Waffle, Harold and Leila

Harold and Leila Waffle Photograph Collection, 1912 – 1918

PCA 281

115 photographs, b&w

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Biographical / Historical Note

Harold Waffle’s cousin, Pearl Slayton (birth name), who may have been married to Basil Clemons [a.k.a. Clemmons], gave the photographs to the Waffle family. She is in several of the photographs according to the donor, however, she is not identified. She was known as an “adventuresome woman for her day” and may have been married to Clemons.

Basil Edwin Clemons (1887-1964) came to Alaska in 1909 and photographed gold mining camps, Alaska Natives, sled dog racing, riverboats and other scenes. He joined the Army in Alaska and trained at Fort Liscum, also serving as the post photographer (PCA 276). He established a photography studio in Seattle after discharge, eventually moving to Texas. Clemons used techniques largely unknown to the photographic business and refused an offer from Eastman Kodak for his color developing processes. Basil Clemons died June 22, 1964, in Breckenridge.

Scope and Contents Note

Views of Ruby, Pedro Creek, Dikeman, Fairbanks, Chena, Dome Creek, Flat, Iditarod, Kaltag, Long City, Fort Discovery City, and St. Michael. Subjects also include dog sled racing, riverboats and gold mining operations in Alaska. Basil Clemons took the most of the photographs; other photographers are unidentified.

Other Basil Clemons collections include PCA 68, PCA 236 and PCA 373.

Inventory


2b. [See 2a description.]

3. Interior of Tom Rockwell's Igloo Inn. Cleary City, Fairbanks Gold Mining District. Alaska 1913. [Nine men inside a saloon standing next to the bar].

4. [Composite photograph of Cripple Creek, Alaska, ca. 1912.]


7. The Depo. Fairbanks, Alaska. [T.V.R.R. (Tanana Valley Railroad) cars next to the train depot with a small crowd of passengers nearby].

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10. Automobile to the Aeroplane and Ball Games. Fairbanks, Alaska. July Fourth, 1913. [A group of people sitting on an automobile with American flags positioned on either side]. Clemons.


llb. Creeks People Coming into Fairbanks To Witness Flights of First Aeroplane in Alaska.

llc. Creek People Coming In to Celebrate 4th of July. 1913.


14. First Ave. Flat City, Alaska Nov. 1912. [Street scene in Flat City with two men standing on boardwalk. "Flat City Restaurant" sign hangs on the left]. Clemons.


17. Harry Phillips Flat, Alaska 1912. [Nine persons standing on a boardwalk outside the "Arcade Cafe" and photographer studio].

18. Alex Grubus Forks Road House Flat Creek, Alaska 1913. [Ten men standing outside the Forks Roadhouse log structure].


20. 1914 Celebrating Washington's Birthday With a Prize Mask Ball in Arctic Brotherhood's Hall. Flat City, Alaska. Camp Flat City, Alaska. Camp Flat no. 26 Wales, Weiss & Goslow Committee. [Group of men and women seated in an auditorium with streamers on the ceiling]. Clemons.


26. Watrus (?) Wining 4 of July Pole Vaulting Contest. Iditarod, Alaska 1911. 11 ft 4 in. [Crowd of spectators viewing a man pole vault, Friedman's Clothing and Gents Furnishings Store in the background]. Clemons.


28. Mead Maynard's Start in Iditarod, Alaska's 4th Anuel (sic) Handicap Dog Race New Year 1914. 22 Miles Time 2?2 [Crowd of spectators watching a dogteam race in the snow].


34. Kaltag, Alaska 1912. [View of the river and a steamer on the right with several dwellings in the foreground in a field]. Clemons.


41. [?] Strike Gold Mine in Long Cr. Ruby, Alaska 1913. [A view of mine tailings and logs in the snow with a man chopping wood in the foreground and a pulley to the right]. Clemons.


42b. [See 42a.]

43. Awaiting the Finish-Sixth All Alaska Sweepstakes-Nome, Alaska, 1913. [Large crowd of spectators in Nome, Alaska watching the dog races]. Lomen Bros.

44. Olnes, Alaska Fairbanks Mining district. [Bird's-eye view of a small mining camp]. Clemmons.

45. The Fisher Home. Olnes, Alaska. Fairbanks Mining District 1913. [A woman and children outside a log home in the summer]. Clemons

46. The Arrival of Santa Claus. Ft. Discovery City, Otter Creek. Alaska Xmas 1913. Iditarod Gold Mining Dist. [Large group of men and women with a reindeer in the middle of an auditorium and Christmas trees in the background].


50. Ice Moving in The Yukon. At Ruby, Alaska. May 1912. [A view of the waterfront at Ruby and ice floes along the river. A large steamboat is beached along the shoreline and dwellings at right]. Clemons.

51. The Court At Ruby, Alaska 1913. [Group of men standing on the steps beside the courthouse at Ruby, Alaska. Clemons Photography Studio at right]. Clemons.


