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**TITLE:** Rev. Andrew F. Forrest Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1997.013

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1904-1909

Extent: 81 glass lantern slides, notebook containing lecture script, photo prints, 55 postcards, and ephemera, .9 linear feet.

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Rev. Andrew F. Forrest

Administrative/Biographical History: Andrew F. Forrest was a United Presbyterian minister from Glasgow, Scotland and travelled on the *S.S. St. Croix* through southeast Alaska in July and August of 1909. (The *St. Croix* operated on the Pacific coast for only one year and was destroyed by fire off California in November 1909.)

Andrew F. Forrest was ordained in 1876 and from 1885, was minister of Renfield Street United Presbyterian Church in Glasgow. During his early career he also served congregations in Bristol, England and Stirling, Scotland. Image .78 in the notebook may be a portrait of him. Searches on the Internet reveal that he published an article titled "The Life of Young Men in Glasgow" in 1902 and that a son, John, was an accountant who died in Glasgow in 1916. Forrest lived at 18 Kersland Street, Hillhead, Glasgow during World War I and during that time he took in a Belgian refugee and her nephew. Andrew F. Forrest died in 1924.

On page 169 of the notebook there is a handbill announcing a "Lecture by Rev. A. F. Forrest on Alaska, the Enchanted Land" featuring "Lime-light Illustrations" at the Renfield Street United Free Church, Glasgow. On pages 6-71 of the notebook there are handwritten slide captions alternating with pages of typed text apparently used to narrate this lantern slide show.

Beginning on page 85 of the notebook, photos and postcards are pasted in, some with captions as noted. Many of the postcards had been mailed and have messages on their backs—written by Forrest?—but no attempt has made to separate them or to read them.

On page 155 of the notebook there are “Notes of sermon I preached in saloon” on August 1, 1909.

On page 159 there are two railway tickets, one from Montreal to Quebec, the other from Quebec to Seattle and return, sold to A. F. Forrest. The Canadian Pacific Railway transcontinental ticket indicates a reduced rate for the A.Y.P. (Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition) which was taking place in Seattle the year Forrest was travelling.

#### Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 81 glass lantern slides and a notebook containing lecture script, photo prints, 55 postcards, and ephemera. Although most of the lantern slides appear to be originals taken by Forrest, some as well as most of the accompanying prints have commercial origins and were probably purchased during the trip. The accompanying notebook contains pasted-in items including a typed lecture script, “Alaska: The Enchanted Land—1909” keyed to the slides, prints of some of the images, illustrations cut from books or magazines, fifty-five commercial postcards, sermon notes, and railway/steamship tickets. Photo and postcard attributions include:

Allen(?) Photo [Prince Rupert, B.C.]	Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co. Pub.
A. K. Kern	F. D. Cheney
Ryus Drug Co.	L. P. Muirhead
Case & Draper	W. G. MacFarlane, Publisher
Valentine & Sons’ Publishing Co.	T. N. Hibben & Co.

Some of the photos are credited to “L. P. Muirhead.” Lewis Potter Muirhead, Jr. was a Scottish photographer active in the Atlin, B.C. area in the early twentieth century. Image .118 is an unusual photo of an African-American miner with a description on the back by Muirhead.

Arrangement: Materials arranged by format.

### **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. Notebook binding is failing.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials. Lightbox may be used to view slides.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information: Donated by Miriam and Hilary Hilscher, March 14, 1997.

Processing Notes

Separated Materials

Notes

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

## **SUBJECTS**

Forrest, A. F. (Andrew F.), d. 1924  
St. Croix (ship)  
Metlakatla (Alaska)  
Band musicians--Alaska  
Ketchikan (Alaska)  
Prince Rupert (B. C.)  
Wrangell (Alaska)  
Kasaan (Alaska)  
Sitka (Alaska)  
Dolphin (ship)  
Wrangell Narrows (Alaska)  
Juneau (Alaska)  
Smith, Jefferson Randolph (1860-1898)  
Skagway (Alaska)  
White Pass and Yukon Route  
Treadwell (Alaska)  
African Americans—Alaska  
Atlin (B. C.)  
Steam shovels  
Taku Glacier (Alaska)  
Princess Victoria (ship)  
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (1909 : Seattle, Wash.)  
Victoria (B. C.)  
Vancouver (B. C.)

