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Guide to Collection

Kemp Family Photographs, Nome, Alaska, 1905-1910

PCA 425-18

3 folders
72 b&w photographs, various sizes

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Black and white photographs of Northern Alaska and Nome, circa 1905-1910, during the gold rush. The bulk of the images are of Charles L. Kemp and Mrs. A.S. Kemp in Nome at the Kemp store, hunting on the Bering Sea, reindeer and dog sleds, school and social gatherings, and theater productions. The photographs primarily concern life in Nome, Alaska, in 1910, but have some pictures of other places in Alaska. Photographers include: Otto Daniel Goetze, Winter and Pond, Lomen Bros., Dobbs, E.W. Merrill and the Curtis Studio-Seattle.

SUBJECTS


INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 3 [Nome, Alaska]


2. No photograph


13. [Nome society dinner party in Kemp home? above Kemp store. Mr. Charles L. Kemp? third from right. Possibly Thomas T. Lane seated]


15. [Inside Kemp store, Nome, Alaska.] Dobbs Photo. (2 copies)


18. [Mrs. Kemp standing behind 60 bars of gold, 3 large bags of gold, and 8 large pots of (amalgam?)]; See also PCA 12-108 - $1,250,000 Gold Bullion, Miners & Merch’t’s Bank, Nome, Alaska, June 10th, 1906 Dobbs photo - $1000 Gold Coin]

Folder 2 of 3 [Nome, Alaska]


20. [Pulling loaded reindeer sleds.]

21. The Midnight Sun


23. Faculty and Pupils. Public School of Nome, Alaska, on Bering Sea, April 19th, 1910. Lomen Bros.

24. No photograph.


32. Start Fox Ramsey’s Entry 3rd All Alaska Sweepstakes, Fox Ramsey Driver, Nome, Alaska, April 7, 1910. Lomen Bros.


35. [Aerial oblique photo of Nome, Alaska]


37. No photograph

38. [Portrait of a man]

39. No photograph

40. No photograph

41. [Dog team and musher]

42. [Man, Woman and child climbing hill in snow]

43. [Dog in doorway to home buried in snow, sign above home says F. St. Mary]

44. [Two women on dogsled]

45. [Mrs. Kemp and daughter? with two wet dogs on tundra]

46. No photograph

47. [Two women riding in aerial ore tram bucket]

48. [Mrs. Kemp and daughter? with two wet dogs on tundra]

49. [Three people posing on broken sea ice]

50. [Woman (Mrs. Kemp) standing in snow]
51. [Man laying on vertical broken sea ice]
52. [Two women seated on broken sea ice (Mrs. Kemp in rear)]
53. [Men teasing dogs with dead grouse]
54. [Woman shaking paw of malamute]
55. [Two women and dogs in snow]
56. [Husky dog]
57. [Man shoveling snow on sidewalk]
58. [Two husky dogs laying in snow at window level of house]

Folder 3 of 3 [Non-Nome photographs]

60. #76. Taku Glacier. Copyright by Winter and Pond.
61. [Tidewater view of Sitka, Alaska – small cannons and native war canoe in foreground – small boat Nadya Sitka in water; E.W. Merrill photo]
63. [Interior view of St. Michaels, Russian Orthodox, Church, Sitka, Alaska.]
64. [Native Alaskan women seated on board sidewalk in front of Sitka business (Gen’l Merchandise Sitka Trading Co.) selling berries] Photo by E.W. Merrill Sitka, Alaska.
65. A Yukon Railroad. B. N. Co. No. 78.
66. A Dawson Dance Hall. B. N. Co. No. 65.
67. “Dawson by the Light of the Aurora Borealis.” Copyright applied for Jan. 2, 1908. [possibly photographed by O.D. Goetz]
69. Sledge Island Rookeries. Lomen Bros.
70. [Men with reindeer and loaded sleds]
71. Mrs. A.S. Kemp. Light brown hair, brown eyes, good? Old Rose Waist, Black skirt, Gold frame. [Hand tinted portrait - Curtis’ Studio, Seattle. The reverse side has information about colors to tint the photo and the name: Mrs. A.S. Kemp]

72. [Studio portrait of Mrs. Kemp in decorated fur parka and mittens]