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**TITLE:** David N. Kaye Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2015.028

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1932

Extent: 0.2 linear feet; 1 box

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): David N. Kaye, William C. Fisher, H.W. Steward, Frank Glaser, Cann Studio, Robert Bragaw, Lee Considine, George Lingo, F. Beeler, Guy F. Cameron, Andrew Simons

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

David N. Kaye served as a first-aid ranger naturalist at Mount McKinley National Park during the summer of 1932, before completing his final year in the pre-medical program at the University of Washington. While there, Kaye was selected as part of the team assembled to retrieve the body of scientist Theodore Koven, member of the Cosmic Ray Expedition, who had fallen to his death on Denali in May of that year.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 105 photographic prints and postcards created or collected by David N. Kaye, along with two news clippings about him. The majority depict people, activities, scenery, and wildlife in Mount McKinley National Park. Of particular note are images from the August 1932 recovery of the body of Theodore Koven (.47-65). For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by Kaye's numbering system and by subject. Non-Alaska images filed at the end.

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by daughter Mary Kaye Lajala in October 2015.

Processing Note

Most duplicates discarded. Clippings photocopied, originals discarded.

## **SUBJECTS**

Kaye, David N.

Pearson, Grant H., 1900-1978

Liek, Harry

Taylor, Andy (Andrew Morrison), 1875-1945

Mountaineering accidents--Alaska--McKinley, Mount

McKinley, Mount (Alaska)

Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [S.S. *Aleutian* at dock, Juneau?]

.2 – At Columbia Glacier. Fisher Studio [photographic postcard. S.S. *Aleutian* at glacier terminus. Note on verso from Bill Rustad to David Kaye, postmarked Jul 3, 1932]

- .3 – Sailor boys, S.S. Yukon, June 1932 [three boys, two wearing sailor suits, posed along ship railing]
- .4 – Valdez, Alaska, from the dock. H.W. Steward [photographic postcard. View down dock to mountains]
- .5 – Waterfront at Fairbanks, Alaska, 1932 [view from Chena River bridge, with Hotel Alaska and Sheet Metal Works at left]
- .6 – Bridge at Nenana, 1932 [view across Alaska Railroad bridge over Tanana River]
- .7 – H.W. Steward [photographic postcard. Automobile driving underneath sign “Gateway to Mt. McKinley National Park.” Labeled on verso: “Entrance to park at McKinley Station, June 1932]
- .8 – McKinley Nat’l Park, May 1932 [automobile driving on winter road between high snowbanks]
- .9 – 33. Social Hall porch, tourist base camp. Guide, lecturer, contact man, doctor, B.S.’er [Kaye seated on porch next to railing with mounted caribou antlers, holding ranger’s hat]
- .10 – 39. Savage River Camp [distant view of cabins]
- .11 – 40. The first bunch of “Cheechakos” (tourists), June 18, 1932 [men and women riding in old White Pass & Yukon Route mail wagon, one woman holding large camera. Cf. .34]
- .12 – 41. Charley “Parka”, Savage Camp, July 1932 [blurred image of Arctic ground squirrel next to cabin]
- .13 – 45. McKinley Ave. at Savage River Camp, McKinley Nat’l Park, 1932 [view down rows of cabins]
- .14 – 47. Geo’s dog “Wolf”, June 16, 1932 [photographic postcard. dog on chain, building in background, George Lingo?]
- .15 – 48. First trip of the year to headwaters of Savage – Jim Galen stuck in Savage River attempting to ford it. June 19, 1932, Savage Camp, McKinley Park, Alaska [man at wheel of automobile in river]
- .16 – 52. Rte. 46D, Savage River Canyon, June 13, 1932, S.W. distr. [scenic with river]
- .17 – 54. McKinley Park, moose near mile 32, June 12, 1932 [cf. .22]
- .18 – 55. Rte. 46D, mile 10, June 14, 1932, ptarmigan near mile 10, S.W. distr.
- .19 – 56. McKinley Park Road, mile 40, 7/14/31, Route 46D, S.W. distr. [fox on scree field]
- .20 – 57. Joe Porcupine near Sanctuary River, McKinley Park, 1932 [photographic postcard]
- .21 – 58. [view down gravel road to moose crossing]
- .22 – 59. McKinley Park, moose near mile 32, June 12, 1932 [cf. .17]
- .23 – 60. [scenic of taiga]
- .24 – 62. Near mile 5, McKinley Park, 1932 [photographic postcard. Bull moose]
- .25 – 64. #66. Mountain sheep in McKinley Park. Frank Glaser photo, Cann Studio Inc. [photographic postcard]
- .26 – 66. [photographic postcard. Mountain sheep]
- .27 – 68. [caribou on hill above river. Same as .28]
- .28 – Caribou, McKinley Nat’l Park, 1932 [same as .27]
- .29 – 80. East Fork Bridge (start of Polychrome Pass), mile 43, McKinley Nat’l Park, 1932 [wooden trestle bridge]
- .30 – 84. Polychrome Pass looking across [scenic]
- .31 – 89. At 6000 (Kaye’s Mt.) looking at glacier, etc. [scenic]

