Guide to Collection

Gillespie, John L.

John L. Gillespie Photograph Collection, ca. 1900

PCA 215

2 Folders (12 b&w photographs)  Processed by: Staff
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PROCESSING: Each photograph has been placed in Mylar. The photographs were divided into two groups and then placed into archival folders.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John L. Gillespie, Sr. sailed from Seattle to Nome on the SS Garonne in 1900. He worked as a surveyor during the summer of 1900 for a mining company that had been organized in Nevada, Iowa.

Before leaving for Nome, Mr. Gillespie graduated from Iowa State College with a degree in electrical engineering. He later obtained a law degree from the State University of Iowa and practiced law for over fifty years in Des Moines, Iowa.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Views of Nome, Anvil Creek, Unalaska and SS Garonne; Eskimo and Athapascan portraits.

All of the prints are 6 1/2" x 8 1/2" in size and are mounted on 11" x 13" mount boards. Four of the views were taken by E.A. Hegg, an early Alaskan photographer.

INVENTORY

Photographs are located in PCA Oversize

Folder 1
1. Dutch Harbor. Unalaska in the distance. [Overall view of Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island; 4 steamers in harbor.]

2. Dutch Harbor, Alaska Peninsula; Unalaska, Alaska Peninsula; S.S. Garonne [S.S. Garonne at anchor in Dutch Harbor.] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)

3. Beach Scene, Nome. June 28, 1900; E.A. Hegg [Tents and framed buildings with small skiffs along beach and in water]

4. Midnight Sun; E.A. Hegg [Sun setting over water at Nome(?)]

5. Nome Alaska, the Snake River, June 1900 [Building and tents on either side of the Snake River, Nome; June 1900.]

6. [Men working sluice boxes along the Nome(?) beach; tents back from beach.]

Folder 2
7. Main street of Nome Alaska summer of 1900. [Crowd of people on street; also horse drawn wagons.]
8. Beach - after a storm – Nome, Alaska. [Rough surf; small sail boat overturned.]

9. Placer mining on Anvil Creek, summer 1900. [Men working sluice boxes; tents in background.]

10. Chief Kowiohski(?), oldest Indian Guide on the Yukon; #498, E.A. Hegg [Full length portrait of Chief standing beside log building] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)

11. Eskimos; Copyright 1900 E.A. Hegg [Group of five adults and four children, some in fur parkas.]

12. [Eskimo woman and two children wearing fur parkas; tents beyond.] (Framed by Ingalls, Nevada, IA.)