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**TITLE:** Olga Nelson Thompson Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2011.015

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1917-1925

Extent: 54 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Olga Nelson Thompson, John E. Thwaites

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Olga Nelson (1884-1980) and her father visited her cousin Arnold Nelson at Little Minook Creek near Rampart, Alaska, in 1922. The Nelsons had come to the area in 1900 to participate in the gold rush.

Olga Nelson met and married Emil Thompson in San Francisco, California; the couple subsequently moved to Chicago, Illinois, where Olga died in 1980.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 54 black-and-white photographs of the Nelsons' trip down the Yukon and Tanana Rivers, as well as photos of interior Alaska taken between 1917 and 1925.

**Arrangement:**

Not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Olga's grandson Edward Kleckner in December 2011.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

**SUBJECTS**

Thompson, Olga Nelson, 1884-1980  
River boats—Alaska  
Yukon River Region (Yukon and Alaska)  
Rampart (Alaska)  
Little Minook Creek (Alaska)  
Nation (Alaska)  
Fort Yukon (Alaska)  
Dawson (Yukon)  
Nenana (Alaska)  
Tanana River (Alaska)  
Tanana (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – “Dump” at Rampart, Alaska, April 1917 [5.5 x 3.25”]
- .2 – Taku Glacier, 6/13/22 [4.5 x 2.75”]
- .3 – Dawson, Y.T., 6/17/22 “Lillian of Rochester Gills” [4.5 x 2.75”]
- .4 – Midnight June 21, 1922, just above Fort Yukon on Arctic Circle [4.25 x 2.5”]
- .5 – A Happy New Year, Dawson Y.T. 6/26/22 [woman with dog] [4.5 x 2.75”]
- .6 – Scene along the Yukon 6/28/22 [5 x 3”]
- .7 – Moose swimming in Yukon River 6/29/22 [4.5 x 2.75”]
- .8 – Sunset on Yukon River 11:15 p.m. 6/29/22 [4.5 x 2.75”]

- .9 – [Photographic postcard] Mrs. [Climie?], Jimmie & Charlie, Little Minook Creek, July 1922, Rampart [5.25 x 3.25"]
- .10 – The end of the good voyage here's hoping that we meet again, July 1st 1922 [9 people posed on river boat] [4.5 x 2.5"]
- .11 – Anderson's fox farm, Rampart 7/7/22 [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .12 – Anderson's fox farm, Rampart 7/7/22 [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .13 – M.S. Dubin, Nenana, Alaska, C.A. Livingston, 523 Chamber of Commerce Portland, Ore. 8/21/22 [passengers on riverboat Teddy H. of Eagle] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .14 – Russell, Kerr, Rustgaard, Dubin, on the Tanana River [passengers on riverboat Teddy H. of Eagle] [5.75 x 3.5"]
- .15 – Tanana, Alaska 8/20/22 [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .16 – S.S. Tanana sunk on Tanana River 8/22/22 [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .17 – Nenana, Alaska 8/23/22 [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .18 – [Photographic postcard] S.S. Northwestern in Alaskan Waters, Thwaites 2411 [in manuscript:] From Seward, Alaska to Seattle, Wash. 8/27/22 to 9/5/22 [5.5 x 3.5"]
- .19 - [Photographic postcard] Steamer Loading Copper Ore at LaTouche, Alaska J.E.T. 2109A [in manuscript:] 8/28/22 [5.5 x 3.5"]
- .20 - [Photographic postcard] Childs Glacier, Alaska 300 ft. high 3 miles along face 1/4 mile distant, Thwaites 1857 [in manuscript:] 8/30/22 [5.5 x 3.5"]
- .21 – On the Yukon [riverboat Hazel B] [5.25 x 3"]
- .22 – Circle [view of town and communications tower from river] [5.25 x 3"]
- .23 – Woodchopper on the Yukon [location of old mining camp on the Tanana, seen from the river] [6 x 4"]
- .24 – Nation [log building marked Post Office] [5.25 x 3"]
- .25 – Fort Yukon [distant view from boat] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .26 – Moose on Yukon [swimming moose] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .27 – Moose, Yukon River [swimming moose] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .28 – Moose on Yukon [moose on riverbank] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .29 – [Photographic postcard] Wrangell, Alaska, Thwaites 1746 [5.5 x 3.5"]
- .30 – Midnight coming up the Yukon, July 1923 [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .31 – July 1923 [Nenana rail station] [5.5 x 3.25"]
- .32 – Caribou crossing river at Native, Alaska, Fall 1924 [4.25 x 2.5"]
- .33 – Leaving the water at Cliff Ck. above Eagle, Alaska, Fall 1924 [caribou] [4.25 x 2.5"]
- .34 – Dawson Flood, Spring 1925 [5 x 3"]
- .35 – Mrs. Reher, Ervin, Mrs. Marshall, Capt. Nord [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .36 – The Nelson Cabin, Little Minook Creek, Sadie, Ross [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .37 – Taku Glacier [3 x 2.75"]
- .38 – Glacier [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .39 – Taku Glacier [5 x 3"]
- .40 – Sch. Hazel B., British Yukon Nav. Co., W.P. & Y Rte., E.J. Forrest (Capt.?), S. Harkins Eng. [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .41 – Fort Yukon, Alaska, the home of Squaw men and Squawless men, ah-what? [view from river] [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .42 – What we did see [sunrise or sunset] [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .43 – A moose, taken above Circle on Yukon Riv. [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .44 – Alaska [woman walking on rocky beach] [4.5 x 2.75"]

- .45 – Alaska [people walking on riverbank with bridge in distance] [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .46 – Scene along the Alaska Bay [4 x 3"]
- .47 – Tanana [4 x 3"]
- .48 – [Fourth of July parade, Fairbanks?] [4 x 3"]
- .49 – Alaska Bay [4.5 x 2.75"]
- .50 – Prest's meals, meat [dead caribou next to camera on tripod] [3.75 x 2.5"]
- .51 – [Aerial view of unidentified glacier] [3.75 x 2.5"]
- .52 – The race is on, Yukon [swimming moose] [3.25 x 2.25"]
- .53 – Gaining some, moose, Yukon River [4.25 x 2.5"]
- .54 – Waiting to let us pass [moose on riverbank] [4.5 x 2.75"]

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