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TITLE: Victor Burlingame Photograph Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2021.010

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1926

Extent: 247 born-digital images, 1.98 GB

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Victor Burlingame, unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:
Victor M. Burlingame (1899-1955) was born in Colorado and served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. He came to work at White Mountain at 26-years-old after being discharged to work. He married Frances Elizabeth (1910-1954) in 1937. His son, Dr. William Victor Burlingame (1938-2020), the donor, was born in Santa Monica, California and the family moved to Guemes Island in Skagit County, Washington shortly after World War II. Burlingame and his wife are buried in Yakima, Washington.

White Mountain was established on the site of the Inupiat fish camp called Nutchirviq. The town grew after an influx of prospectors during the gold rush of 1900. A government-subsidized orphanage was built at White Mountain and was converted to an industrial school in 1926. A post office was opened in 1932. The city government was incorporated in 1969.¹

¹ State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Community Database Online, as accessed on January 22, 2018. https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcra/DCRAExternal/community/Details/03fd2a7b-c694-478a-be3d-31ac75dd444f

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Scope and Content Description:
This collection consists of 247 born-digital images that were taken by Victor Burlingame and others at White Mountain Industrial School in 1926. The scanned images are original from photo album created by Burlingame that was digitized by his son, Dr. William Burlingame.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated by the Estate of Dr. William Burlingame in November 2021.

Processing Note
Images are in the original order as received from the donor.

RELATED MATERIALS
B2002.011, Tisdel White Mountain Government School Collection

SUBJECTS
Burlingame, Victor M.
Education – Alaska
Teachers – Alaska
Dogsledding
White Mountain (Alaska)
Little Diomede (Alaska)
Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – [musher and dog team on winter trail]
.2 – [man standing outside building with screen door open and snow on the ground]
.3 – [two women, a child, and two men standing in the snow. Women are wearing similar fur coats. Child is being held by one woman and is wearing a knit hat, fur coat, and boots. One man is wearing a fur hat, parka, and gloves. The second man is wearing a fur hat and jumper]
.4 – [man sitting in the seat if a tractor hauling a trailer loaded with wooden crates outside of a building. At least six young boys on and around the wagon]
.5 – [five men and a boy next to a building. Three of the men are lifting a wooden crate from the back of a trailer or truck bed]
.6 – [bird’s eye view of two riverboats tied to beach, horse riding on one, timber piled on beach. Same as B2002.011.227]
.7 – [one man and a young woman on the deck of a boat loaded with wooden crates]
.8 – I.N. [group of people on a boat loading wooden boxes on to a wagon connected to a tractor]
.9 – [man driving tractor pulling sled loaded with timber in winter, men riding in wagon. Cf. .33. Same as B2002.011.139]
.10 – [man riding tractor pulling sled loaded with timber, two men riding sled. Same as B2002.011.215]
.11 – [man driving tractor pulling sled loaded with timber in winter. Two men standing next to tractor]
.12 – [man driving tractor pulling sled in winter. Man standing next to sled]
.13 – [two men standing next to tractor and sled in winter]
.14 – [man driving tractor pulling sled loaded with timber in winter. Two men sitting on edge of sled]
.15 – 10/11/1926. White Mountain. AAA. V.B. [view of village and Niukluk River]
.16 – [view of White Mountain in summertime]
.17 – 10/11/1926 [view of White Mountain and building construction]
.19 – [two young boys in kayaks holding paddles. Group of people in a boat visible in the background]
.20 – [two kayaks placed in the grass with buildings in the background]
.21 – [two boats in water with shoreline visible in foreground]
.22 – [unknown equipment in field with bush to the right]
.23 – [two boats in water]
.24 – [two Indigenous women in fur parkas with]
.25 – [Indigenous man in fur hat, parka, and boots]
.26 – [two men with possibly a seal in the grass]
.27 – [Indigenous man standing next to a tree holding possibly an axe in his right hand]
.28 – [Indigenous man sitting on a wood bench? and maybe processing a skin]
.30 – [group of people in parkas posed on steps of school building]
.31 – [group of Indigenous students posed in front of log building]
.32 – [group of Indigenous students posed in front of log building with white teacher to the left]
.33 – [group of people standing next to an airplane in a field]
.34 – [group of people standing next to an airplane with skis. Possibly White Mountain in the background]
.35 – [group of people possibly walk towards an airplane on ice]
.36 – Main Street. Nenana, Alaska. Cann [street view with train depot at the end of the street and mountain in the background]
.37 – [man standing in a creek with buildings in the background]
.38 – [view of creek with logs in possible flood plain and mountains in the background]
.39 – [view of hillside wood fence and buildings with mountains in the background]
.40 – [scenic view with snow on the ground with trees and mountains in the background]
.41 – [mound of snow in the foreground with trees in the background]
.42 - [scenic view with snow on the ground and structure at center in trees with mountains in the background]
.43 – [white woman wearing fur parka, mittens with yarn string, and boots]
.44 – [view of building with a group of people standing at the front and snow on the ground]
.45 – [group of Indigenous women, men and children standing in front of a wood building]
.46 – [view of wood building with a fence]
.47 – [Indigenous woman holding a grass mat in her left hand with a log building to her right and in the background]
.48 – [view of log building with an American flag on flagpole at front]
.49 – [view of White Mountain covered in snow]
.50 – [view of building in the snow]
.51 – [panoramic view of Eklutna Vocational School]
.52 – [white man wearing fur parka and knit cap posed outdoors, log building in background. Same as B2002.011.040]
.53 – [white man posed next to building]
.54 – Rollyn J. Ball [white man posed outdoors, river in background. Similar to B2002.011.074]
.55 – [man standing in the snow with a building in the background]
.56 – [upturned umiak on wood stilts surrounded by trees. Possibly a graveyard so warning when viewing]
.57 – [people and dog on a rock beach with an umiak turned on its side and held up by paddles]
.58 – [group of people in an umiak with at least five people holding paddles. Building visible on shore in the background]
.59 – [view of umiak on its side with people inside, possibly salmon drying at left, and a canvas tarp draped over the right side]

