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**TITLE:** Axel Nelson on the Valdez Trail Photograph

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2014.015

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1910

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Axel Nelson came with three brothers and one sister to Nome during the gold rush. He later relocated to Anchorage to work on the Alaska Railroad.

**Scope and Content Description:**

One black-and-white photograph of two men wearing brimmed hats, tall lace-up boots, blanket rolls on their chests, and backpacks, standing on Valdez-Fairbanks trail. Contemporary manuscript caption on back reads: "1910 two Alaska musher, a hike on the Valdez Trail bound for the goldfields, Fairbanks, Alaska." A later hand has added: "Axel Nelson on the left, possibly his brother Otto Nelson."

Arrangement: not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Carl Berglund in April 2009. Transferred to archives from Collections in May 2014.

Separated Materials

Pioneers of Alaska Igloo 15 badge housed in Collections (2009.005.001)

**SUBJECTS**

Nelson, Axel

Nelson, Otto

Gold mines and mining – Alaska

Trails – Alaska

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