Nichols, Frank C.

Frank C. Nichols Photograph Collection, 1898-1902

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Seward Peninsula mining activities; ships; Alaska natives; Yukon River; scenics, 1898-1902

In 1898, the Rhode Island and Alaska Trading and Transportation Company formed for the purpose of purchasing a ship to transport men to Alaska to search for gold. The bark MERMAID was purchased in San Francisco and Frank Nichols sailed to Alaska aboard her, coming by way of the Bering Sea to St. Michaels. After reaching Alaska, Frank Nichols and several friends formed the N & A Company with Mr. Nichols as auditor. Claims were started near Council on the Seward Peninsula. In 1902, Mr. Nichols was mining at Elkhorn Creek, northwest of Council.

This collection (PCA 256) includes photographs of mining activity and N & A Company personnel. Manuscript items (MS 13, Box 2, no.5) form a separate collection.

This collection was donated in 1985 to the Alaska State Museum by Anna Muriel Hurd, Frank Nichols' niece. It was then transferred to the Alaska Historical Library.
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1  Frank C. Nichols [Fall River High School senior; head and shoulder portrait.]

2  St. Michael Harbor [distant view of ships].

3  Unloading boat at St M[ichaels; view from above of dock and life-boat].

4-5  Lands End Cove(?) [men and ships on St. Michaels beach; NORTHSTAR of San Francisco, left]. Similar views.

6-9  [Cache and other buildings at St. Michaels.] Similar views.

10  Nulato [overall view with beach at left].

11  At Nulato [ships near shore].

12-13  [Men on the beach at Nulato.] Similar views.

14  Fordiree (?) and Porterfield cabin, Kubuck (Kubuk) River [exterior view].

15  Whip Sawing [seven men; drifted snow].

16  [Four men panning gold, Manneluk River.]

17  [Men at Manneluk River camp.]

18-20  [Tents and cabins in winter at unnamed locations.] Similar views.

21  [group of nine men at unnamed location.]

22-25  [Placer mining activities; probably Seward Peninsula.] Similar views.

26  [Two sled dogs near tent.]

27  [Man feeding dogs on snowbank]

28  [Man feeding dogs; tent, left.]

29-31  [Dog teams in harness.] Similar views.

32  SCH. CHASSEUR (?) 65 miles up Kowak(?) R[iver].

33  Launch at Rapids below Mosquito I., Kowak (?) River, Alaska. [men on shore, right; launch, left]. Faded image

34  Vandy's Birch Bark Canoe and our Dory, Kowak River [shore, right; hills in background]. Faded image.
35-36  [Monro Party on ship's boat, Lake Emuksuk (?); men in skiff with sail.] Similar views.


38  Revenue Cutter BEAR and MERMAID at Port Clarence, Alaska, [distant view of ships].  Faded image.

39-40  HATTIE I PHILLIP'S [sails up in open water].  Similar views.

41  RUFUS E. WOOD [sails up; starboard view].

42  T.C. POWERS [river boat docked, gangplank down].

43  STR.  JOHN REILY [ship underway; men on deck].

44  STR.  GEO.  M. STONEY [steamer, right, towing men on barge (?)].

45  Long tow of boats, Northern Inlet, Alaska [skiffs towed by small riverboat].

46  Yukon boat [docked; men on deck].

47-48  Fishing in Unamik Pass [men aboard ship with fish].  Similar views.


50  On the river [man in canoe; ship, right; tree-lined shore in background].

51  Coming down the Yukon [three dories at river's edge].

52  Crew of RUFUS E. WOOD [group of 10 men on deck].

53  Dr. Pelton and Eskimo [two men on unnamed ship].

54  Fim Tinney, chief liar [man on deck of unnamed ship].

55  [Brady and Mate Moran at wheel of ship.]

56  Nick at wheel, bound North [man at wheel of ship].

57  "Vandy" at the wheel [of ship].  Faded image.

58  Chief engineers [Officers aboard RUFUS E. WOOD(?)].] Similar views.

59  1st mate, R.E.W.

60  Looking for land

61  Hanging out clothes.
62  [Woman and four men on deck of unnamed ship.]
63  Schaldin [Sishaldin] Volcano [view from water].
64  Sunset on Yukon [River; tree-lined shores].
65-69  Yukon River [river and shore]. Similar view
70  Ice Jam, Hubuck [Kubuk] R [ice, foreground].
73  Dexter Hotel [exterior view of wooden structure; also housed Ames Mercantile Co.].
74  [Young child in wheel barrow.]
75  "John" [boy on river bank; small boats at anchor].
76  Graveyard. St. M[ichaels, partly hidden by grass].
77  Natives Grave [body on boards elevated by poles].
78  Native dog team Kubuck [Kubuk] River [four people with dogs].
79-80  Eskimo omiak, Grantley River [boat with sail; group of people in boat]. Similar views.
81  [Indian woman beside Kowak River.]
82  Eskimos boarding the MERMAID off Kings Island.
83  [Four Eskimo women on deck of NORTHERN LIGHT.]
84  [Eskimo mother and baby on deck of NORTHERN LIGHT.]
85-86  Summer Camp at Kotzebue [Eskimo camp on riverbank]. Similar views.
87  Natives Hut in winter, Kubuck [Kubuk] R[iver family near hut].
88  Natives of Kotzebue Sound [five children wearing parkas and jackets].
89  [Eskimo woman and child sitting on grass.]
90-91  Native Huts in Siberia [people standing near huts]. Similar views.
92  Ed Borden [self-drawn sketch drawn in ink; head and shoulders profile].
93  Souvenir Folding Postcard--Alaskan Tourist Folder [set of 22 picture postcards containing views of mining, totems, railroads, glaciers and towns. Sent to "Klondike" Nichols in Falls River, Mass. from H. H. Anthony.]
(A photocopy of the hand-drawn map in MS 13, Box 2, no. 5 follows the photographs.)