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60 – [herd of reindeer in the snow]
61 – [view of people standing around a herd of reindeer]
62 – [herd of reindeer in the snow]
63 – [herd of reindeer in the snow]
64 – [view of people and dogs with two reindeer running to the left]
65 – [group of people walking behind a herd of reindeer]
66 – [group of ten people posed in front of a herd of reindeer]
67 – [white man standing in front of a whale carcass with two men to the right processing]
68 – [view of whaling station with whale carcass being processed on dock]
69 – [boat in the water with whale tail strung up at the bow]
71 - Tanana River Bridge. Nenana, Alaska. #72 [view of Alaska Railroad bridge across Tanana River at Nenana, Alaska with trestles, buildings, and river boat visible on opposite shore]
72 – [group of students dressed in costumes in what looks to be a gymnasium]
73 - [faded image of a group of students dressed in costumes and holding sticks in what looks to be a gymnasium]
74 – [faded image of a group of students dressed in costumes in what looks to be a gymnasium]
75 – [group of Indigenous students and white teachers posed in a room]
76 – [two Indigenous men and two Indigenous women in parkas posed with trees behind them]
77 – VB [two Indigenous men, two Indigenous women, and two Indigenous girls in Western dress. The adults are seated on a raised platform with baskets of flowers in front of them. The two young girls stand on either side]
78 – [two people posed with snowshoes between two trees. There is a dog to the right looking away from the camera towards another person walking in the background]
79 – [group of people posed in parkas. Snowshoes resting against bushes to the left]
80 – [view of a trail in the snow with trees on either side]
81 – [view of snow covered trees and mountains in the background]
82 – [six Indigenous children posed in winter gear holding snowshoes and skis in front of them]
83 – [at least eleven Indigenous people posed and sitting with snowshoes and a dog in front of a canvas tent covered in snow]
84 – [two white women standing next to a building wearing hats, shirts, coats, pants, and boots]
85 – [two people standing at the back of a sled in the snow with buildings behind them]
86 – [same women from .84. One is turned away from the camera and the other is in side profile]
87 – [same women from .84 and .86. One is on her back in the snow and the other is standing, possibly laughing]
88 – [one white person dressed in a hat, sunglasses or goggles, parka, gloves, and boots on skis holding poles]
89 – [one man wearing parka and boots standing in front of a building]
.90 – [one white woman wearing a parka, gloves, and boots standing in a field holding a gun]
.91 – [one Indigenous woman kneeling on the ground and a child sitting next to her outside of a wood building, possibly processing something with the tool in her hand.]
.92 – [one Indigenous woman sitting on the ground in a house stripping a stick with a knife. There is a table to her left and abed behind her]
.93 – [one Indigenous woman sitting and working on something in her hands, possibly sewing. Two children are visible behind her]
.94 – [one child and one adult sitting on the ground working pieces of wood. Possibly snowshoes given the two snowshoes in the background. A crate to the right of the child reads, “Milk Products CC.”]
.95 – [one Indigenous man in a parka sitting next to a kayak frame]
.96 – V. Burlingame [one Indigenous woman sitting on the floor of a house, possibly skin sewing. Western furniture to the right and in the background]
.97 – [two Indigenous men in Western dress working on the skin of a kayak]
.98 – [a group of men and a young boy working hauling a boat up a slope or launching it at the shoreline. Buildings visible in the background]
.99 – Mrs. B. in distance [village view, with building under construction at right, bell on frame in center, woman sitting on log in middle ground. Center of image overexposed. Same as B2002.011.087]
.100 – [two men working on machinery with buildings in the background]
.101 – [view of a boat out of water with men sitting on the hill slope to the right with a tractor in the foreground. Buildings are at the top of the hill to the right]
