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**TITLE:** CIHS Reeve Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1963.x.011

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1900-1950s [bulk 1900-1920]

Extent: 50 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): P.S. Hunt, Evans, McCain, Sylvia Sexton, J.E. Thwaites, Hettel's, Louis H. Pedersen, B.F.G., Sydney Laurence, B.B. Dobbs, F.H. Nowell, Orville J. Rognon, Steve McCutcheon

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Robert C. Reeve (1902-1980) was a pilot and businessman who founded Reeve Aleutian Airways. He had a strong interest in history and was a longtime member and past president of the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 45 black-and-white and five color photographs and photographic postcards, depicting Katalla, Seward, the Alaska Railroad, and other Alaskan locations and subjects. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Loosely arranged by subject

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Robert Reeve to Cook Inlet Historical Society in 1963. Transferred to the Anchorage Museum.

#### Processing Note

Guide created from card catalog data and accession file inventory; materials not physically consulted at time of writing.

### **SUBJECTS**

Alaska Railroad

Frontier and pioneer life—Alaska

Katalla (Alaska)

Seward (Alaska)

Valdez (Alaska)

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Ships-eye view of resident portion of Valdez, June 26, [19]05. P.S. Hunt P6313 [Photographic postcard. Bird's eye view of residential part of Valdez, with houses and churches. Inscription on verso reads: "Dear friend. This finds me well and having a good time. Florence. [Addressed to] Mr. Fred Runnles[?]. Board of Trade. Katalla, Alaska."]
- .2 – A portion of Katalla, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901. Evans, photog. [Photographic postcard. Street view with docks and businesses including Board of Trade, Hotel Northern]
- .3 – Catalla [Photographic postcard. Street view with docks, walled tents, buildings under construction, and signs for drug store and Hotel Northern. 1907? 2 copies]

- .4 – At Bruner Crossing, July 14, 1907. By Evans [Photographic postcard. Workers and officials of Katalla Coal Company Railroad pose on engine at Bruner Crossing, with tracks under construction]
- .5 – Railroad building at Katalla, Alaska. Evans [Photographic postcard]
- .6 – Looking toward Camp No. 1 from Wye, Katalla Co. [Photographic postcard]
- .7 – First locomotive on gov. ry. in Alaska in charge of Harry Locke, harbormaster and master mechanic for AEC, Anchorage, Alaska. McCain Photo [Photographic postcard. Alaska Railroad Engine No. 1]
- .8 – Reflection, Cooper Lake near Seward, Alaska. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Boats on lake. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .9 – [Photographic postcard. Scenic view. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.” Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .10 – Seward Outing Club, Seward, Alaska. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Interior of business, with people and hunting trophies]
- .11 – [Photographic postcard. People and dogs on Seward docks on boat day, with steamship and lifeboats visible. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.” Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .12 – [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings, Seward]
- .13 – Seward, Alaska. Thwaites, 1344 [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings]
- .14 - #166. [on verso:] Main St., Seward, Alaska [Photographic postcard. Bird’s eye view of pedestrians on boardwalk along street with businesses including Seward Drug Co., Board of Trade Saloon, mountains in background]
- .15 – Morgue this winter [Photographic postcard. View of wooden building that served as morgue, Seward. Sign on building next to it reads: "Rob Small, Blacksmith and horse shoes." F.B. Wood Undertaking Company. Same image as B1965.003.44]
- .16 – Cloud effect, Trail Lake. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Scenic view. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .17 – 4<sup>th</sup>, Seward [Photographic postcard. People celebrating Fourth of July, with Hotel Sexton. Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .18 – Baseball game, Seward & cruiser Maryland. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Distant view of baseball game underway in field, with teams from Seward and the ship U.S.S. *Maryland*. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .19 – Rotary snow plow, mile 7, May 8. Seward, Alaska. 685 [Photographic postcard. Snow removal equipment in deep snow, Alaska Railroad]
- .20 – Government r.r. bldg., Seward, Alaska. Hettters [Hettel’s?] [Photographic postcard. Alaska Railroad yards]
- .21 – [scenic of unidentified glacier]
- .22 – Bear Glacier, Seward, Alaska. Thwaites 1442 [Photographic postcard]
- .23 – A.E.C. Building, Seward, Alaska. Thwaites #4261 [on verso:] My room, operating room. [Photographic postcard. Pedestrians outside Alaska Railroad building]
- .24 – Resurrection Bay, Seward, Alaska. S. Sexton, 27 [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings]
- .25 – Seward, Alaska. 3A62, L.H.P. [Photographic postcard. Aerial view. Louis H. Pedersen, photographer?]

- .26 – Ground-hog Bridge [Photographic postcard. Groundhog Bridge near Seward]
- .27 – [Photographic postcard. Scenic of trees along shoreline in winter. Anchorage?]
- .28 – [railroad yards, possibly Alaska Railroad yards in Anchorage, with equipment including crane, steamship *Finland* visible]
- .28a – [railroad yards, possibly Alaska Railroad yards in Anchorage, with equipment including crane, Panama Canal equipment?]
- .29 – Engine no. 332 [Alaska Railroad personnel with locomotive]
- .30 – Dalton Trail [cattle on trail]
- .31 – Moose, Seward, Alaska. B.F.G. [Photographic postcard.]
- .32 – Waiting for the steamer. Laurence [large crowd gathered near shore, some sitting near Alaska Railroad train tracks, looking out at Cook Inlet, Anchorage]
- .33 – Boeing Tri-Motor 80-A, Boeing Air Transport Inc., predecessor of United Airlines. [airplane, non-Alaskan]
- .34 – [Photographic postcard. Dog team with sled]
- .35 – [Photographic postcard. Cemetery in winter, possibly Athabaskan spirit houses, fir trees in background]
- .36 – [Photographic postcard. Similar to .35]
- .37 – “Karluk” from Wrangell Island [on verso:] “Karluk,” Wrangel Island, Arctic Ocean, one hundred miles north of Siberia, Stefansson Arctic Expedition [Dog portrait. Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1916?]
- .38 – [Photographic postcard. Reindeer]
- .39 – [Photographic postcard. Spectators on hillside, watching baseball game?]
- .40 – Miners cabin, Cascade Mts. [Photographic postcard.]
- .41 - #2. Facing west [unidentified scenic]
- .42 – [young boy painting log cabin with very small brush]
- .43 – [man holding large ferns]
- .44 – From the land of nightless days, Alaska. Carter Mountain. Skaguay. A Skaguay flower garden. [in manuscript:] Say Mrs. When I send anything again you want to be more careful. [on verso:] Skagway 8/28/09. I got it all right. Next time you want to be more careful. Had a chance to go to Fairbanks but turned it down. Will tell you all about it later. [illegible signature] [Addressed to:] Mr. E.A. Blank, Portland. [Photographic postcard.]
- .45 – Eskimo Madonna, Cape Prince of Wales [Tinted. Portrait of Alaska Native woman with child. B.B. Dobbs, photographer]
- .46 – Prospector camping on the trail in Alaska. Photo by Nowell & Rognon [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Circa 1911]
- .47 – [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Aerial view of Seward]
- .48 – Typical scene in western Canada [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Camp scene, with horse-drawn sleds]
- .49 – [Color. Photographic postcard. Advertisement for photographer Steve McCutcheon, with Alaska Native children in traditional clothing]

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