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**TITLE:** Iditarod Gold Rush Photograph

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2018.009

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: June 2, 1910

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Unknown

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

The gold rushes to the Inland Empire districts of Iditarod and Ruby reached their peak between 1910 and 1912. Prospectors traveled by steamship to the Alaskan coast, and then by smaller craft up the Yukon, Innoko, or Kuskokwim Rivers.

**Scope and Content Description:**

One black-and-white photograph, measuring 4 ¾" x 6 ¾", mounted to board and adhered to glass, showing the crowd on the dock in Seattle prior to the departure of the steamboat S.S. *Victoria* for Nome. Written in ink on the image are the phrases "S.S. Victoria to Nome, Alaska" and "Iditarod or Bust, Seattle June 2, 1910." In pencil on the mount, the following description is written: "S.S. Victoria at Pier #2 Seattle about to sail for Nome, Alaska, nearly 5,000 people see off. The 'password' is Iditarod or bust (630 passengers) (new diggings). In the Bering Sea ice for 18 days. Very rough after 2<sup>nd</sup> day out. All sick except for crew. Storm [illegible] Bering Sea [illegible]. Return to Seattle July 11, voyage of 30 days."

Arrangement: Not applicable

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### Preferred Citation:

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by David Boysel in June 2018, who purchased it in California.

### Processing Note

Glass with adhered print removed from frame.

## **SUBJECTS**

Gold mines and mining -- Alaska -- Iditarod  
Iditarod (Alaska) -- Gold discoveries

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