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### **B1**

Glass lantern slides:

- .1 The Map of Alaska.
- .2 Leaving Seattle.
- .3 The "St Croix". [same as .77: SS St Croix / Sailed from Seattle. Wash / Sunday. 25<sup>th</sup> July 1909.]
- .3a View Gulf of Georgia. Mountains.
- .3b Whaling. Whalebone.
- .4 Indian Village.
- .5 Mal-de-mer
- .6 The Kodak Fiend. (Captain & Ladies)
- .7 Woods. (Lama Pass)
- .7a Metlakahtla. [Metlakatla] [same as .79]
- .7b Church Metlakahtla.
- .7c Mr Duncan's assistant & wife
- .8 Band. Metlakahtla [same as .80]
- [.9 through .10 missing]
- .11 Mr. Duncan in his study.
- [.12 missing]
- .13 Ketchikan (First view) [same as .81]
- .14 Ketchikan (Second view)
- .15 Old Kasaan. (Indian Village)
- .16 Boy & Girl Indians.
- .17 War Canoe. (Sitka)
- .18 Potlatch (Dancers)
- .19 Fort Wrangell
- .20 Basket Sellers.
- .21 Wrangell Narrows
- .22 Wrangell Narrows. Cannery (North End.)
- .23 Eaglets in Nest.
- .24 Eagles in Cage. (Same)
- .25 Glacier.
- .26 Sleeping beauties [two men asleep in deck chairs on ship]
- .27 Glacier. (Another)
- .28 Taku Glacier.
- .29 St. Croix at Taku Glacier
- .30 Juneau
- .31 Church at Juneau
- .32 Treadwell Mines
- .33 Razor Back Mountains (Atlin)
- .34 Mammoth Remains fr[om] Glacier.
- .34a Soapy Smith
- .34b Reid's Funeral

- .34c Soapy's Gang.
- .35 Landing at Skaguay.
- .36 view of Pier
- .37 Another view of Pier
- .38 View of Town
- [.39 through .41 missing]
- .42 Greek Church. Sitka. [with Roll Bros. General Merchandise]
- .43 Log-house (Russians) on Wharf [Sitka; Native houses in background]
- .44 Interior of Greek Church [Sitka]
- .45 Indian River. Sitka Park.
- .46 Totem-Square in Indian Park.
- .47 Indian Houses. Sitka.
- .47a Dog Team of Bishop Rowe.
- .48 White Pass [and Yukon Route]. Entering Canyon.
- .49 Overhanging Rock.
- .49a Train on hill-side.
- [.49b missing]
- .50 Steel Cantilever Bridge
- .51 [White Pass & Yukon Route train on hillside trestle]
- .52 Station at Summit of White Pass.
- .53 Two Flags at Boundary
- .53a Woman at door of house in Mining Camp [two women with man and dog in front of log cabin]
- .53b Woman breaking Sticks in Camp. [chopping wood; sign for "Hotel Irving" in background]
- [.54 through 58 missing]
- .59 Steamer on Yukon

## **B2**

Glass lantern slides:

- .60 Five Finger Rapids.
- .61 Steam-Shovel at Work
- .62 Hydraulic at Work.
- .63 Three Miners on their Claim [copyright 1904 \_\_\_\_\_]
- .64 Blowing Black Sand from Gold [two men with gold pans in room with heavily decorated walls]
- .65 Two Miners at Cave (White & Black Man) [with pick, shovel, and gold pan, large dog lying in front; see .118 for caption and photo credit]
- .66 Fairbanks
- [.66a missing]
- .67 Nome & Dog-Mail-Cart [dog team in summer pulling loaded two-wheel cart on board street]
- [.67a and .67b missing]
- .68 [Eskimo family sitting in shelter of upturned umiak—King Islanders in Nome?]
- .69 Eskimo Boy [in fur parka]
- .70 [Eskimo woman in unusual fur-trimmed parka—gut skin?]

