Kinne, A. B.

Albert B. Kinne Photograph Collection, ca. 1903-1905

PCA 116

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Prior to living in Alaska, Albert Barnes Kinne was actively engaged in public affairs in San Francisco, California. He arrived in Nome around 1900, and according to the Polk’s Alaska Yukon Directory, was in partnership with photographer, B.B. Dobbs as Dobbs and Kinne, Photographers and Photo Supplies, from around 1903 to 1905/1906. He may also have been associated with the Wild Goose Mining and Trading Co. He went to Council, Alaska, between 1906 and 1910, and established a photographic business in addition to being in charge of the telephone exchange and post office. He was appointed post master in 1914. In 1921, he married Nellie M. They lived in Council City until around 1924, when Kinne returned to Nome and re-entered the mercantile business, temporarily leaving Nellie in Council. Although his business was reportedly thriving, Albert Kinne died in Nome at age 72 on Sept. 20, 1925, of self-inflicted wounds. Nellie soon abandoned their home in Council along with hundreds of his photographs. In 1941, a visitor found the deteriorating boxes of 8 x 10 glass plate negatives.

[Information from William R. Halliday (see: Albert B. Kinne Biography File – Photographer) and The Alaska Weekly (Seattle), Friday, September 25, 1925, page 8.]

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection includes views of Nome, Council City, Ophir Creek and scenes along the Niukluk River (also known as Keukluk or Neukluk River). Subjects include sluicing, dredging, mining claims and several portraits of Inuit women and children. Photocopies of more images may be found in the Albert B. Kinne Biography File – Photographer (MS 27).

INVENTORY

1  Nome, Alaska. [Berry pickers showing five women, three children, dog, packhorse and pails full of berries] (no. 204)

2  Council City, Alaska. Banquet given by the ladies of Council to the Arctic Brotherhood - Jan. 22, 1905 (no. 783)

3  View of Council City from the mouth of Melsing Creek. Copyrighted 1903 by A. B. Kinne [Sailboat barge taking horse across river, sternwheeler at shore] (no.554)

4  View of Council City from Melsing Creek (no. 555)

5  Sluicing on Ophir Creek. [Men working, flumes and tent in view] (no. 229)

6  Last teams crossing the Keukluk [Neukluk, Niukluk] River before the freeze-up. (no. 604)

First St. - Council [Cosmopolitan Cafe, The Reception and other storefronts in view] (no. 844)

The Sphinx of Ophir [rock formation] (no. 863)

Hydraulic lift at No. 26 Ophir Creek. Operated by Wild Goose Co. (no. 243)

Incline Hoist No. 3 Ophir. Bunker Hall and Shaw Operators. (no. 857)

Mt. Chauik viewed from South side of Ophir Creek opposite No. 5 above elevation 3500 feet. (Kinne no. ?)

View of Fish River Valley from the top of White Mountain. (no. 612)

No. 1 Balm of Gilead? Gleason and Peterson Operators. [Men working and flume in view] (no. 201)

Lower half No. 4 Melsing Creek. Operated by Young & Louttit, [Men working and flume in view] (Kinne no. ?)

Taylor Fraction Ophir Creek. Durkin & O'Shonghnessy Operators, [Miners with shovels, flumes and mining buildings in view] (no. 189)

Native fish drying camp on the Neukluk [Niukluk] River. (Kinne no. ?) [Photograph taken at the lower mouth Neukluk to Fish River (The only mouth of Neukluk in the early 1900’s. In the northern part of the fish camp there were a number of log houses, one of which was the Crafts roadhouse. Information courtesy of Bertil Wockatz, Munkedal, Sweden]

Mid-day sun at Council, Copyrighted 1904 by A. B. Kinne. [Winter scene with cabin and cache in view] (no. 644)

[Dog sleds in front of Keewalik Hotel] (Kinne no. ?)

[Mining scene] (Kinne no. ?)

"Mickey", Copyrighted 1904 by A.B. Kinne [Smiling Eskimo child in fur parka. Full face portrait.] (no.699)

[Full face portrait of young Eskimo girl in fur parka] Copyrighted 1904 by A.B. Kinne (no. 673)
Elsie and Jakie [Full length portrait of two Eskimo girls dressed in fur parkas and beaded moccasins] Copyrighted 1905 by A.B. Kinne. (no. 811)

[Full face portrait of two young Eskimo women dressed in fur parka] (Kinne no. ?)

