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**TITLE:** Alma T. Nelson Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2012.035

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1937, 1940

Extent: 1 box; 1 linear foot

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Alma T. Nelson, Photocraft, M. P. Roark, Hysten Photo Shop, Charles F. Cann, Hewitt's Photo Shop

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

No additional information about Alma T. Nelson was available at the time this guide was prepared.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of one spiral-bound album measuring 9.25 x 8.25 inches, containing 160 photographs and ephemera gathered during two trips to Alaska. The first (.1-.86) was in 1937, leaving from Vancouver aboard the Prince Robert, with images on and from the ship, and of stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Sitka. The second trip (.87-.160), from the summer of 1940, seems to have started in Valdez, with a side trip to Cordova, then up the Richardson Highway, with images of sights and lodging along the way, stops in Big Delta and Fairbanks—then by train to McKinley and down to Anchorage. Included are photographs taken by Nelson and her companions, photographic postcards, and ephemeral items.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased by the Museum in 2012. No provenance was available from the dealer, other than that the album had been obtained at an estate sale.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

Cornelia Lincoln Martin Scrapbook, B1992.024

Trip to Alaska, B1997.008

Candy Waugaman Collection, B1998.025

Inside Passage, B2004.021

Allan Rennie Collection, B2005.032

Natalie Brother Photograph Album, B2009.004

**SUBJECTS**

Nelson, Alma T.

Hansen, Mary, 1905-2002

Prince Robert (Ship)

Princess Louise (Ship)

Baranof (Steamboat)

Mendenhall Glacier (Alaska)

Taku Glacier (Alaska)

Columbia Glacier (Alaska)

Worthington Glacier (Alaska)

Spencer Glacier (Alaska)

Ketchikan (Alaska)

Juneau (Alaska)

Skagway (Alaska)

Sitka (Alaska)

Cordova (Alaska)

Valdez (Alaska)  
Tiekel (Alaska)  
Paxson (Alaska)  
Big Delta (Alaska)  
Fairbanks (Alaska)  
Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)  
Richardson Highway (Alaska)  
Inside Passage

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

“Trip to Alaska on Prince Robert leaving Vancouver B.C. with Esther Ryan”

- .1 – Prince Robert [ship at dock]
- .2-.4 – At sea [scenery]
- .5-.9 – Wrangell Narrows [scenery; .8 includes a lighted marker]
- .10-.15 – [scenery of Inside Passage]
- .16 – [woman standing at ship rail]
- .17 – [deck of the *Prince Robert*, with lifeboat]
- .18 – [scenery]
- .19 – [view from upper deck of lower deck and bow, with passengers along rail]
- .20 – [two young women with lifebuoy of the *S.S. Prince Robert*, Vancouver, B.C.]
- .21 – [passengers walking along a lower deck]
- .22 – [similar to .20]
- .23 – [two older women stand along ship rail]
- .24 – Captain
- .25-.26 – First officer
- .27 – [woman stands on dock with bow of *Prince Robert* behind her]
- .28 – [young woman with camera case stands next to lifeboat *Vancouver* on deck]
- .29 – [same woman as in .28, with ship’s lifebuoy]
- .30-.32 – Ketchikan [waterfront]
- .33 – Juneau [Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company]
- .34-.38 – Mendenhall Glacier
- .39-.49 – Taku Glacier [.49 taken through porthole]
- .50-.54 – Skagway [ship docking; .52 shows the *Princess Louise* at dock]
- .55 – Skagway streetcar
- .56 – [streetcar next to rock marked “The Largest Nugget in the World”]
- .57 – [woman and mannequin on back of streetcar, with sign “Marshal of the Day, July 4, 1898”]
- .58 – [tourists at waterfall, possibly Pitchfork Falls, with footbridge in middle ground]
- .59-.64 – Mt. Edgecomb [Edgecumbe] near Sitka
- .65-.69 – Sitka [.68-.69 show St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral; others are of waterfront buildings]
- .70-.71 – Park at Sitka [totem poles at Sitka National Historical Park]
- .72 – [ship at dock, possibly *Prince Robert*]
- .73 – Blockhouse at Sitka
- .74 – Mr. and Mrs. Henny [couple posed outdoors]