- .71 [Eskimo woman in fur parka]
- .72 Eskimo Couple. Newly Married [standing in front of log building]
- .73 Mother & Child (Eskimo)
- .74 Frozen Boat [southeast Alaska]
- .75 Iceberg
- [.76 missing]

### **B3**

Photographs, illustrations, and postcards:

- .77 SS St Croix / Sailed from Seattle. Wash / Sunday. 25<sup>th</sup> July 1909. [same as .3]
- .78 Taken Tuesday 3d August 1909. [portrait photo of bearded man with suit and hat—is this image .76 noted on p. 70, “Rev A. F. Forrest?”]
- .79 Metlakahtla. Built entirely by Indians showing Father Duncan’s church. [same as .7a]
- .80 Metlakahtla Indian Band. [same as .8]
- .81 Ketchikan [same as .13]
- .82 Prince Rupert Wharf / Sep 24 \_\_\_ / Allen Photo. Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1909.
- .83 Water St. Prince Rupert [floating dock with boats, signs advertising boat house, boarding and lodging, rooms to rent]
- .84 Ketchikan Alaska from the steamer. Lowman & Hanford S. & P. Co., Pub. Seattle, Washington [color postcard] Tuesday (night) / 27<sup>th</sup> July 1909. Also Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> august 1909 (night)
- .85 Front Street. Ketchikan, Alaska [postcard of street scene in front of “The Admiral,” signs advertizing Hotel Revilla, Alaska restaurant, Cigars Tobacco, and Baths]
- .86 Bird’s eye view of Fort Wrangle, Alaska [color postcard, view of town and harbor] Wednesday (early morning) 28<sup>th</sup> July 1909.
- .87 Wrangell, Alaska [color postcard, floating dock with boats and men, town in background]
- .88 Wrangell on Steamer Day / FD Cheney [postcard, boardwalk street with signs advertising Restaurant, Wrangell Drug Co., Brewery & Saloon, Meat Market, and Brewery] 28 July 1909
- .89 Grave Totem, Ketchikan, Alaska, Pub/by Ryus Drug Co. [totem with crutches and hat hooked over carved features, stone marker inscribed “David Andrew,” and grave house with Chilkat blanket in background]
- .90 Kad-a-shan totems [with descriptions of carvings]
- .91 Alaska Indian Merchants. A Familiar Sight [color postcard, Native women selling baskets, southeast Alaska]
- .92 Indian Potlatch Dancers. Kasaan. [seven men in front of frame building, dressed in regalia]
- .93 [three young birds in nest] Copyright 1905 L.P. Muirhead.
- .94 [three mature birds on fence rail] Golden Eagles. Raised from the nest \_\_\_\_\_.
- .95 Wrangell Narrows.
- .96 End of Wrangell Narrows [ship *Dolphin*, Alaska Steamship Company, at dock. For more on the *Dolphin* see Lucile McDonald, *Alaska Steam: A Pictorial History of the Alaska Steamship Company* (Anchorage: Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., 1984), pp. 23-27.]
- .97 Sitka, Alaska. Taken from mission buildings. [color postcard]
- .98 Sitka Alaska from the harbor showing Greek church and snow capped Three Sisters in the Distance. [color postcard]
- .99 Old War Canoe / Sitka [Tlingit canoe and two small cannons, Presbyterian church and other buildings in background]

