Guid to Collection

Burg, Carolyn, Collector

Carolyn Burg Photograph Collection, ca. 1903

PCA 357

2 boxes
28 glass plate negatives

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the item level. Original order maintained. The glass plate negatives were scanned, then sleeved and placed in archival boxes.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Carolyn Burg was a long time Juneau resident and Alaska pioneer. Carolyn was born Dec. 6, 1908, in New London, Wisconsin. Burg lived in Wisconsin until 1952 when she moved to Juneau, Alaska. In 1958 Carolyn married world explorer, photographer, and author Amos Burg. Mrs. Burg worked for the Veteran’s Administration, the Federal Court System, and the State Highway Department, retiring in 1967. She was a member of P.E.O. Chapter D, Pioneers of Alaska, Sons of Norway, and the Bethel Christian Center. Along with supporting her husband’s activities, Carolyn was active in local social and environmental projects. In 1966 the Alaska Sportsman appointed Burg as Conservationist of the Year. Her daughter, author, Nancy Warren Ferrell, wrote that her mother had “an active life in the community, pressing causes she believed in, writing editorial letters, and making a mark in Juneau.” Carolyn Burg passed away January 9, 2000, in Juneau, Alaska.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

28 glass plate negatives showing people and activities in the St. Michael, Alaska, area. The name “Drane” appears on some photographs, may be the photographer.

INVENTORY

1. [Man making trail through deep snow. Buildings and dog in background]
2. [Alaska Native men, women, and children ice fishing]
3. [Woman in fur parka and beaded mittens sitting on snow pile]
4. [Six children standing around snow fort, buildings in background]
5. [Two dog sleds and passengers on ice flows, dogs resting, young man standing by one of the sleds]
6. [Woman in fur parka kneeling near ice flow]
7. Eskimos from East Cape arriving at Nome, Alaska. [Approximately 21 men, women, and children in umiak]
8. [Large group portrait of men, women, and children taken near building]
10. [Two dog sleds and passengers on ice flows, dogs resting, young man standing with dogs]
11. [Four men standing by log cabin, one man writing information on blackboard with N.C. Co. flag in corner]

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA357.pdf
12. [Person lying face down in field]
13. [Scenic of snow covered hills, trees]
14. [Native camp near water; two people, two tents, kayak and umiak]
15. “Eskimos” [Two men standing on boardwalk, dressed for winter]
16. [Sled and dog team. Woman in sled, man standing in front of lead dog. Houses in background]
17. D 1906 [Tent camp near water and on hillside. Young girl near tent, men on hillside. Umiaks tipped on side, kayak near water]
18. Blackbourn Screws JW. JY Chana School [written on piece of wood by cabin] [Four men finishing construction of log cabin]
19. Crossing a portage in Alaska. [Dog team pulling sled, with man standing on back, over ice flows]
20. [Group of school children standing on path carved through deep snow. Another group of children standing on snow piled above path]
21. Fishing for Tom-cod [Two Native women dressed in fur coats fishing through ice, pile of fish on ice]
22. [Two Native women, dressed in fur tunics and leggings, standing by side of building]
23. Eskimo Chief St. Michael [Portrait of man wearing fur coat and mittens]
24. [Native women hunter wearing a fur coat, mittens, and snowshoes. She is holding a rifle and has a Ptarmigan hanging from neck]
25. U.S. mail leaving St. Michael, Alaska. F.M. [Dog team, sled, and three men]
26. [Three Native graves, St. Michael, Alaska]
27. Mickaninies St. Michael. Drane [Four children dressed in winter clothing, one of the children sitting on sled] In background [Person with dog team by building] This may be a type of double exposure.
28a. St. Michael, Alaska. Drane
28b. Eskimo Madonna Nome, Alaska
INVENTORY OF GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES
Stored in metal cabinet in Vault

2 boxes of 5 ½ x 7 glass plate negatives

1st box: #1 – 11
2nd box: #12 – 28b (28a & 28b are on one 7 x 9 glass plate)