.102 – [view of the same boat out of water in .101 from a different angle. People visible on the slope to the right and above standing on deck of the building]
.103 – [group of men and boys possibly hauling wood. Trees and mountains visible in background]
.104 – [one man with a log resting on his right shoulder]
.105 – [group of men and boys standing around a tractor and wagon. Similar to .103]
.106 – [four men loading logs in wagon attached to tractor]
.107 – [one white man sitting on tractor and seven Indigenous men or boys standing in front of wagon loaded with logs]
.108 – [view of river and small island with trees and mountains in the background. Likely Niukluk River]
.109 – [group of twelve people swimming in Niukluk River. White Mountain visible in the background]
.110 – [group of eleven Indigenous girls posed in wet swimming clothes on the shore. White Mountain visible in the background]
.111 – [one white woman in swimwear and cap standing in the mud at the shoreline of Niukluk River]
.112 – [one person walking out of Niukluk River with ice flows in the background]
.113 – [reindeer in pen with mountains in the background]
.114 – [a figure, possible a reindeer, laying on the ground in the snow]
.115 – [group of men processing a carcass, possibly a reindeer, on the beach with buildings visible on top of the hill]
.116 – [view of herd of reindeer with trees and mountains in the background]
.117 – [reindeer with calf walking in snow]
.118 – [view of community on shoreline from water]
.119 – [one white man in parka standing with dog in front of a building with sign above that reads, “Post Office”]
.120 – [view of buildings on shoreline from water. Possibly in the same community as .118]
.121 – [one white man wearing fur hat, parka, gloves, pants, and boots standing in front of a building covered with snow and antlers at the top]
.122 – [view of mining dredge and buildings on shore]
.123 – [possible photographer finger in frame pointing to sluice]
.124 – [two people crossing a river or creek, one on the back of the other. One person standing on the shore holding something in their left hand. Buildings in the background]
.125 – [three white people standing in front of a building. A washboard to the left on the ground. Person on the right looks to be holding a parka on their left]
.126 – V. Burlingame [ice chunks floating in water]
.127 – [view of ice flows stacked at shoreline of Niukluk River. White Mountain is visible in the top left corner. A ladder is laying on the ground in the foreground]
.128 – [view of ice likely covering a large body of water]
.129 – [group of two white women and four white men posed with gear on the ground in front of them]
.130 – [view of White Mountain. Man standing left of center possibly chopping wood. Structure at right may be for storage as there is a sled, crates, buckets, a kayak, and other equipment visible]
.131 – [two Indigenous women standing next to a wood structure. Possibly the same from .130]
.132 – [Indigenous man sitting on roof of building and covered by a canvas. On there roof is also a kayak frame to the left and a bucket to the right. Writing on door unreadable]
.133 – [view of structures on stilts on shoreline with a boat pulled up on the beach]
.134 – [two white men and one Indigenous man sitting underneath wood structure around a coffee pot, possibly at a campsite. Crate at center reads, “Keep in a dry place. Tale. United Dairy Assoc. [unreadable]]
.135 – [one Indigenous man standing next to a string of birds hanging from wood structure. Gun propped against structure in the foreground. One white man seated on the ground in the background]
.136 – [one white man and two other men seated around a campfire. Similar to .134]
.137 – [one white man posed in front of a building in hat, jacket, vest, pants, and shoes with a cigar in left hand]
.138 – [one white man posed in jacket, vest, pants, and boots holding a hat in left hand. Buildings and bluff in background. Appears someone used a pen to draw around the man’s head]
.139 – [one white man posed with two Indigenous girls in Western dress and one behind]

