Guide to Collection

Kerr, William John

William John Kerr Collection, ca. 1890s-1920s

PCA 453

4 clamshell boxes, 1 folder
91 glass lantern slides, b&w, hand-tinted
3 articles

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ACCESS: The lantern slides are extremely fragile. Some were cracked in shipping. See the librarian to access.

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PROCESSING: The slides are sleeved in archival envelopes and numbered. An inventory is available.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

91 glass lantern slides, primarily commercial, landscape, Southeast Alaska. Also, Soapy Smith, Whitepass & Yukon Railway. Three articles photocopied from the Salvation Army’s newspaper, “The War Cry.” The articles can be found in a folder in the box containing PCA 454.

INVENTORY

Box 1
1. [Hand tinted Juneau, AK] Victor featherweight slide
2. Sitka, AK (hand tinted)
3. Sentinel Island Light House, Alaska
4. View of West Ketchikan, Alaska
5. Douglass [Douglas]. Alaska. Made by Ensign Carruthers
6. Dewey Hotel, Skagway, Alaska. Made by Ensign Carruthers
7. Hidden Creek Mine, Anyox, B.C. Copyright by Leonard Frank Aug. 1917
8. [Two women] hand tinted. Victor featherweight slide
9. [Man mining with water cannon]
10. [Man washing clothes with scrub board. Hand tinted.] Victor Featherweight slide
12. Stewart & his poke of $2,700.00 in gold dust
13. [3 men, 1 woman with car at top of pass]
14. Davidson Glacier (hand tinted) Victor featherweight slide
15. Indians weaving baskets. Skagway, Alaska. Made by Ensign Carruthers
16. [Native man]
17. [Elderly native couple with young native male] hand tinted
18. [Cache on stilts] Victor featherweight slide.
19. [3 women, 2 men with animal horn display]
20. [White man with fur pelt display across front of 2 buildings]
23. [Native man in fur par ka in front of fish drying racks. hand tinted.] Victor featherweight slide
25. [Fishermen emptying net]

Box 2
27. [7 fishermen salting fish in barrels on 2 boats] hand tinted
30. In the land where the caribou are plentiful. Photo by J. Doody. Dawson. Hand tinted.

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33. Wharf at Sitka, Alaska. 301 W.H. Case
34. Petersburg, Alaska. Hand tinted.
35. 445,000 LBS=20 carloads awaiting transportation. March 1st, 1921
37. Ketchikan, Alaska.
38. The “scenic” White Pass & Yukon Route. Scenes near Clifton and Inspiration Point. Made by Ensign Carruthers.
39. [Man mining with water cannon]
41. S.S. Admiral Watson, Anchorage, Alaska.
42. The great cantilever bridge, W.P. & Y.R. Dead Horse Gulch. Made by Ensign Carruthers.
47. Shooting Miles Canon [Canyon] in ’97.
48. Miles Canyon. Scene on White Pass & Yukon Route

Box 3
52. Old city of Dyea and foot of Chilkoot Trail. Made by Ensign Carruthers.
53. R.W. Service’s cabin in Dawson City, Y.T.
54. [Man on horse with a line of loaded pack mules]
56. [White Pass]
57. [Going up the Pass] Victor featherweight slide.
58. [Waiting to go up the Pass]
59. [Men and supplies near top of Pass]
60. Soapy-Smith July 4th, 1898 on the streets of Skagway. Case & Draper
61. Frank Ried [Reid] on his death-bed at Bishop Rowe Hospital, Skagway, Alaska, July 9, 1898. Case & Draper
62. Soapy Smith in morgue.
63. The lonely grave of Soapy Smith, Skagway, Alaska.
64. Rounding up Soapy Smith gang at City Hall, Skagway, Alaska.
65. Grave of Frank Ried [Reid].
66. Funeral of Frank Ried [Reid] on the street of Skagway 1898. Case & Draper
68. Few of the Soapy Smith gang who were shipped out. c1898 Case & Draper
69. President Harding first visit to Skagway, July 11-13. Victor featherweight slide.
70. [Caribou on hillside] hand tinted. Victor featherweight slide.

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Box 4
73. Johnson totem pole. Hand tinted.
75. Steamer “Farallon” from the westward, Juneau, Alaska.
77. Indian totem pole. Hand tinted.
78. Valdez, Alaska showing Valdez Glacier. Hand tinted.
81. [Man on hillside overlooking town]
83. Bennett, B.C. WP & YR [White Pass & Yukon Route].
84. Juneau, Alaska.
88. [Skagway, from hillside]
89. Valdez, Alaska. Guy F. Cameron.
91. [Ore house]

Folder 1: Articles
The articles can be found in a folder in the box containing PCA 454.
3 short articles about William Kerr printed in the Salvation Army’s “The War Cry”
Adjutant William Kerr – July 14th, 1923
Western Whispers – October 4th, 1924
Army Officer Addresses School Pupils – December 13, 1924