54. A Pose In the Welcome Song. Graduation Exercises of the Grammar School Ruby, Alaska. June 20, 1913. [17 students standing on a stage in front of a "Character is Power" banner behind them]. Clemons.

55. [St. Michael, Alaska waterfront.]

56. [St. Michael, Alaska.]


59. [Unidentified portrait of a man.]

60. [Two unidentified women standing beside a boat.]

61. [Same women as in number 60 standing on a boardwalk with a chained bear in foreground.]


63. Bertha & the Chickens Pedro Cr. Alaska. [Girl feeding chickens in chicken coop at Pedro Creek, Alaska].

64. The Iditarod Bread Wagon. [A young girl seated on a small wagon with two harnessed dogs. Iditarod, Alaska].

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65.  ? and Karl? & Her Dog (?) [Woman dressed in skins and a parka with a large dog on the bank of a river. Bridge in background?].

66.  [Unidentified man standing with three dogs seated on a doorstep.]

67.  The Julius Gius Children Pedro Cr. Fairbanks, Alaska [two children sitting on a buggy with a large harnessed dog. "Express" wagon to the left.] Clemons.

68.  [Small child with a large dog posed in front of a fence.]

69.  [Young boy standing with an oversized dog in a doorway.]

70.  Bertha and Billie [Young girl seated on a large horse outside a log structure.] Clemons.

71.  [Unidentified man petting a chained bear on a pedestal.]

72.  [Chained bear drinking (?) in a pit with bottles strewn around.]

73.  Playing School Chatanika Alaska. Fairbanks Mining Dis. [Seven children standing underneath a makeshift tent]. Clemons.

74.  Alaskans & Their Pets [four men standing outside a log cabin in the winter with a large dog and several puppies.] Clemons and Koon.

75.  [Group of adults around a table celebrating a wedding?]

76.  [Interior of a bedroom with a woman standing in the left corner.] Clemons.

77.  [Same room as number 76, interior view.] Clemons.

78.  Ruby, Alaska [two native women holding a child.] Clemons.

79.  Ruby, Alaska [native family? posed in western style clothing].

80.  Eskimo Hunting Walrus, Alaska [postcard of four hunters].

81.  Eskimo Girl on Snow Shoes, Alaska, copyright 1907. [postcard of a native woman holding a spear]. Case and Draper.


84.  Fairbanks, Alaska [view of the "Arctic Greenhouse" Chas. Blasser Prop.]. Clemons.

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86. [Unidentified mining dredge operation.]

87. Bird's Eye view of Flat City and Up Flat Creek Iditarod, Alaska 1919 (?) [winter view of Flat City, Alaska].

88. [Unidentified view of a town with two children at the foot of the main street. Dark image.]

89. "Jan 14th First Ladies Dog Race" [list of participants and racing times].

90. Alaska Dogteam [man with a team of dogs posed in the snow]. Clemons & Koon.

91. The Winners- Mrs. Swanson In First Ladies' Dograce (sic) of Alaska. Jan 14, 1914. Course: Flat-Discovery-Flat-Iditarod-Flat. Distance 20.2 Miles. Time 2-17-44. [Crowd of spectators viewing a team of dogs].

92. [Similar to 91.]

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94. Chas Skurbert's Start in Iditarod, Alaska's Anuell (sic) Handicap Dog Race. New Year 1914. Winner 3rd Place 22 Miles. Time 2-12-40. [Similar to number 28].

95. Mrs. Dickson In First Ladies' Dog Race of Alaska. Jan 14, 1914. Course: Flat-Discovery-Flat-Iditarod-Flat. Distance 20.4 Miles. Time 2-55-50. [Similar to 91].


98. Winner 3 Prize - Smith & Currin Starting In Iditarod, Alaska Kennel Clubs 3rd Annual Feb. 22nd Dograce. 1914. 22 Miles in 2-3-3? [Similar view as 96]. Clemons and Koon.


100. The Grand Team In First Dog Race of Season Dec.7.1913. Sture Stenburg Driver. Distance 22 Miles. Time 1 Hr. 92 m. 25 sec. [View of a team departing with a crowd watching]. Clemons and Koon.


103. Dog Teaming on Skies.-Great Sport in Alaska. [Man standing with two dogs harnessed to a makeshift sled, outside a log dwelling in winter]. Clemons and Koon.


105. [Team of dogs with two men dressed in parkas.]


108. Winter scene Flat City, Alaska. [A man and a woman driving a team of dogs].

109. [Team of dogs outside a row of cabins on an unidentified street.]


112. Tanana on Ft. Gibbon, Alaska 1913. [Paddlewheel steamers docked along the waterfront]. Clemons.


114. The Yukon River at Ruby, Alaska. [View of the waterfront with a paddlewheel steamer in the distance]. Clemons.