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TITLE: Arthur Eide Glass Lantern Slide Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1955.003

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1910-1919

Extent: 56 items; 0.8 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Arthur Hansin Eide, Asahel Curtis

Administrative/Biographical History:

Arthur Hansin Eide (d. 1972) was a Presbyterian minister and teacher in Alaska in the 1900s. Born in Tromsø, Norway circa 1880, he came to San Francisco on the S.S. *Rupert* in 1910. He met his first wife (of five), Annie Coogidlac Koodlalook (spelling also documented as Coodlalook) of Point Barrow¹. Koodlalook attended the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania and was adopted by Sheldon Jackson. Eide and Koodlalook were both sent to Little Diomed as Government representatives where they worked as schoolteachers, doctors, and commissioners to the people of the Island. After Little Diomed, Arthur Eide went to Point Barrow where he built the Presbyterian mission hospital. Starting in 1922 he was primarily stationed out of Anchorage until his death in 1972, though he spent time in Spenard from 1939-1955. He also had a weekly radio program on KFQD in 1942, telling stories of Alaska. Fourteen of the images included in this collection were published in Eide's book *Drums of Diomed* in 1952.

¹ Alaska Born Children Who Attended the Carlisle Indian School 1879-1918 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~coleen/carlisle.html>.

Asahel Curtis (1874-1941) was the younger brother of the photographer Edward Curtis. He traveled in Yukon and Alaska circa 1897-1900. While Eide attributes several of the Diomedede photographs to Curtis, the dates of his time in Diomedede were unknown at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 56 glass lantern slides, some hand colored. See more information in detailed description below.

Arrangement: Not applicable.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Restricted items noted in the finding aid. Please contact ARC staff for details.

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

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Arthur Eide Glass Lantern Slide Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1955.3

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:

Donated by Arthur Eide to Cook Inlet Historical Society in 1955. Materials transferred to Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note

All slides digitized in 2009.

Separated Materials

Objects in collection accessioned as 1955.003.1-357. Glass lantern slides (1955.003.310) and book (1955.003.311) in archives and library collections.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1967.032 CIHS Eide
B1969.024 Eide Collection
B1970.028 Arthur Eide Collection
B1972.025 Eide Photographs
B1972.081 Eide Collection

SUBJECTS

Eide, Arthur Hansin
Koodlalook, Annie Coogidlac
Eide, Arthur Bjarne
Eide, Margaret
Brevig, Tollef Larson
Bernard, Joseph
Brower family
Lomen Commercial Co.
Victoria (Steamboat)
Herman (Steam bark)
Teddy Bear (Schooner)
School buildings—Alaska
Hunting—Alaska
Umiaks – Alaska
Whaling—Alaska
Inupiat—Alaska—Teller
Inupiat—Alaska—Diomed Islands
Inupiat—Alaska—Utqiagvik
Sami (European people)—Alaska
Barrow (Alaska)
Diomed Islands (Alaska and Russia)
Nome (Alaska)
Sit̕asuaq (Alaska)
Teller (Alaska)
Utqiagvik (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection:

[Captions in parenthesis provided by donor at time of deposit. Captions marked “DD” are from *Drums of Diomede*]

.01 – (Colored slide. S.S. *Herman*, of San Francisco, a trading schooner arriving at Little Diomede. Big Diomede in the distance, the straight between the two islands is only two miles. Big Diomede belongs to Siberia while Little Diomede belongs to the United States.) [Curtis, Asahel, Photographer.] (Caption in DD: S.S. Herman. Capt. Pedersen gave us a box of sugar wafers!)

