Trip to Alaska: Georgetown, King Island, Little Diomede and other Alaskan communities, ca. 1910-1920

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Introduction

The photographer/collector of this photograph album is uncertain. Within the album is a name card for I. W. Mason of Seattle, Washington with his signature on the reverse side.

In 1910, a trading post was opened by George Fredericks on the Kuskokwim River northwest of Sleetmute. Later it was named Georgetown and a post office was established there in 1912, but was discontinued in 1913.

Most of the photos are postcard size and the quality ranges from poor to good. Many of the Georgetown views have a circled “S” on them.

The album was donated to the library in 1983 by R. N. DeArmond.
Inventory

1. [Tinted postcard of the L. C. Smith building, Seattle, Wash.]

2. Boulder elevator, Porcupine, Alaska [vertical row of small buckets being propelled to top of elevator; postcard size, upper left hand corner missing.]

3. [Exterior view of Hotel Washington and surrounding street.]

4. [People waiting at trolley stop; center; Seattle Hotel, right.]

5. Haines, Alaska, looking up Lynn Canal … Oct. 1911 [blurry view of Haines, left]

6. [Sled and wagon.] Faded streak in center.

7. Head of Chilkat Inlet near Haines, Alaska, October, 1911 [shoreline, foreground, mountains beyond inlet].

8. Looking across head of Chilkat Inlet at Brown’s Gulch near Haines, Alaska. The road leads to Rainy Hollow [trail, foreground; mountains beyond inlet].


11. [People near boat at tide line.] Blurry print.

12. [Small tent and building.] Blurred image.


15. [Three young children on rocky ledge at King Island(?).]

16. [Three houses on hillside at King Island(?).]
17. Metlakatla, Alaska [group of men pole vaulting on beach].

18. Second Avenue, Georgetown, Alaska [scattered log cabins, one tent; snow on ground]. #C8.

19. Door’s only 4 logs high [exterior of small cabin], #C24.


22. Third Avenue, Georgetown, Alaska [log cabin; snow on ground and buildings; wooded hill beyond]. #C7.


24. Georgetown [man and dog on porch of 2 story log building; drifts of snow].

25. [Man beside door of small log building which housed the post office and Pioneer Store.]

26. Portion of Native cabins, Georgetown [winter scene of log cabins along frozen river.]


28. [Group of school girls, most wearing white “chef” hats, gathered around small table with cooking equipment.]

29. [Two people beside log building; bell on roof; drifted snow.]

30. Susitna U.S. Public School, 1910 [exterior view of log building]. #37A

31. Schoolhouse, Petersburg, Alaska E6 adults and children beside school; drifted snow].

32. [Two men in uniform on elevated planked walk.]
33. Front Street, upper Georgetown [row of log buildings, snow on ground].

34. First Avenue, Georgetown [one log building, drifted snow]. #C9.

35. Georgetown, Alaska [overall view of log buildings; winter scene; hills beyond]. #C6


37. Hotel Georgetown, Georgetown, Alaska [front of log building; saw-like machine in snow, right].

38. [Scenic of water and wooded hills.] Right side faded.


40. [Water, foreground; some clearing of trees near shore.]

41. [Dock-like structure, right; wooded shoreline beyond.]

42. Commission Bldg, Anchorage [winter scene; exterior view of four buildings].

43. Anchorage Flats [buildings on shoreline and on hill above.]

44. Cook Inlet, Anchorage [five women in small beached boat].

45. Hospital at Anchorage [winter scene; exterior view of hospital].

46. 4th of July, Anchorage, 1917 [people watching parade; horse drawn float, foreground].

47. Anchorage, 1917 [people walking on snowy street; buildings in background].

48. Spenard Lake, Anchorage, Alaska, 1917 [people in lake and beside it].

49. School house, Anchorage, 1917, [three story structure, exterior view; snow on ground].
50. Matanuska, Alaska [distant view of buildings].

51. Camp at Brown’s Gulch, near Haines, Alaska. A.I. Co. [exterior of one story structure].

52. Waterfront house, A.I. Co., Haines [man in doorway of building on pilings].

53. Hydraulic Mining, Porcupine, Alaska [flume above stream of water].

54. Porcupine camp in winter [buildings nearly covered with drifted snow].

55. Looking down Lynn Canal from waterfront house, Haines, Alaska [blurry view of water and shoreline].


57. Camp at Brown’s Gulch near Haines, Alaska [group of men and dogs around sleds; small building behind them].

58. [Three men along beach; mountains beyond.]

59. The funeral procession takes(?) a winding journey to the grave [Eskimo above ground grave site; drifted snow].

60. Many of the natives cabins are low and very unsanitary [man to right of small log building].

61. [Young girl dressed in fur parka, mukluks and mittens.]

62. Little Diomede, 6/29/10 [sleds leaning against small building on hillside]. #44 Faded print.

63. King Island 6/30/10 [seven men, each in a kayak]. #60, Faded print.

64. Eskimo 6/28/10 [Man wearing fur parka and leggings]. #18 Faded print.
65. [Panorama of a mining operation; fenced area contains buildings and large piles of dirt. Building on left has sign reading “Wild Horse_________ ________ with a picture of a horse. Unknown location.]

66. Indian Papoose [tinted picture postcard of baby in carrier]. H.H. Tammen photo. 1903.


68. Eskimo Medicine Men Exercising [sic] Evil Spirits from a Sick Boy [tinted picture postcard of man wearing mask and wing-like gloves and standing behind boy].