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.140 – [one Indigenous girl in Western dress sitting on an ice flow with gun resting on her lap]
.141 – [six Indigenous women sitting in the snow on a slope in Western dress. Women thirds from left may be wearing sealskin boots]
.142 – [one child posed in jumper and boots standing in snow. Building at left]
.143 – [one child in parka and boots seated on the ground in snow with dog in front of a log building]
.144 – [eight Indigenous women and two white women posed in snow with buildings on slope in background. Woman at center right is holding a gun]
.145 – [two Indigenous boys and one white woman posed in front of building in snow. Boys are both wearing parkas and boots]
.146 – [one white woman in parka and hat laying on ground in snow. Boardwalk visible at top of the hill]
.147 – I.N. [one Indigenous woman and four children posed in front of a building. Three older children are all wearing fur boots]
.148 – [one Indigenous man, one Indigenous woman, and two Indigenous children posed in front of a wood and canvas building]
.149 – [two Indigenous women, and two Indigenous children posed in front of a wood building]
.150 – [one Indigenous woman in fancy parka and boots posted in snow with building in the background]
.151 – [one Indigenous woman and one Indigenous man posed in parkas, mittens, and boots in snow]
.152 – [one Indigenous woman facing away from the photographer in fancy parka and boots posted in snow with building in the background. Related to .150]
.153 – [at least three people working on wood pile. Building to the left and shed to the right behind the work area]
.154 – [view of mountains and ocean]
.155 - [view of mountains and ocean with buoy and whale carcass floating in the foreground]
.156 – [view of log building with a patch of hammered tin in bottom left corner]
.157 – [one man in front of a Russian blockhouse]
.158 – [two white women posed on docks or boat. Three people, possibly Indigenous, visible in the background]
.159 – [view of buildings on shoreline]
.160 – [view of church and boardwalk with cable or telephone pole with line to the right]
.161 – [view of mountains and ocean from ship]
.162 – [view of building and boats along shore]
.163 – [one Indigenous child in Western dress and skin boots. Buildings in the background]
.164 – [one Indigenous man posed in Western style hat, coat, and pants with skin boots. Building in the background]
.165 – [one Indigenous child posed in front of chopped wood in Western style overalls, shirt, and boots. Buildings in the background]
.166 – [three Indigenous women in clothe parkas posed and seated]
[one Indigenous man posed with his arms over the shoulders of two Indigenous women next to a building with an open doorway to the left. Woman on the left is wearing a white hat and apron]

