Guide to Collection

Stanley, Lewis V., 1876-1956

Lewis V. Stanley Photograph Collection, 1904-1929

PCA 184

2 boxes
160 b&w copy prints,
Part II of an unpublished manuscript,
newspaper articles

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INTRODUCTION

These photographs by Lewis V. Stanley are a selection of views reproduced from the Stanley-Mason Collection at the Tacoma Public Library. Also obtained from the Tacoma Public Library’s Stanley-Mason Collection is a copy of Part II of Return to the Frontier, by Beatrice Stanley. This extensive collection in Tacoma, Washington, includes both personal papers and photographs.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

In 1925 Beatrice Birmingham went to Fort Yukon, Alaska, to work at the hospital. She later married two pioneer Alaskans. In 1926, she married Willoughby Mason and traveled with him and his brother Reuben, 600 miles up the Porcupine River for winter fur trapping. Mr. Mason died in 1935 and Beatrice later remarried Lewis V. Stanley, a prospector who arrived in Alaska in 1897. He was in Nome in 1901, Chisana in 1913, and worked for several large mining companies throughout the North and Alaska. The Masons retired to Seattle and their home became a gathering place for former Alaskans, a service which grew to be known as “Alaskan Friends.” Beatrice's life in Alaska is described in the unpublished manuscript Return to the Frontier.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection consists of photos taken by Mr. Stanley and collected by Beatrice during her marriage to Mr. Mason. Images include gold mining, dredges, freighting and activities at Forty Mile, Goldstream, Shushana, Fox, etc., 1904-1929. Also included is Part II of Return to the Frontier, by Beatrice Stanley. This part of Mrs. Stanley's autobiography describes the Mason’s life 600 miles up the Porcupine River.

INVENTORY (BY SUBJECT)

Box 1

1 – 3  Fairbanks Dredges
4 – 15  Forty Mile
16 – 29  Goldstream
30 – 40  Mammoth Creek
41 – 66A  Miller House/Berry Dredge

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA184.pdf
67 – 68 Ruby

69 – 82 Shushana/Bonanza City

83 – 106 T.E.C. Dredge, Fox

107 - 109 Walker Fork

110 - 115 Fairbanks, McCarthy, Circle Hot Springs, & Circle City

116 – 125 Panning Gold, Mail Service, Roadhouses, White Pass Stage & Brower Stage

[#113 & 116 - Notes from Pat Oakes 5/11/83]

113. Bayless family Christmas at Circle City, 1921


126 – 139 Trail & Freightin (Whiskey Hill, White River, Nizina Glacier, Skolai Trail & Chisana

140 – 160 People

[#141, 142, 145, 150 - Notes from Pat Oakes 5/11/83]
[#143, 144 - Notes from Norman Sather 1/11/01, who grew up on this property]

141. l to r front row: Albert Kelzer (standing), unknown (seated), Pete Bloom (seated, hat off)

142. Otto Bayless seated on left

143. First gold bucket-lined dredge in Alaska. It was disassembled in Stewart River, Canada and reassembled in Fairbanks Creek.

144. Crew house for dredge.]

145. Roadhouse at Franklin, Alaska – was owned by John & Ellen Roberts, parents of Alice R. Bayless (of Copper Center)

150. Row 1: Irene Johnson, Isabel Eagan (Richards), Dean(?) Stanley, Katie Eagan
Middle: Edgar Johnson,
Back: Jennivieve Parker, Carl Parker, Stanley Boy, Fred Parker (?), Jack Eagan
**Box 2**

**Folder 1:** Unpublished manuscript

*Return to the Frontier, (Part II)* by Beatrice Stanley. Copy of a typescript of Mrs. Stanley’s autobiography, describing the Mason’s life 600 miles up the Porcupine River; 11 Chapters, 175 pages.

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*Return to the Frontier, (Part I)* by Beatrice Stanley. Concerns Beatrice’s decision to come to Alaska, a description of her trip out from N.Y., and her first impressions of Fort Yukon.

**Folder 2:** Newspaper articles describing Mrs. Stanley’s work on the Alaska Friends Home

“Seattle’s ‘Little Alaska’” by The Rev. Erle Howell from The Seattle Times; Sunday, November 30, 1952

“Anniversary Near for Alaska Friends” by June Anderson Almquist from The Seattle Times; Sunday, Aug, 25 [no year furnished]