Alaska, On the River Photograph Collection, ca. 1898 - 1927

PCA 574

1 box
100+ images

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ACQUISITION: The Kodak negative album was donated by Maggie Rogers, July 2013. Acc. # 2013-32.

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PROCESSING: The negatives have been scanned and prints have been made. This collection has been described at the item level.
HISTORICAL NOTE

Donor Maggie Rogers made teaching/training trips into Alaska for special education teachers. While on one of those trips she acquired this Kodak negative album. In April 2012 Ms. Rogers rediscovered the album in her attic.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Provenance unknown. Most of the negatives contain images of daily life on or near rivers in Alaska. Some images show sternwheelers on the Yukon River. Pole-boats are also depicted.

SUBJECTS

River; Yukon River; sternwheelers; pole-boats; Northern Navigation Company; Northern Commercial Company; Red Cross Drug Company; gardens; farming

INVENTORY

Most of the descriptions are from information written on the negative sleeves in the album.

1  [Bow of small boat lodged in ice floe; scenic background]
2  Beached boat [dredge]
3  Beached boat [dredge]
4  Beached boat [dredge]
5  Bear
6  Alaskan family, natives [Women and three children sitting in front of tent]
7  Cache? [Five men in front of wooden tripod with barrel on top.]
8  Successful fishermen [similar to #100]
9  Alaskan home, garden
10 2 men in small boat on river
11  [Aerial view of river valley, buildings in foreground]
12  Mountain Scene
13  Successful crop: greens [Man looking at large cauliflower]
14  River/forest – erosion in action
15  Bear & Cache
16  Small craft on beach
17  Portrait: man on river stones by forest
18  Cabin by river
19  Child & 4 adults – in garden?
20 3 men & 2 horse carriage
21 Dynamite in action [geyser of water in river; buildings on waterfront]
22 SHWATKA of St. Michael at dock
23 [Barge and dock, river side construction; see #27]
24 At the dock [Buildings and dredge surrounded by mounds of soil in winter]
25 River & forest vista
26 Dog team pulling sledge; driver
27 River side construction crew
29 River boat, the SARAH
30 Horse & Buggy by river – is it sandbagged?
31 Immense bluff & (construction?)
32 Riverboat: SHWATKA of ??[St. Michael]
33 Paddlewheeler, DAWSON [and barge on river]
34 Rapids [Ice breakup on river]
35 Wide river, small boat w/ 2 men
36 Clouds, snowy hills behind town
37 River & woods vista
38 Fireweed (?) and fog bank above river
39 Spruce-lined river [Spruce-lined, snow covered road]
40 Town – power lines above houses
41 Man and (dog at play?) [Woman feeding fox in chicken wire enclosure]
42 N. C. Co.[Northern Commercial Company] Store, passersby & dog team
43 Town street (see also #26)
44 Cloud-shrouded mountain
45 Home & garden
46 River & hills [buildings in foreground]
47 Man (or woman?) tempting dog. See also #41 [Woman feeding fox in chicken wire enclosure]
49 Unusual front view of river boat: name? [SHWATKA]
50 Horse, buggy & 2 men – at a mine?
51 Freight train across river.
52 Birch or tamarack forest, winter
53 River bends & forest
54 Steamer & gulls in strong water
54a Snowy peaks (2 of 2 negatives without sleeves in this location in negative book)
54b Snowy peak (1 of 2 negatives without sleeves, orig. Position in negative book)
55 Island in river
55a Forest & river to infinity
56  Rock or snow slope, (animals?) on left. [White water rushing over rocks in river, similar to #72]
56a  Farmer with cattle in fenced barn yard
56b  Fishing trap-3 men & camp by river
57  Dead cow & butchers? & tools…
58  3 cow men in a cow-filled corral
59  Cattle ranch, cattle yards, cattle
60  Log cabin on snowy hillside
61  No negative, empty sleeve
62  [VICTORIAN and SELKIRK at dock]
63  [SUSIE on the river]
64  [Men and horses on shore; three men on gangplank to ship]
65  [Tall pole with many guide wires to ground; mining operation]
66  [Man and dog in snowy street; P. E. Kern sign on building to right]
67  [MINNEAPOLIS tied up to the bank of a river]
68  [Five people in pole-boat on river; two of the people are standing at each end of boat with poles in water]
69  [DELTA of St. Michael, KOYUKUK of St. Michael, and RELIANCE on blocks in winter]
70  [Winter scene; snow in foreground, houses, trees in background]
71  [Signs on buildings:  Natatorium, ______S Lumber Co., Garden Island, U.M.W.T.]
72  [White water rushing over rocks in river; similar to #56]
73  [View across water of buildings on an island, lighthouse]
74  [Scenic view from ship on river]
75  [Three men in pole-boat, heaped with supplies, on river; man in back of boat pushing with a pole, two men in water pulling bow of boat]
76  [DELTA pushing a barge]
77  [Five people in small, pole-boat on river]
78  [Pole-boat loaded with supplies near shore, three people maneuvering boat; more people and a boat further along shore]
79  [Two small boats, one a paddle-wheeler, side by side on river with seven people aboard]
80  [Scenic view from ship on river]
81  [Man in long fur coat and dog in snowy street; sign on building: Danz Bros. Inc.]
82  The JEFFERSON [Alaska S S Co.] at dock- crowds, etc.
82a  [Scenic on river]
83  Gordons General Merchandise with two mistachi’d [mustachioed] men & a dog- or two
84  View up river
85  Red Cross Drug [Co.], 11 men, and maybe a Big Nugget? [One of the men is squatting down holding young bird]
86  Sunset? Over the river [View from ship]
87  River barge?
88  Shadowed man in derby on porch of curtain-windowed house
89  Sternwheeler? (Negative badly scratched)
90  Prospector’s camp? Tent…
91  Canoe & 2 in front of flag and distant power lines… forest…[3 people in pole-boat in the middle of the river passing buildings on shore]
92  Man with horse (and plough?) Buildings in background [Two horses pulling man on cart]
93  River Rapids & forest in distance [Snow covered area, possibly river]
94  Nothing beats a pipe during an Alaskan barber’s attack [Man getting haircut]
95  2 pole-boats headed up river; 9 men & x dogs
96  Smooth water-distant campsite.
97  Bearded man on horse. Maybe pulling float/pole boats thru rapids?
98  Mining operation? (Negative badly scratched)
99  Red Cross Drug Co. “Dr. DeNorton, Phys. & surgeon Gerdy City Innoko, Alaska on his porch
100  3 men, 2 pipes, and a couple dozen fish [similar to #8]
100a  Laundry time at the camp: clothesline, tent, etc.

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES
Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Box
Kodak Negative Album, 100 capacity, negatives 3¾ x 6 and smaller