- .100 Greek Church, Sitka, Alaska [printed caption is wrong—this is actually the Russian Orthodox church at Kodiak; color postcard]
- .101 Interior Greek Church / Sitka, Alaska [St. Michael's Cathedral, color postcard]
- .102 1214 The Three Sisters Sitka Alaska [color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .103 1216 Old Grave Yard Sitka Alaska [color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .104 Railway tickets, White Pass & Yukon Route, "Special Excursion," Skaguay to White Pass and White Pass to Skaguay
- .105 1217 Broadway Skagway Alaska [train in downtown Skagway, color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .106 Soapy-Smith July 4<sup>th</sup> 1898 On the Streets of Skagway / Case & Draper [half-tone illustration from book or magazine, Smith mounted on horse]
- .107 Funeral of Frank Ried at cemetery, Skagway, Alaska July 15<sup>th</sup> 1898 [half-tone illustration from book or magazine]
- .108 Few of the Soapy Smith gang who were shipped out / Copyright 1898 by Case & Draper 1898 [half-tone illustration from book or magazine]
- .109 [winter view of White Pass tracks with fence and building in background; half-tone illustration from book or magazine]
- .110 The White Pass and Yukon Railroad [excursion train stopped near tunnel trestle]
- .111 1206 Cantalever Bridge, W. P. & Y Route, Alaska [train with four spaced locomotives on bridge, color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .112 767 Steel Arch, W. P. & Y. Ry., Alaska [train with two locomotives stopped on bridge, color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .113 The White Pass and Yukon Railroad [excursion train stopped near tunnel trestle, color postcard]
- .114 No. 1382 Juneau, Alaska [view of town from water, signs that are visible read "C. W. Young \_\_\_\_\_ Ship Chandlery." and "Louvre Theatre," color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .115 Treadwell mill and mine. Largest stamp mill in the world. 340 stamps. Alaska. [mill buildings and "glory hole" on Douglas Island; color postcard from Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .116 [Log church, Juneau; half-tone illustration from book or magazine]
- .117 [Log and shake houses, two white tents on beach, man sawing driftwood with crosscut saw; half-tone illustration from book or magazine]
- .118 Study in Black and White / This photograph was taken in the Alaskan Gold Field by self and represents a study of two miners drifting into a [bench?] for placer gold. The white man is a little English music hall singer and the black \_\_\_\_\_ is a swarthy Negro from the southern states of America. [photo by] Lewis P. Muirhead Jr. Greenburn. Helensburgh. [see .65]
- .119 A miner's home Boulder Creek, Atlin, B.C. / Muirhead. 1906. [man and two women with dogs in front of log and tarpaper building]
- .120 Copyright 1904 L. P. Muirhead [four miners in rocky gulch]
- .121 Guggenheim's shovel on Pine Creek, Atlin, B.C. / 70 ton Bucyrus, T. D. Harris, Mgr. / Muirhead. 1906. [eight men standing on and near steam shovel]
- .122 M[uirhead?] Bros. [hydraulic mining, two men in gully, tent and horse on rim above]
- .123 Taku Glacier, Alaska / One of Alaska's most beautiful sights showing S. S. Spokane. [color postcard, Lowman & Hanford, Seattle]
- .124 Taku Glacier

- .125 Indian Totems at Kasaan
- .126 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle, 1909. U.S. Government Building. [color postcard]
- .127 C[anadian] P[acific] R[ailway] S.S. "Princess Victoria," Victoria Harbour, B.C. [color postcard]
- .128 C. P. R. office and wharf, Victoria Harbor, B.C. [color postcard]
- .129 Hastings Street looking east from post office, Vancouver, B.C. [color postcard]
- .130 Hastings Street. Vancouver, B.C. / T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria B.C. [color postcard]
- .131 Big Trees at Gorge Park, Victoria, B.C. [woman reading on log bench, two dressed up children; color postcard]
- .132 1046 Capilano Canyon, near Vancouver B.C. [color postcard]

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