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TITLE: Otto Kowalke Inside Passage Album

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2017.026

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1905

Extent: 1 box; 1 linear foot

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Otto Kowalke; Case & Draper; Winter & Pond; Fred W. Carlyon

Administrative/Biographical History:

Otto Kowalke (1878-1976) taught at the University of Wisconsin School of Engineering and wrote extensively on metallurgy.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of one album, measuring 7 ¼" x 10 ½", containing 64 silver gelatin snapshots, 36 postcards, and ephemera collected or created by Otto Kowalke and other members of his family during their trip up the Inside Passage aboard the S.S. *Spokane* in 1905. The Kowalkes also made the optional train trip on the White Pass & Yukon Route out of Skagway. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in fair to good condition. Some handwritten captions faded. Some snapshots show mirroring.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased from Wayfarer's Bookshop in November 2017.

Processing Note

Folded map adhered to front endpaper cracked, with brittle repair tape. Pieces removed to folder with loose ephemera.

SUBJECTS

Kowalke, O. L. (Otto Louis), 1878-
White Pass & Yukon Route (Firm)
Totem poles—Alaska
Inside Passage—Description and travel
Ketchikan (Alaska)
Juneau (Alaska)
Skagway (Alaska)
Sitka (Alaska)
Wrangell (Alaska)
Old Kasaan National Monument (Alaska)
Metlakatla (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Album

- Map. Foldout from Alaska Steamship Co. Black Ball Line route brochure. Damaged.

- .1 – [Illegible] with baskets, Victoria [man, woman, and child wearing mix of Western and traditional clothing standing on sidewalk talking to passerby, woman holding woven baskets]
- .2 – [distant view of lighthouse in Inside Passage]
- .3 – Our first totem, Ketchikan, Alaska [view down boardwalk, Chief Kyan totem pole at right, people standing outside Ketchikan Carbonating Works at left]
- Menu. Dinner, Saturday August 12th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .4 – Ketchikan, Alaska. 309, Edward H. Mitchell, publisher, San Francisco [color letterpress halftone postcard. Waterfront view]
- .5 – Ketchikan, Alaska. No. 2035, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard. Waterfront view]
- .6 – Ketchikan, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images, one of Chief Kyan totem pole, one street scene]
- .7 – Taku Glacier, Alaska. No. 2039, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard]
- .8 – Take Glacier. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images]
- Menu. Dinner, Saturday July 29th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .9 – Looking into the Glory Hole, Treadwell Mine [rock formation]
- .10 – Treadwell Mine, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of three images, one labeled in manuscript as “Wharf Douglas City”]
- .11 – The great Treadwell Gold Mine, Alaska. No. 2036, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard. Waterfront view]
- .12 – Juneau and Mt. Juneau, Alaska. Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane” [top half of menu, with letterpress halftone image. Waterfront view]
- .13 – Juneau, Alaska. No. 2036, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard. Waterfront view]
- .14 – Skagway [view of docks from ship, small boats at anchor]
- .15 – Skagway, Alaska. No. 2034, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard. Waterfront view]
- .16 – Skaguay, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Bird’s eye view]
- .17 – Skaguay, Alaska, ocean terminus of rail division of the White Pass and Yukon Route [color collotype postcard. Bird’s eye view]
- .18 – Skaguay [letterpress halftone clipping. Bird’s eye view]
- .19 – Broadway, Skaguay [letterpress halftone clipping. Street scene, with railroad tracks past businesses including Case & Draper at left]
- .20 – Ried Falls near Skaguay [letterpress halftone clipping. Reid Falls]
- .21 – Skaguay and Skaguay Valley [letterpress halftone clipping. Bird’s eye view]
- .22 – White Pass and Yukon R.R., Skaguay from Rocky Pt. [scenic]
- .23 – From Inspiration Pt. [scenic]
- .24 – From Inspiration Pt. [scenic]

