Greely, A. W. (Adolphus Washington), 1844-1935, Collector

General A.W. Greely Photograph Collection, 1900-1905

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Biographical Note

General A.W. Greely was born March 27, 1844 and died October 20, 1935. He was a soldier, explorer, scientist and author. In 1881, Greely served as the commander of the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition. Later, he was head of the U.S. Weather Service and also supervised construction of 3,900 miles of telegraph line and ocean cable in Alaska that established the first successful long-distance wireless from Nome to St. Michael. Fort Greely and Greely Point, Alaska are both named for him. A number of books have been published about Greely.

Scope and Content Notes

With the exception of the 10 Point Barrow Expedition photographs, the collection contains photos taken during A.W. Greely’s five inspection trips to Alaska, 1900-1905, during the construction of the Washington Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMCATS) by the Army Signal Corps.

Inventory


1b. [View toward Fort Liscum, from West side of Bay.] Miles Bros. #831.

2. [Wood yard, Upper Yukon River.] Miles Bros. #359.

3. [St. Michael, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #428.

4. [Upper Fortymile, Canadian Station.] Miles Bros. #353.

5. [Sitka Harbor.] Miles. Bros. #244.

6. [Camp Comfort, near Keystone Telegraph Office.] Copyright 1902. Miles Bros. #555.

7. [Petersburg Cannery, Wrangle (sic) Narrows.] Miles Bros. #512.

8. [Wrangell Narrows looking north.] Miles Bros. #509.

9. [Fort Liscum from Western side, Valdez Bay, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #553.

10. [Fort Hamlin, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #399.


12. [Yakutat Native Village.] Miles Bros. #515.

13. [Taku Inlet, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #254.

14. [Valdez Telegraph Office.] Miles Bros. #837.
15. [Scenic view of a gorge and river.] Miles Bros. #563.
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17. [Pier at Valdez.] Copyright, 1903. By Miles Bros. #801.
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19. [Tanana City, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #403.
20. [Rampart City, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #402.
21. [Entrance to Hoggatt Bay, Alaska.]
22. [St. Michael, Alaska.] Miles Bros. #425.
23. [Unidentified town and waterfront scene.] Mile Bros. #429.

**Point Barrow Expedition photographs, 1881-1883:**

24. [Anatanah, Ooglaamie, Native man on Point Barrow Expedition, 1881-1883.] 91089.
30. [Scene in Ooglaamie, Alaska, June 7, 1882. Point Barrow Expedition, 1881-1883.] 91078.
33. [Ice arch ¾ mile off shore, near station. Point Barrow Expedition, 1881-1883.] 91098.
*According to Orth, Donald. *Dictionary of Alaska Place Names*, the name Ooglaamie refers to Barrow, Alaska.