAVEL & SPORT IN FOREIGN LANDS, OR, TRAVELS IN THE EIGHTIES (London: Chapman & Hall, 1890)

BEAR-HUNTING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS; OR, ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA REVISITED (London: Chapman and Hall, Limited, 1891)

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