- .25 – Skaguay River [scenic]
- .26 – [scenic, White Pass & Yukon Route]
- .27 – [scenic, track in foreground, White Pass & Yukon Route]
- .28 – Rocky Point [view down track to men standing on track in middle ground]
- .29 – Inspiration Point [track curving in distance]
- .30 – Summit Lake [scenic]
- .31 – Summit, White Pass [tattered flags flying over walled tent and other buildings]
- .32 – Tunnel, White Pass [view down track to tunnel]
- .33 – White Pass [horse bones on rocks]
- .34 – Skagway, Alaska, from Rocky Point. Copyright by Winter & Pond. The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N.Y. [collotype postcard. Two men on handcar on track]
- Menu. Dinner, Sunday August 13th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .35 – Tunnel [letterpress halftone clipping. View down track to tunnel]
- .36 – Inspiration Pt. [letterpress halftone clipping. Train on curving track]
- .37 – Haines Mission, Alaska. 441, Edward H. Mitchell, publisher, San Francisco [color letterpress halftone postcard. Bird’s eye view. Manuscript caption reads “Lynn Canal”]
- .38 – Lynn Canal, taken at 9:15 P.M. [scenic]
- .39 – Lynn Canal, taken at 9:15 P.M. [scenic]
- .40 – From moraine of Davidson Glacier [scenic]
- .41 – [scenic of Lynn Canal]
- .42 – Station on White Pass and Yukon Route at summit of White Pass, international boundary between Alaska and Canada [color collotype postcard. Passengers at railroad depot flying British Columbia provincial flag]
- White Pass & Yukon Route Excursion Coupon, as a souvenir of trip over the line to the Land of Nightless Days
- .43 – Summit White Pass, Alaska. Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane” [top half of menu, with letterpress halftone image. Bird’s eye view of railroad depot, tourists in foreground]
- .44 – Chilkat Inlet [steamship *Spokane* at anchor in Chilkat Inlet, passengers visible on decks]
- .45 – Getting into the small boats [lightering passengers from steamship]
- .46 – Lynn Canal [scenic]
- .47 – Indians seal hunting [view from deck of Tlingit man and woman in canoe]
- .48 – Trail to Davidson Glacier [four women walking through cow parsnip]
- .49 – On Davidson Glacier [tourists walking at glacier terminus]
- .50 – Trail to Davidson [scenic of forest with cow parsnip and pine trees]
- .51 – Landing at Davidson [man carrying woman from boat to shore, group of tourists standing on shore in background]
- Menu. Lunch, Saturday July 29th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .52 – Glacier Bay [scenic of icebergs in bay]
- .53 – [scenic of icebergs in bay]
- .54 – [scenic of icebergs in bay]
- .55 – [scenic of icebergs in bay]

- .56 – Fishing for halibut [letterpress halftone clipping. Passengers standing around fish laid out on ship deck]
- .57 – Salmon cannery, Funter’s Bay [view from dock of Thlinket Packing Co. cannery buildings, Funter Bay]
- .58 – Sitka, Alaska. Mt. Edgcombe. 3, copyright by Winter & Pond. The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N.Y. [collotype postcard. Bird’s eye view of town, with Mount Edgecumbe in distance]
- .59 – Sitka, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images, labeled “Indian River” and “Totems”]
- Menu. Dinner, Saturday August 12th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane” [dinner menu with same date but different image than earlier menu]
- .60 – [Photographic postcard. Composite of two images, interior and exterior of St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral. With handwritten caption “Sitka Greek Church”]
- .61 – [Photographic postcard. View of Marine Corps base, with buildings and cannons. With handwritten caption “Barracks Sitka”]
- .62 – [Photographic postcard. Waterfront view, canoes and small boats anchored in water, buildings on shore in background. With handwritten caption “Indian Village Sitka, Anna Kooch Chief”, i.e. Annahootz]
- .63 – [Photographic postcard. Waterfront view, small boats anchored in water, buildings and St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on shore in background. With handwritten caption “American end of Sitka”]
- .64 – [Photographic postcard. View down dirt road through forest. With handwritten caption “Road to totems, Sitka”]
- .65 – [Photographic postcard. Scenic of shoreline and mountains. With handwritten caption “Sitka”]
- .66 – [Photographic postcard. Saanaheit Pole and house posts at Sitka National Historical Park. With handwritten caption “Sitka”]
- .67 – Indian women in front of old Russian store, main st., Sitka [Tlingit women with bowls full of berries sitting on boardwalk along Lincoln Street]
- .68 – Sitka and the bay from the old Russian cemetery [letterpress halftone clipping. Bird’s eye view of Sitka, grave markers in foreground]
- .69 – [Photographic postcard. Lincoln Street scene, with vendors selling goods from tents underneath trees at right, St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral in distance. With handwritten caption “Street from boat, Sitka”]
- .70 – [Photographic postcard. Blockhouse. With handwritten caption “Sitka, Russian block house over 100 yrs. old”]
- .71 – The beach, Indian Village, Sitka, showing venison drying [view down shoreline, with buildings, drying racks, canoe on rack]
- .72 – Totems, Sitka [Saanaheit Pole and house posts at Sitka National Historical Park]
- .73 – Wrangell, Alaska. By F.W.C. [Photographic postcard. Waterfront view. Photographer tentatively identified as Fred W. Carlyon by Candy Waugaman]
- .74 – Wrangel, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images, one of old Fort Wrangell buildings, one portrait of Tlingit woman Skak-ish-tin]