[Four young Eskimo women in fur parkas] (no. 641)

Interior-Russian church, Unalaska [Altar of church showing icons and banners; elaborate chandelier] (Kinne no. ?)

Eskimo hunters with their pack dogs [Two men, each with a dog and a gun.] (no. 722)

Birdseye view of Dunn's Camp, Ophir Creek [Camp building, center; creek, foreground]. (no. 849)

General view of No.15 Ophir [Creek; in foreground with buildings beyond] (no. 168(?))

Incline and…No. 15 Ophir, operated by Wild Goose Co. [small cabins; foot bridge over stream; long section of pipe]. (no.162)

Loading cars in the pit for incline hoist at No. 15 Ophir [Men in shallow pit which is crisscrossed with rail tracks].(no. 61)

Launching the big dredger by The DeSoto[Mining] Co. at Council City, July 20, 1903 [Group of men on shore of river(?); 2 flags flying]. (no. 114)

Steam shovel, DeSoto Mining Co., Aug. 10, 1903 [2 women and 4 men standing on large shovel of dredge]. (no. 177)

House of the DeSoto Company's big dredger, Aug. 3, 1903 [2 women and 5 men in "cab" windows; gear on right]. (no. 169)

Interior view DeSoto dredger – 1st floor. Aug 13, 1903. (no. 182)

Assay office, DeSoto Mining Co. Council. Pouring the first gold brick [2 men pouring melted gold into brick shaped form; women standing at right] (no. 223)

Pouring a gold brick at the DeSoto Co.s assay office [Four men in office; two pouring gold]. (no. 249)

Placer Mine of W.H. Black at No. 6 Crooked Creek [men working in placer mining operations]. (no. 202)

…”Pelkey Fraction" - has produced nearly $100,000 and is still rich. Yet it contains less than an acre of ground [group of small buildings]. (no. 174)
40 General view of Wilson and Kimball's Claim. In Ophir. [small buildings and placer mine activities]. (no. 905)

41 3½[?] Ophir: Wilson and Kimball [close-up view of mining operations; tents beyond]. (no. 904 ?)

42 Mining operations [of] Wilson and Kimball, 3½ Ophir [small ore cars on tracks; miners working]. (no. 906)

43 Mouth of Richter Creek [creek and surrounding low hills]. (no. 766)

44 Distant view of Basin Creek [small trees and rolling hills; mountains beyond]. (no. 866)

45 In the dining room of the S.S. ST PAUL, June 14, 1903 [men and women at dining table]. (no. 124)

46 Steamboat AURUM, July 26, 1903 [small boat with cabin; man by smokestack]. (no. 181½)

47 [Group of men beside wooden buildings; probably miners.] (no. 140)

48 Panning for gold in winter [two men panning gold in tub of water; interior view of cabin]. (no. 665)

49 Goodbye for the winter; bound for the "Outside" with $350,000 gold dust. Copyrighted 1904 by A. B. Kinne [large dory-type boat filled with men and sacks of gold dust; men and women on shores]. (no. 605)

50 [Man, woman and child in sleigh drawn by one horse; buildings behind them.] (no. 1243)

51 View from the hills west of Council [overall view of terrain]. (no. 765)

52 Display of vegetables raised by S.A. Shay, Council, Alaska [man in doorway of Post Office; boxes of vegetables on porch]. (no. 903)

53 [Exterior view of Wayside Hospital, Council; men and women on porch.] (no. 572)

54 [Portrait of smiling Eskimo man wearing fur parka; one-half length, full face.] (no. 635)

55 [Dog team in harness with man behind sled. Several people in front of false front building; Hospital. Red Cross-Drug Store sign on log building, left.] (Kinne no. ?)

56 DeSoto building at Council [Group of log buildings and tent] (no. 560)

57 [Large machine with iron wheels, probably related to mining, 4 men on or nearby machine.] (Kinne no. ?)
58  [Dog with baseball in mouth, seated; full face view.] (no. 633)

59  ‘The Totem’ Bar [interior view with men inside] (no. 179)

60  Out For A Pleasure Ride. [Men with sleds and dogs on frozen lake; cabins in background] (no. 037) Located in PCA Oversize

61  Burning of the Lawrence Hotel, Nome, June 19, 1903. (Kinne no. ?)

62  [Council Volunteer Fire Department (?) on ladders going into second floor windows with CVFD buckets.] (Kinne no.?)

63  [Similar to 62] (no. 624)