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**TITLE:** Ellerbe Wood Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2014.029

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1905-1912

Extent: 1 box; 1 linear foot

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): John E. Thwaites

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Nothing was known about the compiler of the album at the time of processing. Ellerbe Wood, noted as the original owner, was listed on the 1900 census as a 13-year-old resident of San Saba County, Texas. There are no further listings.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of one album measuring 10" x 7", containing 34 personal and commercial photographs of Alaskan scenes, most by J.E. Thwaites. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

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

Ellerbe Wood lived and worked in New York City in the 1930s and 1940s. The brother of Wood's deceased partner, Earl Schiller, donated the album to the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas. The Witte transferred the item to the Anchorage Museum in 1998.

## **SUBJECTS**

Orthodox Church in America. Diocese in Alaska

Dora (Ship)

Northwestern (Ship)

Church buildings—Alaska

Yupik Eskimos—Alaska—Dwellings

Dutch Harbor (Alaska)

Nushagak (Alaska)

Sand Point (Alaska)

Seward (Alaska)

Shishaldin Volcano (Alaska)

Unalaska (Alaska)

Unga Island (Alaska)

Unimak Island (Alaska)

Valdez (Alaska)

### Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Along the Alaskan coast [scenic of mountains and small islands in Southeast]

.2 – Russian church, Nushagak, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] [interior of church]

.3 – Russian church, Unalaska, Ala. [monogram of Thwaites] [interior of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church]

- .4 – Seal Rocks near Seward, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] [scenic]
- .5 – Headland, Cold Bay, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] / [?] Alaska [double caption, one caption illegible. scenic of rock formation]
- .6 – Valdez Harbor [distant view of docks]
- .7 – Unga, Al. [monogram of Thwaites] [line of double-ended dories tied together and to dock in small cove, two-masted sailing ship in distance]
- .8 – [unidentified white woman on horseback next to stack of fuel wood]
- .9 – [similar to .8]
- .10 – Raising horses in Alaska, S.S. *Dora* [monogram of Thwaites] [horse is being loaded onto or lifted from the S.S. *Dora* in Seward]
- .11 – Russian church, Unalaska, Ala. [monogram of Thwaites] [exterior of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church]
- .12 – Dutch Harbor, Alaska. J.E.T. [distant bird's eye view of village and bays]
- .13 – Unalaska, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites]
- .14 – [three unidentified white men on horseback in valley or gravel riverbed, mountains in background]
- .15 – Mt. Shishishaldon, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] / Mt. Shushildon. Thwaites [double caption. Mount Shishaldin, Unimak Island]
- .16 – Sand Point, Ala. [monogram of Thwaites] [view from water of Popov Island. The large Victorian style building in the center is a hotel. To its right is the U.S. Customs House. The false-front building on the right is the combined U.S. post office and general store. The small building on the right is the store owner's house (warehouse, general store, saltery, carpenter shop and post office)]
- .17 – [tug boat towing barge near mountainous shoreline, Aleutian Islands?]
- .18 – [two white women and small boy standing on cleared land in front of some wooden buildings, five salmon suspended from pole in front of boy, mountains in background. Cf. .30]
- .19 – [seven white women, three boys, and man seated on wooden ramp]
- .20 – Eskimos, Nushagak, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] [Yupik man and woman posed outdoors next to wooden building]
- .21 – [group of white men and children standing on boardwalk outside businesses, large sign to left of center reads "Baths", large sign on pole in center rear reads "The Board of Trade, Olympia Beer on Draught." Seward?]
- .22 – [harbor scene showing the S.S. *Northwestern* and a smaller ship tied up at dock, Southeast?]
- .23 – [wooden cache in summer]
- .24 – Eskimo barabara, Nushagak, Alaska [probably Thwaites, photographer. White man standing next to sod house]
- .25 – [exterior of Brown & Hawkins Gen. Merchandise, sign for Alaska Coast Co. Freight & Ticket office propped up on boardwalk. Probably Seward]
- .26 – [white woman and man reclining in hammock]
- .27 – Castle Cape, Chignik, Alaska [monogram of Thwaites] [scenic of rock formation]
- .28 – [scenic with bay, treed shoreline, mountains in distance, Southeast?]
- .29 – Chernaboro Volcano [caption printed backwards. Chernabura Island seen from water]
- .30 – [similar to .18]

.31 – [three unidentified white women standing on rocky river bank, all wearing elaborate hats and fur coats or stoles]

.32 – [two unidentified white women and white man posed on rocky cliff, same women on same day as in .31]

.33 – [view across river to unidentified town, trees and tall utility poles along river, not Alaska?]

.34 – [three unidentified white women posed on rocky cliff, painted sign behind them possibly reads "Drink Beer," same women on same day as in .31]

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