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Biographical Note

Miss Jessie June Trowbridge was the eldest daughter of Jessie C. “Kate” Trowbridge and Nelson Seymour Trowbridge.

Nelson Trowbridge worked as superintendent and part owner of the Bald Eagle mine at Sumdum, Alaska during 1896. The Bald Eagle mine was first organized in 1895 by G.W. Garside of Juneau, Alaska. In 1899, the mining property was consolidated with the Sumdum Chief to form the Sumdum Mining Company.

While her father worked at the mine, Jessie J. Trowbridge photographed daily life at the mining camp.

Scope and Content Note

This photo collection shows the living conditions and mining operations that are typical of remote mining camps during the 1890s. Mrs. Jessie C. “Kate” Trowbridge possibly lived at Sumdum during the summer months as many of the photographs also feature the Trowbridge children and family gatherings.

Inventory

1. Ware House at the beach Sumdum [team of horses in front of a small warehouse.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


5. Mary Island custom house [U.S. Custom House from waterfront, built in 1892 and moved to Ketchikan in 1900, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.

6. Loading the Scow at Sumdum [two men loading a small vessel during low tide.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.

7. Sumdum Glacier mountains as seen from the Ware House wharf [onboard a vessel looking toward glacier, faded view.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


10. A general view of Metlakatla [Metlakatla]. This picture was taken at 9:30 p.m. [Village scene, very faded.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


13. A view of the trail to the mine. [Heavily wooded trail with a woman standing in the foreground.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


15. Our Kitchen at Sumdum. [Interior view of single family kitchen facilities.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


17. Church and school house at Metlakatla [Metlakatla]. Taken at 9:30 p.m. [Front view of old church.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


22. Olive Rose Trowbridge. 5 yrs. 6 mos. [Portrait of a young girl in a pinafore.]


25. Eloise Hammond Trowbridge 19 yrs., 1896. [Young woman sitting in front of a piano.]

26. Leslie Amelia Trowbridge 14 yrs. 8 mos., 1896. [Young woman holding a violin.]


32. Kate Elliot Trowbridge. 11 yrs. 5 mos. [Young girl sitting in front of a piano.]

33. Our parlor at Sumdum. Parlor one end and kitchen the other end of same room. [Interior view of living quarters, young girl sits on the right in front of a stove.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.


37. Scow at her moorings. [Small vessel anchored in calm waters.] Jessie J. Trowbridge, Photo.