[three Indigenous women standing in Western style clothes. Woman at left is wearing hide or skin boots]

[three Indigenous women standing in Western style clothes and hide boots on porch with building behind them]

[dark image with view of building on fire]

[blurry image of ground and debris, possibly building that is on fire in .170]

[interior view of man sitting and reading by lamplight. Pennant on wall right of center reads, “San Francisco”]

[white woman standing in doorway and holding the collar of a dog. Gun resting to the left of doorway]

[Indigenous man wearing caribou skin parka with a fish in right hand and leaning on a crutch in his left]

[two Indigenous women and six Indigenous children in fabric and fur parkas posed in doorway of building. Woman on right is carrying child on her back]

[two Indigenous women sitting on the ground next to metal buckets. Woman on right is holding something, possibly a hide]

[Mikinina-Kow Kow. Lomen Bros. One Indigenous woman sitting on the ground breastfeeding two children. She is wearing a fabric parka and beaded necklace, bracelet, and rings. She also has chin tattoos]

[one Indigenous woman standing in front of a log building wearing a fabric parka and boots. She is holding a baby in her left arm]

[one Indigenous woman standing in front of a log building wearing a fabric parka and boots]

[panoramic view of Niukluk River and White Mountain during the winter. A dog team and sled is visible in the bottom right corner. A river boat is in on the shore at center]

[one white man standing next a building]

[one person standing in snow holding a gun in right hand]

[one white man standing with a pipe in his mouth and hands in his pocket]

[one Indigenous woman standing in front of a window and log building wearing a fabric parka with fur ruff]

[one Indigenous man standing in front of a log building wearing a hat, caribou skin parka, and fur boots. Appears to be leaning on a crutch on his left side. Possibly the same man in .174]

[one Indigenous man and one Indigenous woman standing in front of a log building with laundry hanging to the right]

[one Indigenous woman standing in front of building wearing a fabric parka with fur ruff and hide boots]