.32 – 92. Toklat Bridge, tourists [four automobiles lined up on bridge over Toklat River, man climbing into front automobile]

.33 – 93. Toklat Bridge, mile 54 [similar to .32, no man in foreground]

.34 – 94. First tourists, lunch at Toklat, June 1932, McKinley Nat'l Park. Mrs. Boone [men and women picnicking, bridge in distance. Cf. .11]

.35 – 100. Liek (Supt) & Pearson, ranger, at Stony [Harry Liek and Grant Pearson standing next to horse-drawn wagon]

.36 – 101. New road starting over Stony Hill, looking back [bird's eye view of park road, automobile at left, camp in distance]

.37 – 102. Don MacGregor, Hollywood, taking picture of McKinley from Stony Hill [Kaye with MacGregor and his motion picture camera]

.38 – 103. Brownell, director, MacGregor, Metrop. Studios, Hollywood, on Stony Hill [two men with motion picture camera]

.39 – 104. Stony Hill, looking toward McKinley, road camp, mile 62.5 [Denali obscured by clouds, camp in far distance at right]

.40 – 106. Looking back at switchbacks coming down Stony Hill [scenic of river valley]

.41 – 107. Road between Toklat & Stony [man, possibly Kaye, behind wheel of truck hauling logs]

.42 – 112. Copper Mt. from end of road, mile 70 [scenic]

.43 – 113. Dr. Setchel & Dave Kaye, Copper Mt. in background, July 12, 1932 [two men posed in river valley, Kaye wearing ranger hat and pack]

.44 – 114. Copper Mt. on extreme right, July 11, 1932 [scenic]

.45 – 115. Left of Copper Mt. from end of road [scenic]

.46 – 119. Ranger cabin, Mt. Brooks on extreme left, McKinley between Cache & Brooks [truck parked next to log cabin, horses tied to log cache]

.47 – Base camp at Cache Creek looking toward McGonagill Pass – head of Cache Creek. Last willows [brush in snow, mountains in distance]

.48 – Top of McGonagill Pass looking across glacier toward Mt. Brooks [men and supplies next to tent at base camp, glacier in background. Same as .49]

.49 – Base camp [same as .48]

.50 – [men standing next to two tents, snowshoes stuck in snow at left, two "x" marks on points in distance]

.51 – Another base camp [three men standing next to tent]

.52 – Looking up glacier at 10,500 ft. [three climbers and tents in distance, Muldrow Glacier]

.53 – [three climbers roped up for ascent. Cf. .54]

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.58 – 10,500 ft. elevation, digging out Koven's body [two men standing with shovels, wooden frame between them, man at left possibly Andy Taylor]

