Guide to Collection

Fisher, Walter L. (Walter Lowrie), 1862-1935

Walter L. Fisher Photograph Collection, 1909-1911

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40 b&w photographs

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Walter L Fisher was the Secretary of the Interior from 1911 to 1913, under President Taft. In 1911 he visited Alaska as part of the process of determining the future route of the Alaska Railroad. He was accompanied by his son Walter T. Fisher, who was a student at Harvard University at that time.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

These 40 photographs were collected by Walter L. Fisher, then Secretary of the Interior, during a 1911 trip to determine the route of the Alaska Railroad. The photographs are commercially
prepared by Eric A. Hegg (with one image by P.S. Hunt) and depict locations along the proposed route of the railroad.

Views include the Childs Glacier, Cordova, Chitina, Kennecott Copper Mines, and locations along the Copper River. The photographs also feature the route of the Copper River and North West Railway, including the Miles Glacier Bridge and several railroad bridges, trestles and sections of track.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Railroad
Copper River
Copper River and North Western Railway
Cordova
Chitina

INVENTORY

4. Copper River Ry. Flag Point Mile 27 - E.A. Hegg (#135)
5. Trout Fishing on Lake Eyak, Alaska. (#160)
6. Copper River. - E.A. Hegg (#171)
7. Sunset Childs Glacier. - E.A. Hegg (#190)
9. Whiting Falls. - E.A. Hegg (#286)
10. Ice breaking off Childs Glacier. - E.A. Hegg (#297)
14. Miles Glacier Bridge, Coopper River & Northern Railway, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (#388)
15. Childs Glacier, Copper River, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (#390)
17. C.R.&N.W. RY. Mile 100, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (No. 394)
20. C.R.&N.W. RY., Mile [124?]. E.A. Hegg (#433) [Railroad bridge trestle]
28. Chitina, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (#474) [panoramic photo]
30. Copper River & Northwestern Railway. - E.A. Hegg (#534)
33. C.R.&N.W. RY. - E.A. Hegg (#539)
34. Baird Canyon, Copper River, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (#540)
36. Copper river, Alaska. - E.A. Hegg (#542)
39. Woods Canyon, Copper River. - E.A. Hegg (#549)