Dott, Harry F. (Henry) and Carrie Dethlefs Dott

Harry & Carrie Dott Photograph Collection, ca. 1918-1920s

PCA 593

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103 digital images

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Background of Henry F. (Harry) and Carolyn (Carrie) Dethlefs Dott written by Mary Maxwell, August 31, 2015, Indianola, WA.

Note: I initially thought that my grandmother was the photographer in the family, but since she’s in half of the photos, she obviously she didn’t take them. No way to tell who took the other pictures, Harry or Carrie, but either way they are great to have.

Harry Dott’s parents emigrated from Scotland, and he was born in San Francisco in 1869. He moved from there to Juneau sometime between 1906 and 1915; he was in SF during the 1906 earthquake, and I have correspondence from Sept. 1915 addressed to him at Thane. We also have correspondence from Oct. 1917 addressed to him at Chichagof. My mother, Dorothy Dott Maxwell, had thought that Harry was the office manager at Chichagof, and that he had worked at the mine at Thane and the Perseverance Mine as well.

I don’t know when Carrie Dethlefs moved from Chehalis, WA, to Juneau, but it was before 12/10/1918, as that is Carrie and Harry’s wedding date in Juneau. Carrie was born in Chicago; her 11 siblings were born in Germany. Harry was 49, and Carrie was 27. I also know that my great-grandmother, Helena Dethlefs, visited Carrie in Juneau, possibly for her wedding. In their Alaska photo’s, Carrie looked like she had a lot of fun with her friends. I remember my grandma very well; she was a lovely woman.

I’ve got correspondence to Carrie from her brother Hermann Dethlefs, who was serving with the U.S. Expeditionary Forces during WWI, and it’s addressed to her at the Perseverance Mine. So it could be that grandmother worked for the Perseverance mine, and that’s where she met Harry. According to the 1921-1923 local phone books, the Dott’s lived at 426 East Street in Juneau. My mother was born in Juneau on January 24, 1922; the family moved to Seattle around 1925.

Harry passed away in Dec.1951, and Carrie in Feb. 1965, both in Seattle, WA; Dorothy Dott Maxwell passed away in 2003; 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive her. (And Harry and Carrie as well).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The photographs in this collection show life in Juneau in 1918-1920s. This includes various mines, scenery, portraits of Harry and Carrie Dott and their friends, ships, houses, and glaciers.

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SUBJECTS

Mines, Juneau, Influenza

INVENTORY

1. A railroad built to handle material in construction of the large mill at Thane, Alaska. 1918-22[?]
3. All Bushed. Waiting for a pull up the hill.
4. Dad, other men, Dragging Killed Bear. Harry Dott Front Left
5. Employees Dwelling at Perseverance Mine 4 miles from Juneau
6. Gold Creek about 2 miles from Juneau Alaska
7. Gold Creek; an hours’ stiff uphill mush through 12 inches and more of snow
8. Iceberg in Gastineau Channel
9. Influenza 1918 - Harry & Carrie Dott
10. Miki at Top of Hill
11. Mountain Stream Perseverance Road
12. Mountains
13. Taku Glacier
14. Taku Glacier
15. They’re All Here I. E., All except the Bride/Groom.
17. 4th of July parade [Men and children walk past Alaska Transfer Co.]
18. Baseball field and homes at mine
19. Baseball game
20. Baseball players and Harry Solomon possibly
21. Boat scene
22. A Section of Ketchikan Waterfront, Alaska. Thwaites. 5027.
23. Carrie & friend
30. Carrie & friends

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Carrie & friends at home. Carrie Dott sitting on rail.
Carrie & girlfriends. Grandma Dott front.
Carrie & girlfriends. Carrie in front left?
Carrie & girlfriends. Gr. Dott on L.
Carrie & girlfriends. Carrie Dott Bottom Right Corner
Carrie & girlfriends
Carrie & girlfriends in snow. Carrie Dott on Left.
Gr. Dott. Carrie Dott.
Carrie Dott
Carrie Dott in snow.
Carrie Dott on rt with camera.
Dott's Home - at a mine maybe, Thane?
Employment line – Juneau
Glacier & Mountains
Harry Flood Dott
Harry & Carrie 1920’s
Harry & Carrie & f’riends at glacier. Harry & Carrie Dott in Middle.
Harry & Carrie & friends at glacier Verso: Gr. Dott on left. Grandma middle right.
Harry & Carrie & Friends- watching parade maybe. Carrie & Harry Dott 4th & 5th from left.
Housing at water.
Juneau scene.
Man and girl.
Men - employment line possibly. Typical employment scene.
Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska
Mine scene.
Mine scene.
Mine scene.
Mountain Stream at Perseverance Road
Portal Camp, Sheep Creek
S.S. Admiral Farragut, Juneau, Alaska
S.S. Northwestern, Juneau, Jan 22 1916.
S.S. Spokane, Juneau, Alaska
Street scene from Dott Home @ 426 East St. Juneau
Taku Glacier
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**Verso:**

Mr. Harry Dott
Chichagoff, Alaska

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Seattle Oct
Dear Harry,
   This is the only life. Have been
   On the go constantly.
   Expect to leave
   For the East the
   Last part of the
   Week. Remember
   Me to the boys.
       Sincerely yours
       John W. Vanderbilt

103   Postcard to Harry at Thane, AK
   Verso:
   Mr Harry F. Dott
   Thane, Alaska

   New York City Sept 20/15

   Dear Mr. Dott-
   Just a line to as
   sure you of my ap
   preciation of your
   kindness while at
   Thane. Just stopping
   in N.Y. a few days on
   my way to Charleston S.C.
   Yours Truly R.H. Solomon