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TITLE: Martin Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1974.001

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1897-1898

Extent: 94 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Arthur Albert Martin

Administrative/Biographical History:

Arthur Albert Martin was born on April 28, 1869 in Santa Rosa, California. He married Florence Moulton in 1893. Moulton was born on Rincon Hill in San Francisco on March 1, 1869. They had four children. Martin longed for adventure so in 1897, at the age of 28, he sailed north on the steamer *Alice* to seek his fortune. While unsuccessful in his attempt he did photograph his trip.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 94 photographs taken on Martin's September 1897 journey to the Klondike gold fields. The photographs are primarily of the Dawson City and Klondike areas, with two images from the Fort Yukon area.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

This collection was donated to the Anchorage Museum by Arthur Martin's two children, Adeline Martin Foster and Richard M. Martin, in 1974.

Processing Note

Guide created from card catalog and other print metadata. All photos mounted on hole-punched paper, possibly from photo album.

SUBJECTS

Martin, Arthur Albert, 1869-
North West Mounted Police (Canada)
Gold mines and mining—Yukon—Klondike River Valley
Gold miners—Yukon—Klondike River Valley
Fort Yukon (Alaska)
Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)
Dawson (Yukon)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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- .1 – Raising the American flag at Fort Yukon, September 1897 [Men posed with flagpole in front of log cabins, tent at left]
- .2 – Alice, snowbound below Fort Yukon [Passengers standing on deck of steamboat *Alice* on Yukon River]
- .3 – Ice jam in Yukon River

- .4 – The trail, near 40 Mile Station [Bird's eye view of trail to Klondike gold fields at Fortymile]
- .5 – Northwest Ter'y, boundary line, American side [Bird's eye view of river valley, U.S.-Canada Boundary Line between Alaska and Yukon]
- .6 – Natives, camp 3 miles from Dawson [Group of women and children, possibly Han Indians, posed in front of tent, log cache in background]
- .7 – [Native man and three children, possibly Han Indians, posed next to pile of lumber, man pulling small sled with supplies]
- .8 – Playing dog [Two Native children, possibly Han Indians, wearing fur parkas, boy pulling large sled]
- .9 – Indians selling moose meat in Dawson, [man at left identified as] A. Cane [Group of men standing outside log cabin with signs for "Provisions Bought & Sold," "Fresh Bread Rolls & Pies Every Day," "Bakery", sled loaded with meat in center]
- .10 – Dawson in summer [Street scene with buildings and pedestrians]
- .11 – Summer street-scene, Dawson [Street scene with pedestrians, dogs, horse-drawn wagon and businesses including Palace Restaurant]
- .12 – Waiting for mail, summer 1897 [Men lined up outside of warehouse building next to Dominion Billiard Hall]
- .13 – Dawson, Oct. 1897, two building the A.C. Cos. [Street scene with pedestrians on boardwalk outside businesses including Miners Home, Palace Restaurant, Northern Commercial Co.]
- .14 – Fish trap of Geo. Carmack, discoverer of gold on Bonanza [Winter scene with trap in left foreground, businesses and log cabins in distance]
- .15 – Food caches [Cluster of log caches in winter]
- .16 – Nob Hill of Dawson [Distant view of log cabins and houses on hillside in winter]
- .17 – Bird's eye view of Dawson [Distant view of buildings in winter]
- .18 – Bird's eye view of Dawson, Klondyke [River], Yukon [River] [Bird's eye view of town in winter showing both Yukon and Klondike Rivers]
- .19 – Looking up river [Buildings along shore of Yukon River at Dawson, people on river ice at right]
- .20 – From back of town [Distant view of Dawson]
- .21 – The mouth of the Klondyke looking across the Yukon [Frozen Klondike River]
- .22 – Abandoned boats. But that's another story as Rip says [Several boats frozen in river]
- .23 – [Three men posed with sled outside Dawson City Mining Exchange]
- .24 – Hauling wood into town, \$50.00 per cord [Man with sled dog team pulling fuel wood, cabins in background]
- .25 – Alex McDonald [man posed next to log cabin in winter]
- .26 – ½ oz. of wood = \$8.50 [Man posed with sled hauling logs and two children, people and cabins in background]
- .27 – Jack Carr leaving Dawson for Dyea [Large group of men posed with musher and dogs in harness, dogsled mail service]
- .28 – Hospital [Young boy carrying yoke with two buckets of water next to large log building]
- .29 – Baby carriage [Woman wearing fur hat and cape pulling child in small sled, log cabin in background]
- .30 – Waiting to record – often 3 days in line [Miners in long line to register claims]

