Guide to Collection

Lang, Mina, Collector

Mina Lang Photograph Collection, 1930s

PCA 335

99 b&w photographs
1.0 inch

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PROCESSING: The book was added to the Alaskana collection (F905.S6). Twenty-four photographs by Basil Clemons were added to the Basil Clemons Photograph Collection, PCA 68. The photograph album was unbound; photos are numbered and sleeved in Mylar. An inventory is available.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mina Dobbert was born in Rostock, Germany, and came to the United States as a governess for a diplomatic family. She was living in San Francisco in 1898, when the gold rush began. She and a friend, Lucille Knight, and Mrs. Knight’s two sons carried 1100 pounds of provisions over the Chilkoot Pass to Lake Lindeman where they built their own boats and traveled to Dawson. There she met Mr. Lang and two years later they were married in Nome. According to one newspaper report, it was the first marriage performed for a white couple in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang stayed in Nome until 1903 then moved to Fairbanks for six years before moving on to Iditarod in 1909. In 1915 they moved to Anchorage and stayed until 1918 when they left Alaska.

Mina Lang was a member of the Alaskan Sourdoughs and also the Ladies of the Golden North (Seattle), the oldest pioneer woman’s organization of Alaska. She died in Twin Falls, Idaho, in the 1960s according to the donor.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection includes mostly stock images of Fairbanks, Nome, Anchorage, and Juneau; also Eskimos, sled dogs, and a few images of unidentified people. Many of the photographs were collected from commercial photographers, including Winter and Pond Co., Walter Hylen (Fairbanks), Sawyer, B.B. Dobbs, Charles Cann, Julius Fritschen (Anchorage). Others may have been photographed by Mina Lang.

INVENTORY

2. 305 Alaska Dog Team. Winter & Pond.
4. A real iceberg from Taku Glacier. WPco.
11. Alaska Capitol. WPco.
12. Taku Glacier. WPco.
13. Lights o’ Juneau. WPco.
15. R.R. station, Palmer.
18. Episcopal Church, Anchorage, Alaska.
19. Ice-cave Mendenhall Glacier. WPco.
23. Matanuska Valley Alaska.
24. Merrill Field, Anchorage, Alaska.
26. 545 Along the Alaska R.R. Sawyers
27. Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska.
29. Sitka, Alaska. WPco.
33. Taku Glacier, Alaska. WPco.
34. Ketchikan, Alaska. WPco.
35. Cache – Alaska.
35a. ‘Mallards’ Anchorage, Alaska.
38. Hydraulic mining near Fairbanks, Alaska.
41. Alaskan Eskimos.
42. Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska.
44. Brown bear – Alaska.
45. Gold nuggets from Upper Jack Wade Cr. $2,500 value- 75 oz.
47. Air View of Fairbanks, Alaska.
48. Six little Arctic Natives, Alaska [3 girls with 3 puppies]
49. Paxson’s Lake, Alaska.
51. 320 Taku maid, Alaska. Winter & Pond.
52. Matanuska Valley Farm.
53. Sunset, Anchorage, Alaska.
54. Mt. sheep, Alaska.
58. Mendenhall Glacier – Alaska. WPco.
60. Old tattered cache Salvage River; McKinley Pk., Alaska. Hylen Photo.
63. Sylvyan Lake, S.D.
64. [Unidentified]
67. Skagway signs- Alaska. [painted on rocks on hillside]
68. “Dressed in white” [cabin in snowy woods]
70. Alaska Malemute. WPco.
72. [2 dogs]
73. 381 Alaska Team Leader. Winter & Pond.
74. L. Seppala’s Siberian Husky, Fairbanks, Alaska. Hylen Photo.
75. “Yukon” Alaskan sled dog. Hylen Photo.
76. A Malemute at home, Alaska. [dog in log dog house]
77. 305 Alaska Dog Team. Winter & Pond.
79. Alaska dog team. WPco.
80. A dog team, Alaska.
81. Auk Lake & Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska. WPco.
82. Eskimo girls, Alaska.
83. Tunnel at Mile #102 on the “Route of the Iron Trail”, Alaska.
84. [3 native boys sitting in grass on the shore]
85. [Small child in adult size fur parka]
88. [Dog sled team pulling empty sled up snowy hill]
89. [Unidentified]
90. 1st Nat’l Bank, Frbs. All concrete.
91. [Wreck of large ship tied to shore-unidentified area]
92. [Unidentified machinery]
93. The Nugget Shop. WPco.
94. “Day’s end”
95. [Scenic]
96. [River]
97. Salmon Fishing – Alaska. [bear fishing in stream]
98. [Horse drawn sleigh- 2 horses, man and woman in sleigh]
99. [2 little girls with 6 puppies]