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TITLE: Arthur Amon Miller Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2015.035

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1909-1911

Extent: 20 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Arthur Amon Miller, Andrews & Evans

Administrative/Biographical History:

Arthur Amon Miller arrived in Seward on December 31, 1908. He mined in the Poorman Creek area with his half-brother, Monroe Kast, between 1909 and 1911. During that time, he might have met Sydney Laurence, since there are entries in his diary which note the presence of a "painter;" others mention a man named Syd. In 1911, Miller left Alaska to return to North Dakota. He died in 1953.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 19 black-and-white copy slides and a typescript copy of a diary written by Arthur Amon Miller during his time at Poorman Creek, 1909-1910. The slides depict Tenakee Springs, McDougal, Susitna Station, and mining activities in the Willow Creek Mining District and Yentna-Cache Creek Mining District. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by format. Slides maintained in order imposed by KAKM.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Miller's son, Art W. Miller, to Sue Burrus and Eric Wallace of KAKM in 1987. Subsequently transferred from KAKM to the Museum. Found in collection in 2013 and processed by archives staff in 2015.

RELATED MATERIALS

O.G. Herning Collection, B1967.001

Fred Winter Collection, B1969.015

"Sydney Laurence, Painter of the North" KAKM research files, Anchorage Museum Records

SUBJECTS

Miller, Arthur Amon, 1882-1953

Laurence, Sydney, 1868-1940

Gold mines and mining—Alaska

Dogsledding—Alaska

Tenakee Springs (Alaska)

McDougal (Alaska)

Valdez (Alaska)

Susitna Station (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Diary

[Excerpts from Miller diary, dated January 7, 1909-September 2, 1910]

Copy slides

- .1, .1a – [photographic postcard] General view of Tenakee Springs, Alaska, May 1909. Andrews-Evans Photo [on verso:] This is where I am at now. The building with the cross marked on is the bath house. It is a natural hot springs, boils up out of the rocks. Art [town waterfront as seen from water]
- .2, .2a – [photographic postcard] [on verso:] McDougal, Alaska, Nov. 1. This is the place we took the boat when we went out. The long building is the roadhouse. The lower buildings and steamboat is the Cache Creek Drug Co. The town is ½ mile long. Parties on the ice is Larson, Art Malosh, Joe Grimes, and two Lake Creek belles. [three men and two women wearing ice skates and holding hockey sticks standing on frozen river]
- .3, .3a – [photographic postcard] [on verso:] To Art. Home cap, Poorman Creek, Alaska [bird's eye view of cabins and caches at mining camp]
- .4, .4a – [on verso:] March 25. I and [Cort?] are camped here with all and Charley [Handez?]. Cort finds this pasted on wall and think we will send it to you so you can see how tuf you looked the last time you was at Cache Creek. Saw Deney Brice the cook in the door this winter on his way out he hit it good on Kuskokwim made 12 thousand last season. He sent his best regards. Lou [six men standing in front of log cabin, Art Miller fourth from left]
- .5, .5a – [on verso:] N1 head of pipeline, 165 prishur [monitor at hydraulic mining operation]
- .6, .6a – [on verso:] Home camp, Poorman 1 and Dandy Gulch 2 [bird's eye view of mining camp in rolling hills]
- .7, .7a – [on verso:] 1. Old Mun in taylings. 2. Peters at giant. Giant 125 ft. from 3. Boxes [Monroe Kast standing in foreground, man operating monitor in background, hydraulic mining]
- .8, .8a – [photographic postcard] Susitna River [on verso:] Billy Dennison, Al Stinson, Billy Maitlan [men with dog team standing on bank of frozen river, buildings at left]
- .9 – 9576. Ready for the trail, Valdez, Alaska [men with two dog teams standing next to buildings in winter]
- .10 – [man and dog standing in tent camp in winter]
- .11 – Preparing for the trail, Susitna, Alaska [men and dogs gathered next to buildings along frozen river]

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