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- .31 – Panning nails [Three men working over small hole in ground, houses in background]
- .32 – Load of wild hay – value 50 [cents] per lb. [Man posed with horse-drawn sled hauling hay, houses in background]
- .33 – Klondyke cabins [Distant view of log cabins in winter]
- .34 – Capt. Hansen of A.C. Co. [Man wearing reindeer parka and holding rifle posed outside log cabin, J.E. Hansen of Alaska Commercial Co.]
- .35 – A.C. Co. store – sluice lumber value \$250 per m. [Three horse-drawn sled loaded with lumber in front of Alaska Commercial Co. buildings, dogs in foreground]
- .36 – Warehouses, A.C. Co. boarding house [Winter street scene with Alaska Commercial Co. buildings, men, dogs]
- .37 – Residence of clerks, A.C. Co. [Ed Mizner and other men with sled dog team outside Alaska Commercial Co. buildings. Cf. .38, .41-42]
- .38 – Store, A.C. Co., Dick Heath, O. Miller, Capt. Hansen, E. Mizner, Rank, V. Gray, L. Adams, A. Whitney, T. Kreeling [Large group of people outside Alaska Commercial Co. building, some identified by name]
- .39 – [Two men and dog outside warehouse building with sign for North American Transportation & Trading Co.]
- .40 – Rebuilding burnt saloons [Group of men working amid remains of fire in downtown business district]
- .41 – E. Mizner [Man posed next to log building]
- .42 – Dick Heath, Wm. Rank, Ed Mizner [Three men posed outdoors, log cabins in background, two men wearing fur parkas]
- .43 – Swedish Queen dancing girl, Lucille Elliot [Studio portrait of woman]
- .44 – Joe [?] Cooper, A. Whitney [Large group of men posed outside Dominion Billiard Hall, two identified by name, with Ed Mizner to left of doorway]
- .45 – Best bar in Dawson [interior of bar, with bartender behind counter, possibly Tom & Jerry Saloon]
- .46 – Capt. Constantine [Man wearing three-piece suit, necktie, fur parka and fur hat posed outdoors, Charles Constantine, Inspector with North West Mounted Police]
- .47 – Capt. Constantine [Charles Constantine posed outdoors, wearing fur parka with walrus-tusk gussets, fur pants, fur hat, mukluks]
- .48 – The gate and flag [Men and sled dogs next to flagpole and wooden gate, Fort Herchmer, North West Mounted Police station]
- .49 – The barracks, officers' cabins, Constantine, Heath, Stauff [Men with sled dogs outside cabins, some identified by name, Fort Herchmer]
- .50 – The barracks [Log buildings at Fort Herchmer]
- .51 – Constantine's residence [Two log buildings, Fort Herchmer]
- .52 – Mrs. Constantine's dog team [Man leading dog team pulling sled with woman in basket]
- .53 – 1st Canadian mail leaving Dawson, March 5, 1898, 24 dogs, 6 men, 6000 lbs. letters [Men posed with dog teams pulling freight sleds, dogsled mail service]