- .75 – Log prison, Wrangel, Alaska. Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane” [top half of menu, with letterpress halftone image. Old Fort Wrangell buildings]
- .76 – Harbor at Wrangel [letterpress halftone clipping. Bird’s eye view]
- .77 – 37. Totems at Wrangell, Alaska. Copyright by Winter & Pond. The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N.Y. [collotype postcard. With handwritten captions “Old moss covered totems” and “Chief Shakes totems”]
- .78 – Totems at Wrangel [Beaver Totem in front of house]
- .79 – Wrangel, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images of totem poles in front of houses]
- .80 – [Photographic postcard. Portion of Kicksetti totem. With handwritten caption “Wrangel” and note of green paint on portion of totem]
- .81 – [Photographic postcard. Kadashan totems. With handwritten caption “Old moss covered totems, Wrangel”]
- .82 – [Photographic postcard. Gunakadeit totem pole. With handwritten caption “On the island in front of Chief Shakes house, Wrangel”]
- .83 – [Photographic postcard. Bear-up-the-Mountain totem pole. With handwritten caption “On island in front of chief’s house, Wrangel”]
- .84 – Old Kasaan, Alaska, the deserted Indian village. Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane” [top half of menu, with letterpress halftone image. Houses and totem poles]
- .85 – [Bear totem behind fence at grave in Old Kasaan]
- .86 – [totem poles, possibly Old Kasaan. Print badly mirrored]
- .87 – [totem poles at Old Kasaan]
- .88 – [totem poles at Old Kasaan]
- .89 – [totem poles at Old Kasaan]
- Menu. Breakfast, Saturday July 29th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .90 – Metlakahtla, Alaska. Pacific Coast Steamship Co. [letterpress halftone postcard. Composite of two images labeled Street Scene and Interior of Church]
- Menu. Dinner, Saturday August 12th, Season 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship “Spokane”
- .91 – Metlakatla, Alaska [Photographic postcard. Exterior of William Duncan Memorial Church]
- .92 – Interior of Chilkat chief’s house, Alaska. Copyright by Winter & Pond, 19. The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N.Y. [collotype postcard. Interior of Whale House of Chief Xaak Eesh (Klart-Reech) at Klukwan]
- .93 – View of Mr. F. Landsberg’s Indian curio collection, Victoria, B.C. Published by T.N. Hibben & Co., No. 53 [collotype postcard. Interior of museum or store with native artifacts]
- .94 – A crack team of huskies, Alaska. No. 2037, Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Seattle [photogravure postcard. Dog team stopped on ice, young person in sled basket]
- .95 – [two women standing on ship deck]
- .96 – [woman seated on ship deck, American flag flying from stern]
- .97 – [woman seated on ship deck, lifebuoy at right]
- .98 – [portrait of woman wearing wide-brimmed hat, ship rigging in background]

- .99 – [woman posed on ship deck, block-and-tackle at left]
- .100 – [two women standing on ship deck]
- .101 – [two women standing next to deck chair on ship deck]
- .102 – [woman seated next to funnel on ship deck, second woman standing near railing at left]
- .103 – [woman posed next to gangway on ship deck, men standing in background]
- .104 – [woman leaning against chair back on ship deck, man standing next to her, other passengers in background, lifebuoy of S.S. *Spokane* on railing in center background]
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- .106 – [view down ship deck, people standing at railing and sitting in deck chairs]
- .107 – [view of bow from upper deck]
- .108 – 415. Battery floor, A.U.G.M. Co.'s R.B. Mill, Douglas Is. Copyright by Winter & Pond [interior view down long aisle at Alaska United Gold Mining Co.'s Ready Bullion Mine, Treadwell]

Loose ephemera

- Menu. Lunch, Saturday August 5th, 1905, Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Alaska Excursions, Steamship "Spokane" [menu in shape of totem pole]
- Map. "Alaska and the Pacific Northwest." Copyright by Rand McNally & Co. Removed from Union Pacific brochure. No date

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