- .59 – The bodies of Carpe’s and Koven’s [three men on skis pulling large sled, man in center possibly Andy Taylor. Caption not in Kaye’s handwriting, covered with white-out and then uncovered]
- .60 – Carpe’s & Koven’s old camp at 11,000 ft. Cosmic Ray camp [pole sticking out of snow]
- .61 – Ice falls on Muldrow, approximately 4000 ft. [scenic]
- .62 – Biggest serac on Muldrow between 9000 and 10,000 ft., 1000 ft. high [scenic]
- .63 – Stringer of quartz at about 8500 on right side of glacier [scenic. Same as .64]
- .64 – [same as .63]
- .65 – [scenic of glacier and mountains]
- .66 – “Andy” Taylor, America’s foremost mountain climber, three first ascents: Mt. Logan, 19,800, Y.T.; Mt. Fairweather, over 17,000, Alas.; Mt. Bona, over 16,000, Alas. [portrait]
- .67 – Grant Pearson (ranger), climbed Mt. McKinley May 7-9<sup>th</sup> both peaks, 1932 [portrait]
- .68 – Grant Pearson (ranger), also climbed Mt. McKinley May 7-9<sup>th</sup> [portrait]
- .69 – [portrait of Grant Pearson]
- .70 – [portrait of unidentified mountain climber wearing parka with fur trim, wool mittens, fur mukluks]
- .71 – Hair seal parka. David Kaye [portrait of Kaye wearing seal parka with geometric trim and walrus-tusk gussets]
- .72 – [scenic of mountain valley]
- .73 – [scenic of rushing creek, log foot bridge in foreground]
- .74 – Moose near igloo [photographic postcard. View down winter road to two moose]
- .75 – A bull moose, McKinley Nat’l Park, Alaska, ’32 [photographic postcard]
- .76 – A large ram (male sheep), McKinley Nat’l Park, Alaska, 1932 [photographic postcard]
- .77 - #246. Mt. McKinley 20,300 ft. Cann Studio, Fairbanks [photographic postcard]
- .78 – Mt. McKinley from airplane. Cann Studio [photographic postcard]
- .79 – Mt. McKinley, Alaska, 20,300 ft., from airplane, Muldrow Glacier. Cann [photographic postcard]
- .80 – Savage River Camp and Mt. McKinley, McKinley Park, Alaska. Cann Studio, Fairbanks [photographic postcard. Distant view of tents. Caption on verso: “Taken for Cann Studios, June 16, 1932”]
- .81 – Savage River Camp, McKinley National Park. Bragaw [photographic postcard. Distant view of tents]
- .82 – Mt. McKinley National Park, Alaska. Be pleasant every morning until ten o clock. The rest of the day will take care of itself. Mt. McKinley Tourist and Transportation Co., Wm. Hunter [photographic postcard. Dog portrait. Caption on verso: “Whitey”]
- .83 – Caribou, McKinley National Park. L.C. [photographic postcard. Lee Considine, photographer?]
- .84 – “Alaska brown bear,” Fairbanks, Alaska [photographic postcard. Bear on gravel road. Note on verso from Jane Anderson to David Kaye, postmarked August 10, 1932]
- .85 – Mountain sheep in McKinley Park, Alaska. Cann [photographic postcard. Caption on verso: Taken by Geo. Lingo for Cann Studio at Fairbanks, June 16, 1932, near Savage”]
- .86 – Alaskan moose and calves. Photo F. Beeler [photographic postcard. Caption on verso: “Taken near Igloo Creek by Beeler for Cann Studios, June 16, 1932”]
- .87 – Alaska Malamute puppies [photographic postcard. Same as B1989.016.1238]

- .88 – Home of the “sourdough”, Alaska. Cameron, 468 [photographic postcard. Log cabin]
- .89 – Moose, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. A. Simons [photographic postcard. Same as B1989.016.1395]
- .90 – David Kaye [Kaye standing with dog outside cabin in wooded area]
- .91 – [stamp:] Glossett [Kaye standing on beach, possibly Oregon]
- .92 – The gang [Kaye at left with unidentified man and woman standing in snowy woods, holding skis]
- .93 – [scenic of mountain, automobiles parked in foreground]
- .94 – [Kaye covered in snow from snowball fight, standing in snowy field]
- .95 – [Kaye on mountain summit with equipment on platform]
- .96 – [man and two women sitting on low stone wall in mountainous area]
- .97 – [scenic of mountain valley, large lodge and cabins in distance at right]
- .98 – [automobiles parked outside large lodge, cabins at left]
- .99 – [automobile on road in front of large log building, flagpole and automobiles at right, mountains in background]
- .100 – [two couples with horses posed in winter, log building in background same as in .99]
- .101 – [scenic of mountainous area]
- .102 – [scenic of mountain lake]
- .103 – [?] Cave, Paradise Glacier, Rainier National Park, Washington [caption partially illegible]
- .104 – On the Skyline Trail, Rainier National Park
- .105 – [?] Rainier National Park, Washington [caption partially illegible. Bear with cubs]
  - Clipping. “Senior pre-medic experiences thrilling incidents on vacation.” [1932?]
  - Clipping. “U. student wins federal position.” [summer 1932]

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