- .54 – 1st day, waiting for the mail, March 3rd, 1898. Left states Nov. 2, 1897 [Large group of people waiting outside Dawson City Mining Exchange and The Palace Saloon and Billiard Hall, piles of lumber in left foreground]
- .55 – 2nd Day, March 4th, 1898 [Large group of people waiting outside Palace Saloon and Billiard Hall, small sled in foreground]
- .56 – 3rd day, March 5, 1898 [Large group of people waiting outside Palace Saloon and Billiard Hall]
- .57 – Drinking water, Dawson style pump [Man wearing fur parka shoveling chunks of ice from river into pail]
- .58 – Sawing wood, after day's work is over [Four men with whipsaw cutting timber]
- .59 – Mouth of drift [Three men standing in mine entrance, drift mining]
- .60 – Chopping wood [Two men with hatchets in winter woods]

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- .61 – Hauling wood at claim, \$10.00 per cord [Men posed with dog team pulling sled loaded with lumber]
- .62 – More wood [Two men posed at wood pile]
- .63 – Wood for mining [Man with hatchet working at wood pile]
- .64 – Binding wood [Two men bundling logs]
- .65 – Lowering wood [Two men lowering bundles into mine shaft]
- .66 – Sinking new hole [Man chopping at frozen ground with pickax, second man at wood pile in background]
- .67 – Going down to light wood [One man lowering second man into mine shaft, thawing ground for mining]
- .68 – 18 El Dorado [Four men at No. 18 mine on El Dorado Creek, with shaft entrances, buildings in right background]
- .69 - \$450,000.00 in this dump, highest dump, El Dorado 29 [Distant view of five men working No. 29 mine on El Dorado Creek]
- .70 – Hillside claim [Five men posed next to small mine shaft]
- .71 – Siwash Jake's claim, No. 1 Bonanza [Two men working No. 1 Mine on Bonanza Creek, one operating windlass]
- .72 – Whip sawing [Two men using whipsaw to cut timber]
- .73 – Group of cabins [Log cabins in winter, men with wood pile in foreground]
- .74 – [Woman and two men posed outside Bonanza Hotel in winter, sign for "Hot rum punches," fuel wood pile at left]
- .75 – Skookum Gulch, richest spot in Klondyke [Big Skookum Gulch mines]
- .76 – Smoking holes showing "The Forks" of Eldorado Bonanza [Distant view of mining claims]
- .77 – 61 Below Bonanza [Five men working No. 61 Below mine, Bonanza Creek]
- .78 – [Log cabin at mining claim in winter]
- .79 – Showing French Gulch, 18 Eldorado [Two men working No. 18 mine on El Dorado Creek, French Hill]
- .80 – Showing bed rock piled up [Man standing on pile of boulders]
- .81 – Hole on El Dorado, showing wood trails [View of mining claim, thawing ground in foreground, paths visible in snow on hillside in background]

- .82 – Smoke [Thawing ground for mining]
- .83 – Bird’s eye view, Berry’s claims [Bird’s eye view of No. 5 and No. 6 on Eldorado Creek, owned by Clarence Berry]
- .84 – Smoking hole [Thawing ground for mining]
- .85 – Long cabin [Log cabin with windows in winter, fuel wood pile in foreground]
- .86 – Bottle window [Log cabin window made from numerous bottles in wooden frame]
- .87 – Water wheel [Two men standing next to wooden wheel in winter]
- .88 – Freighters, \$100.00 per m., charges [Three men posed with dog team hauling sled loaded with lumber]
- .89 – A good team [Musher posed with dogs pulling sled]
- .90 – A stamperder [Miner pulling sled loaded with supplies]
- .91 – Returning from Siwash Creek [Two miners pulling sled loaded with supplies]
- .92 – Cutting ice, see? [Three men on ice, two with saws, one with large tongs]
- .93 – Joaquin Miller [Man with hatcher posed outside Klondyke News Bureau]
- .94 – Looking into the future! [Man wearing reindeer parka and holding rifle posed in winter woods, hand shading eyes, A.A. Martin?]

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