[one Indigenous man, two Indigenous woman, and six Indigenous children in front of a log building in a mix of Western style clothes and fur parkas]
.188 – [one Indigenous man and one Indigenous woman standing in front of a log building. The man is wearing a fur parka and a woman is wearing a fabric parka with fur ruff]
.189 – [two Indigenous men, one Indigenous women, and two Indigenous children standing in front of a building in fur parkas and Western style clothes. The child at center has a cleft palate. There is also a man standing in the window looking out from inside the building]
.190 – I.N. [image is inverted. One Indigenous man, one Indigenous woman, and three Indigenous children posed possibly in front of building]
.191 – [two people with four or five dog team on beach]
.192 - Fred Walker team [musher and dog team on winter trail, passengers in basket. Same as B2002.011.035 and B2002.011.036]
.193 – [musher and dog team in the snow. Musher is sitting on sled]
.194 – [five people and dog team in snow, possibly on frozen river. Possibly White Mountain in the background]
.195 – [dog team in snow with structure to the left and frozen river in background]
.196 – [one person standing in front of building with tin siding with a dog to the left and holding two puppies in their hands]
.197 - [large group of students posed on steps of school building. Same as B2002.011.168]
.198 – VB. White M. AA [large group of girls wearing uniforms performing calisthenics in classroom, projection screen and piano in background. Related to .199]
.199 – V.B. 1927 [large group of girls wearing uniforms performing calisthenics in classroom, projection screen and piano in background. Same as B2002.011.161]
.200 – Alaska “Black Bear.” Cann [black bear sow and three cubs on trail. Trees and mountains in the background]
.201 – [two polar bear cubs chained and laying on the ground under a wooden deck]
.202 – [two polar bear cubs wearing collars. One is laying down and the other is standing and leaning against a tree]
.203 – [one white man sitting on the bottom step of a staircase with a dog. Possibly the dormitory steps. Another dog at right partially out of the frame. Buildings visible in the background]
.204 – [one white woman in a parka sitting on the bottom step of a staircase with a dog. Possibly the dormitory steps. Buildings visible in the background]
.205 – [one Indigenous man kneeling on the ground next to four puppies possibly eating. Buildings in the background]
.206 – [two women, man, and boy sitting on porch holding puppy dogs, crate from Borden Milk at left. Same as B2002.011.162]
.207 – [two Indigenous young men dressed in cowboy costumes standing next to a building]
.208 - [Alaska Native boy wearing bib overalls and work gloves. Same as B2002.011.041 and identified as Tony]
.209 – [one Indigenous man posed next a wood building]
.210 – [one Indigenous young woman with a jump rope and wearing Western style clothes. Possibly the dormitory in the background. One person on the steps]
.211 – [two Indigenous women in Western style clothes standing at the bottom of a set of stairs. In top right corner, a group of people are leaning out through a window]
.212 – [three Indigenous women in western style clothes and fur boots posed in front of a wood door]
.213 – [one Indigenous young woman and one Indigenous boy in western style clothes and posed near trees with building in the background]
.214 – [view of snow covered tree]
.215 – Wien Alaska Airways Inc. [two white men in parkas and books standing in front of an airplane in the snow]
.216 – U.S.S. Bear [white dog standing on a ship’s deck]
.217 – [brown bear cub and white dog playing on a ship’s deck. One white man to the right holding a camera and at least one man watching on a lower level]
.218 – [one woman standing on slope. Ice and water in the background]
.219 – [landscape view of frozen river with trees and hills]
.220 - [landscape view of frozen river with trees and hills]
.221 – [boat sitting on shore with two people at the stern and three people the bow. Saw sitting on a log in the foreground. Frozen river and trees in the background]
.222 – [boat sitting on shore with logs in the foreground. One person standing next to the boat and a group of people in front of the boat around a tractor. Frozen river and trees in the background]
.223 – [boat being hauled up slope by tractor with group of people at tractor and two people at bow. Buildings in background]
.224 – [boat sitting on shore with group of people at the stern. View from the river of the same boat from .221, .222, .223. Buildings up the slope in the background]
.225 – [one person kneeling in the snow with a dog wearing a hat, sunglasses, parka, and gloves]
.226 – [dog team in the snow]
.227 – [dog team in the snow between trees with a pair of snowshoes propped up in the background]
.228 – [dog team in the snow with one person in the sled and one person at the back, both wearing parkas. Two people in the background on the slope with buildings at the top]
.229 – [dog team in the snow with trees and hills in the background]
.229a – [dog team pulling two people in a sled through the snow. Possibly a wagon with people in the background]
.230 – [seven Indigenous women and five Indigenous men in parkas sitting in front of a building]
.231 - [seven Indigenous women and five Indigenous men in parkas with hoods up sitting in front of a building. Same group as .231]
.232 – Black Mountain [view of ice in river with mountain and trees covered in snow]
.233 – Little Diomede [dog team with two people standing on ice with snow drifts behind them]
.234 – Little Diomede. Menadlook family [group of eight people in parkas standing and sitting on ice flow]
.235 – Walrus at Pt. Hope (Tigara?) [group of walruses resting on ice flow]
.236 – [dog team on shoreline with ice on river. Boat and buildings in background]
.237 – [view of river with buildings and telephone poles in the foreground]
.238 – [view of river with ice breaking up. Trees and mountains in the background]
.239 – [view of river with buildings in the foreground]
.240 – [dog sitting in front of a building with miscellaneous materials in the yard]
.241 – [one man standing in front of a wood fence surrounded by log buildings]
.242 – V. Burlingame [sod house with wooden doorframe. Same as B2002.011.166]
.243 – [group of Indigenous women and children in front of a sod house. Women at right are wearing fur parkas]
.244 – [three Indigenous women standing in front of sod houses. Two women at right are wearing fur parkas]
.245 – [Victor Burlingame in US Navy uniform. Other white man unknown]

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