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TITLE: W. K. Winterhalter Portrait

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.009

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1896

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

Wilhelm Karl Winterhalter was born in Germany in 1868 and emigrated to California in 1893. He traveled to Alaska in September of 1893, wound up on Wood Island, spent a couple of months employed with the North American Commercial Co., then headed south on a hunting trip with locals to Unalaska. He took a steamer all the way up and down the Yukon and then around to Pt Barrow. He returned to San Francisco in August 1894. In 1896, he was working as a secretary for Eugene W. Hilgard at University of California, Berkeley.¹

This photograph was published in the book, *Unpacking culture: art and commodity in colonial and postcolonial worlds*, where the caption reads: "N. Winterhalter, a special-access collector, showing off his Alaska Native artifacts after returning home to Berkeley, California, 1896. The collection includes Northwest Coast, Aleut, and Eskimo objects."²

Scope and Content Description:

¹ Los Angeles examiner (Los Angeles, Calif.). 1912. *Press reference library (Southwest ed.) ... being the portraits and biographies of progressive men of the Southwest*. Los Angeles, Cal: The Los Angeles Examiner.

² Phillips, Ruth B., and Christopher Burghard Steiner. 1999. *Unpacking culture art and commodity in colonial and postcolonial worlds*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

One portrait photograph, 23.5 x 18 cm (9 1/4 x 7 1/16 in.), signed on verso: "A breath of Arctic air at home. Winterhalter. Berkeley, October '96."

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Joint purchase, the Anchorage Museum Association and the Anchorage Municipal Acquisition Fund, December 1988. Transferred from Collections to archives in May 2012.

Separated Materials

Drawings and photographs of drawings purchased in lot are housed in Collections.

RELATED MATERIALS

1988.061

SUBJECTS

Winterhalter, Wilhelm Karl, b. 1868

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