Guide to Collection

Ives, H.A., Photographer

H.A. (Heath Arlo) Ives Photograph Collection, ca. 1910-1940s

PCA 419

60 photographs (13 panoramas) Processed by: Gladi Kulp, K Shelton

ACQUISITION: The Alaska State Library purchased the collection (50 glass plate and 6 nitrate negatives) from Brian Wilson, Penticton, B.C. Acc. no. 2000-18. Ron Klein, Juneau, delivered the negatives to the Alaska State Library in February 2000. PCA 419-57 was not part of the original purchase; added May 13, 2002. An additional gift (Acc. #2004-55) of Bonnie L. Husman of Salinas, CA, in memory of her husband, Robert George Husman, who was the nephew to George Arthur Lemmons, prospector and trapper in Ketchikan, Alaska, includes 4 panoramas and twelve 10 ½ x 6 ½ damaged prints and is numbered PCA 419-58 through 419-73.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing; however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The negatives were developed by Ron Klein, Juneau. There was no original order to the collection. Photo titles were transferred to the inventory; supplied information is listed in brackets. The photos were numbered by staff and housed in Mylar. Nitrate negatives (6 panoramas) are housed in cold storage.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

H.A. (Heath Arlo) Ives was born in 1890 in Minneapolis. He lived on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and in Bellingham, WA. In 1907 he came to Katalla, Alaska to work as an engineer on a gas boat that ferried supplies for the Alaska Railroad. He quit after a dispute with a railroad foreman and walked 60 miles to the village of Eyak, now Cordova. While there, his left arm was crippled by a shotgun in a hunting accident.

At Cordova he started a small gasoline engine repair business; he also learned photography. It was during this time he acquired the nickname “Gasoline Red.”

In 1923 he moved to Hyder, Alaska. Here he set up business as a commercial photographer and sold his photos as postcards of the area. After his mother died in 1941 at Hyder, Ives moved to Wrangell for one year and then to Petersburg. He worked as a photographer, small engine repairman, and gunsmith until his retirement. Ives died in Petersburg, December 16, 1972.

[Information from: Petersburg Press, December 21, 1972, p. 8.]

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection contains photos primarily of southeast Alaska, ca. 1910-1940s. It includes photos of the Cordova and Hyder areas, Alaskan sled dogs, a few British Columbia scenes and various other areas of Alaska. There are panoramas of the Hoonah Packing Company cannery and the Chilkat Oil Company’s refinery near Katalla. The collection also includes photos of glaciers, rivers, and scenics.

INVENTORY

Some descriptions are taken from the front of the photographs. Many include supplied information indicated by brackets. Photographer’s numbers, when noted, are in parentheses at the end of descriptions. Photographs were developed directly from glass plate negatives by Ron Klein, Juneau. Panoramic photos were developed from nitrate negatives, also by Ron Klein.

1  An Alaskan sled dog. H.A. Ives (no. 31)
2  Depot, Sushanna Junction Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 32)
3  Pinnacle Rock Boswell Bay Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 21)
[Man standing on shore beside a small sailboat.]

On Miles Glacier Bridge 7.22.1917. peeling emulsion

Arch Rock Boswell Bay Alaska. (no. 69)

Ocean Dock Cordova Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 18)

[Man holding gun on glacial moraine.]

[Wooden bridge and small dam over river; mountains in background.]

Kennecott Alaska. (no. 30) broken corner

[Man in boat and man standing in front of boat in river; forested hillside in background.]

[Railroad bridge; mountains in background.]

Cordova Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 20)

Chitina Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 34)

Dipping for salmon. Copper River Alaska. H.A. Ives

[Glacier with mountains in background and valley in foreground; same as #20.]

[Train buried in snow; men standing alongside.]

Wm Gerrie “Curley” winner of the Ruby Derby. Alaska. 60 mi. in 5 ½ hours. broken corner

Ocean Dock Cordova Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 11)

[Same as #16.]

[Man in suit standing in front of building.]

[Man in white shirt and tie in front of shingled building; double portrait.]

[Man, woman, 6 children standing on porch in front of house.]
24  In Abercrombie Canyon. H.A. Ives (no. 66)

25  [Elderly man in suit standing in front of building; double portrait.]

26  Excursionists on Miles Canyon Bridge 7.22.1917. H.A. Ives (no. G2)

27  Miles Glacier Bridge. H.A. Ives (no. 59)

28  [Miles Canyon Bridge in background; 2 men on beach in foreground.]

29  [Small log cabin with flowers, man and a woman standing alongside; another small cabin a bit further up the mountain.]

30  [Small false front building with flower boxes in front, probably a house.]

31  [Man, woman, 6 children seated inside house; same people as #23.]

32  [Road through a forest.]

33  Salmon River Highway, 4 mile. H.A. Ives (no. 87)

34  [Scenic view of river with iceberg in middle.]

35  [Model T in a creek with two men on top.]

36  “Keystone Canyon” Valdez-Fairbanks Road. H.A. Ives

37  Columbia Glacier Alaska. c. H.A. Ives (no. 146)

38  [Scenic view of mountains.]

39  Indian Totem Ketchikan Alaska. H.A. Ives (no. 167)


41  Part of catch of 93 beaver caught in 3 weeks by Tim Williams, Wm. Hobill, Bert Olson on Nass River, B.C. H. A. Ives Hyder AAS [Alaska?]; [same as # 44].

42  [Scenic of river through a field and forest.]

43  There is a long, long trail a winding. c. H.A. Ives. broken corner
Part of catch of 93 beaver caught in 3 weeks, Portland district. H.A. Ives [same as #41].

[Scenic of river winding through mountains.]

[Hyder? waterfront with Navy ship anchored near shore.]

[Paxson Roadhouse with Model T in front and other log buildings in view.]

Copper River fishing fleet 1922 Copper River Flats, Alaska. c. H.A. Ives Cordova (no. 516)

Panoramas: (Located in the Vault on the Extra Long Panoramas Shelves)

[Copper River flats, Copper River fishing fleet, 1922?] 10 x 39

Hoonah Packing Co.’s Cannery Bering River. H.A. Ives. 10 x 45

Lower end of Chickamin Glacier and head of Chickamin Valley Alaska. H.A. Ives. 10 x 39, banding

[Ocean with large rocks, Boswell Bay?] 10 x 31

[Hyder, Alaska.] 10 x 50

Chilkat Oil Co’s Refinery, near Katalla, Alaska. H.A. Ives. 8 x 30

Chilkat Oil Co’s wells near Katalla, Photo by H.A. Ives. 8 x 39

Railroad shops Cordova Alaska. H. A. Ives. 6 x 24

Chikamin [Chickamin] Glacier and Disappearing [Disappearing] Lake. H.A. Ives Photo. 10 x 40 [from backlog]


PCA 419-62 through 73 measure 10 ½ x 6 ½ in.; all have substantial water damage.


64 Texas Creek Bridge (Acc. No. 2004-55).


69 ‘Neath Winter’s Mantle, Alaska. No. 175 (Acc. No. 2004-55). This cabin belonged to John Regan, Richardson, BC, according to Robert Luttjohann. John Regan was brother of Margret Agnes Regan, great great grandmother of Mr. Luttjohnn.


INVENTORY OF GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES
Stored in metal cabinet in vault

1 metal container:
Glass plates #1 - 48

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