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Perry Moore Photograph Collection, 1900-1903

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74 photos, b&w


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Biographical Note

Perry Moore was born in Mears, Oceana County, Michigan, January 31, 1866. His first wife Mate Farmer and their daughter Sibyl died in the Iroquois Theater Fire in Chicago in 1903. Moore traveled to the Nome area in about 1900 where he lived with his second
wife Lovey Jane Moore until at least 1909, when they were enumerated in the census of that year.

Family tradition holds that Moore “froze his lungs in Alaska,” a possible reference to Tuberculosis. The 1920 census shows Perry and Lovey both as patients in a sanatorium in Arizona. Perry died in the summer of 1921.

Scope and Content Note

Photographs of the Nome area, 1900-1903, Eskimos and Alaskan scenics. Some of the photographs were taken by Perry Moore. Others are commercially prepared; some by O.D. Goetze.

NOTE: Included are several photographs of a visit by U.S. Senators. These are possibly Senator W. P. Dillingham, of Vermont, Senator H. E. Burnham, of New Hampshire, Senator Knut Nelson of Minnesota and Senator E. M. Patterson of Colorado. Also included in that party were Sergeant at Arms of the Senate; Col. Ramsdell; Lt. Andrews, of the U.S. Army; Dr. Willcox, U.SA; Mr. John McLane (McLain), Ed. Minneapolis Journal & Mr. Brill, of the Associated Press. (see diary of Judge James Wickersham, July 22, 1903.)

Inventory

1   [Mule being moved in a cargo net.]
2   [5 persons around a wood sleigh, one faces the camera]
3   [5 persons and two reindeer-drawn sleds]
4   [2 cabins on posts]
5   [2 women stand outside a barber’s business; building covered by snow; sign indicates a shave would cost 25¢]
6   “Snow Monument” [Man stands before monument with hat in hand; snow covered ground]
7   [4 Native Alaskan women, 3 infants, gathered to cook a meal]
8   “Eskimo Berry Pickers – Nome, Alaska”
9   “Public School – Nome, Alaska”
10  “85 Front Street Nome”
11 [Busy Alaskan Street; right side of street has a barber shop and the office of Dr. Ed E. Hill, Physician, Surgeon]

12 “50 F. S. Healey Funeral” [Name of Mrs.? Carpenter on photo]

13 “C 140 Nome” ODG photographer [Businesses: Nome Daily News Printing Office; Furnished Rooms]

14 [4 men, 2 women and dog in front of tent; one man may be a priest]

15 “C 173 Whale Bones on Nome Beach” [Business sign: Valhalla Saloon]

16 [3 men, 1 woman on snow-covered Nome beach; boat in background]

17 “C 60 Lawrence Hotel Nome” ODG photographer [Business signs: General Merchandise; Furniture Factory, Burton & Woodruff; Nome Daily News Printing Office]

18 [2 women, 1 man on deck of unidentified ship]

19 [Steam Locomotive No. 6 pulling a flat car carrying numerous men]

20 “Eskimo Getting Lunch” [Dog to right]

21 “Eskimo Getting Lunch” [2 Native Alaskans and dog]

22 [7 persons standing in snow, 6 adults one child; steeple in background]

23 “C 91 Natives” [Numerous persons on board a boat; single man standing on shore to right]

24 “Ice in Siberian Sea” [2 men stand on opposite sides of ice chasm]

25 “C 87 Midcene Ditch – Nome, Alaska”

26 “C 33 Nome Surf”

27 “C 58 Congregational Church”

28 “Senators Off for Snow Gulch, Anvil Creek, Alaska”

29 “133 New Golden Gate Hotel”

30 “Senatorial Party Landing – Nome, Alaska”

31 “C. 42 S. S. Portland”
32  [On board rowboat, looking toward harbor and other rowboats]
33  [9 Men and a child gathered on porch of an unidentified building]
34  [12 Native Alaskans and one infant gathered by a canoe]
35  “Eskimo own Make – Nome, Alaska” ODG photographer [Eskimos in boat named Sophia]
36  [2 men in front of cabin in a wooded area]
37  “Steadman Ave – Nome, Alaska” O. D. Goetze photographer [Snow-covered]
38  “[Char]les D. Lane – First Train On its Way to Anvil”
39  “Steadman Avenue – Nome” [No snow]
40  “C 103 Front Street – Nome, Alaska” [Business sign: Igloo Headquarters; W. J. Rowe Transfer and Freighting]
41  “Nome City” [Boat caught in ice flow]
42  “Woman Rockin for Gold – Nome, Alaska”
43  “Natives Crossing Fish River”
44  “C 98 Episcopal Church” O. D. Goetze photographer
45  “Second Street – Nome, Alaska”
46  “Eskimos” [Man, woman and 2 children]
47  [Eskimo family looking at display of photographs]
48  “C 102 Front Street – Nome, Alaska”
49  “Front Street – Nome, Alaska” O. D. Guetze photographer [team of white mules hitched on snow above street level]
50  “C 97 Kester Avenue – Nome, Alaska” [Business sign: Alaska Photo Co.]
51  “Nome Looking North” [Business signs: Hotel Del Norte; Undertaking Parlors]
52  “B 47 – Nome, Alaska” [Boats off shore]
53  “Hotel Lawrence Fire”
54  [2 men outside cabin]
55  [Man standing in doorway – derby and mustache]
56  [Man leaving house – path shoveled away from door leaving trench]
57  [5 men standing on porch of house]
58  [5 men sitting on sidewalk]
59  [2 persons on skis outside house; man and boy stand at doorway to house]
60  “C 59” ODG photographer [Holy Cross Hospital building]
61  [Boat snowed in on beach]
62  “C 142 S. S. Portland” [trapped in ice]
63  [Ship beached on icy shore]
64  “Public School – Nome, Alaska”
65  “White whale caught by natives”
66  [Snow-covered house with sign: Dr. Snow]
67  “Trains are Wild Goose R. R. that took Senators out to creeks”
68  [Tents and cabins on beach at Nome]
69  [Native boy on beach]
70  [Eskimos feed children from lunch prepared on beach]
71  Nome Court House U.S. District Court, Dist of Alaska, 2nd Division
72  Moore Family. Lillie, Perry, Estelle, Lena, Hannah (Mother), Nellie.
73  Lovey Jane Moore – on left, Lena Moore Hanson – on right.
74  Perry Moore with adopted son, (who died young). Taken at his home in Nome, Alaska.