.75-.82 – [four-masted sailing ship at Vancouver docks; .77 is a view of the *Prince Robert* bow, indicating that the sailing ship was at dock as the *Prince Robert* was returning; man and woman at rail in .79]

.83 – [*Prince Robert* at Vancouver dock]

.84-.85 – [Passenger steamship passing the Vancouver dock]

.86 – [totem pole at unidentified location]

“June 19-July 1940. Trip to Valdez, Richardson Highway – Fairbanks – train to McKinley National Park – then to Anchorage and Seward by boat to Seattle with Wilma McKenzie”

.87-.88 – [Inside Passage scenery]

.89-.90 – [women standing at ship’s rail; Nelson and McKenzie?]

.91-.92 – Ketchikan [.92 of wooden boat the *Ark* at dock]

.93-.96 – Monica Young, Ketchikan [toddler]

.97-.99 – Ketchikan [mother holding young child, identified in .100, next to automobile on wooden boardwalk]

.100 – Susan, Ketchikan

.101-.106 – Cordova [.101, ship passing in inlet; .102, downtown with pedestrians on boardwalk; .103 *Baranof* at dock]

.107 – [Photographic postcard] Nirvana Park, Cordova, Alaska, Photocraft #167

.108-.109 – [Nirvana Park]

.110 – [Photographic postcard] A June Mid-night, Cordova, Alaska, Roark Photo 246 [street scene including The O’Neill Co., Dyson’s, Northern Drugs, Smith’s House]

.111 – [Photographic postcard] Business District & Water Front, Valdez, Alaska, Hylen Photo

.112 – Wilma, Marian Bigelow, Betty Bean, Marguerite Riley [group stands on footbridge]

.113-.115 – Columbia Glacier

- [Adhesive stamp] See Alaska, Nature’s Greatest Masterpiece, Columbia Glacier between Seward and Valdez, Farwest Litho. & Printing Co., Seattle

.116-.120 – Up the Richardson Highway [.116 waterfalls; .117-.118 Teikhel Road House; .119-.120 Worthington Glacier]

.121 – Our first lunch stop [Tonsina Roadhouse?]

.122 – A fish wheel [probably Copper River]

.123 – Salmon drying

.124 – [fish wheels]

.125 – At an Indian camp [woman and fish wheel]

.126 – [Photographic postcard] Salmon drying on the Yukon River, Cann

.127 – Rainbow Mts.

.128 – Where we stayed all night [Paxson Lodge]

.129 – [Richardson monument at Isabel Pass]

.130 – [Sourdough Roadhouse]

.131 – [woman standing at end of dock next to bus]

.132 – Wilma MacKenzie

.133-.134 – at Bert and Mary’s Big Delta [.133 Wilma with dog; .134 sled dogs]

.135 – [Photographic postcard] Mary Hansen and her Siberian Husky Dog Team, Hylen Photo

.136 – A roadhouse [one-story log building with sod roof]

.137 – At the gold mine

.138 – Fairbanks [woman next to A.R.R. Engine No. 1]

.139 – At Fairbanks [woman stands near trees]  
- [Decal] Mt. McKinley National Park Route, The Alaska Railroad, U.S. Department of the Interior, Interior Alaska Line  
.140 – [person feeding marmots]  
.141-.142 – [women hand-feeding marmot, with walled tents in background]  
.143-.144 – Caribou  
.145-.148 – At Camp Eielson, Mt. McKinley Park, Grizzly bear  
.149-.150 – A moose  
.151 – From Kontoshna side [Photographic postcard] Mt. McKinley 20,300 ft. A-1, Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage  
.152 – From Togasitna [Photographic postcard] Mt. McKinley 20,300, highest mountain in North America. A-2, Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage  
.153-.154 – Spencer Glacier  
.155 – Henry and Inez Waspe [?] in Anchorage [with woman next to General Motors truck]  
.156-.157 – Six who made the town, Mr. and Mrs. Sevringhaus, Mrs. Anna Porter, Wilma, Ruth Dugan  
.158 – [Wilma in chair]  
.159-.160 – On board ship, Wilma MacKenzie [in .159 with man; .160 same man different woman, Nelson?]

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