- .02 – (First school among the Eskimos located at Teller, Alaska. Rev. and Mrs. Brevig, Norwegian Lutheran missionaries and teachers with two children. This was the station chosen by Dr. Sheldon Jackson as the first base for the Reindeer industry.)
- .03 – (The city of Nome as it was before Sept. 17, 1934 when fire destroyed almost the entire city.)
- .04 – (On the beach on Nome, an early morning. Lomen Commercial Co.'s dock in the distance.)
- .05 – (The S.S. *Victoria* first arrival to Nome, anchored several miles from shore. Passengers are still taken to shore by small boats.)
- .06 – (Little Diomedes in winter, taken from the top at 1480 feet.)
- .07 – (Colored slide. Little Diomedes as the Ice Melts in June.) [Curtis, Asahel, Photographer.] (Caption in DD: Diomedes Village. No ice igloos in Alaska!)
- .08 – (Little Diomedes and Big Diomedes. The peaks of Big Diomedes are used by the Natives to indicate when various events of the year take place. They say "When the sun stands over the peak" indicating which one, "then the big ships come, when it stands over another the walrus and the whale come," etc...) (caption in DD: Sunset over Big Diomedes, Siberia, from Little Diomedes, U.S.A.)
- .09 – (A very stormy day in the fall. The boats have left us, and we are alone for another ten months.) [view of buildings along shoreline]
- .10 – (Omiaks on the beach and Joseph Bernard's trading Schooner.) [Identified as the *Teddy Bear* based on B1965.018.578. Skin covered umiaks on the beach]
- .11 – (The first flashlight picture taken on the island. That was an event of a lifetime.) [large group gathered indoors, some children reacting to flash] (Caption in DD: Christmas party. Chief Kozingah flanked by two of his daughters...and a few others. The rest of the party fled.)
- .12 – (Breakers on the beach. A Stroll on a nice cobblestone beach. The Island was devoid of trails, sidewalks or streets. Now there is one trail.) [Koodlalook carrying child on rocky shore. Possibly one of their children, Arthur or Margaret Eide]
- .13 – (Natives dance to the music of native drums.) [shirtless male dancers and male drummers indoors] (Caption in DD: Milliruak, Ahkinga, Ogoniak, Sulluk, Satak, Kapari.)
- .14 – (Tatauk's family at Pt. Barrow. A very intelligent Native.) [five people in fur and printed parkas outside house]
- .15 – (Another family from Point Barrow, Alaska.) [man, three women, and two children in fur parkas]
- .16 – (The explorer Stefansson, Mrs. Howkesworth, Koodlalook, Stefansson's interpreter and Mr. Haily a trader at Pt. Barrow. [missing as of 1993]
- .17 – (Mr. Eide and two children born on the Diomedes Island while in service) [with two dogs outside house] (caption in DD: The author and his children, Arthur and Margaret. Malemutes Rover and Bessie cuddle close.)
- .18 – (Mrs. C. Brower of Pt. Barrow and son. [and puppy. Cloth parka with ruff on mother. Child in fur parka, seal leggings, mukluks. Identified by Brower Hopson in 2015 as Mrs. Charles Brower Asaingutuk]
- .19 – (A native family from Little Diomedes, after they had been out gathering sour and sweet grasses.)

- .20 – (A busy day in the classroom. The children are taught to use their hands as well as their brains.) [children sewing and carving] (Caption in DD: Everybody was busy...)
- .21 – (5th grade making calendars for Christmas.)
- .22 – (Koodlalook sewing while carrying a baby on her back. Possibly one of their children, Arther or Margaret Eide)
- .23 – (Mary sewing Mukluks, or native shoes.) [woman has tattoos on her chin]
- .24 – (The only water tank on the Island. No running water is found on the west side of the Island, the tank stores up rain water and fog.) [Little Diomede]
- .25 – (The boys as well as the girls took up knitting. [three boys, two girls standing in a doorway knitting.]
- .26 – (The Omiaks are being overhauled for the spring whale hunting. [Inupiat villagers and dogs outside with two umiaks with skins, buildings visible] (Caption in DD: The oomiaks are made ready for whaling)
- .27 – (Eskimo houses, or Igloo. The jaws from the whale are used for beams. One man works while the rest look on and give advice. No strikers nor labor troubles here. [Inupiat workers and dog at house under construction, at framing stage.] (Caption in DD: Rebuilding Chief Kozingah's igloo. Whale jaws are used for rafters.)
- .28 – (A finished Igloo up the hillside, furs hung on the line to air, while father teaches his son how to carve ivory.) [two Inupiat individuals sitting on a sled with a structure behind them and clothes on lines]
- .29 – (An Igloo made from walrus hides at Pt. Barrow. This is a summer house. [one Inupiaq individual with possessions piled around house, including sled, barrels, and boxes]
- .30 – (The schoolhouse was covered over with snow and three inches of solid ice, so in order to get light I had to chop it off every morning.) [one individual, possibly Arthur Eide clearing windows on building]
- .31 – (Native boats put on racks for the winter, so that the dogs can't eat them up. The Eskimo dogs eat anything. [five umiaks on racks next to building]
- .32 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .33 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .34 – (Ready to take a long trip with a dog team.) [Little Diomede, groups gathered near large dog team in harness]
- .35 – [number not assigned]
- .36 – (The schoolteacher's baby in a homemade buggy-sled, pulled by our faithful Rover. The pick indicates where we get our drinking water during the winter.) [one youth in a sled with a dog in harness]
- .37 – (Ready to take after the Whale.) [Two umiaks on freighting sleds, pushed by men in parkas.]
- .38 – (A Whale is seen far to the south.) [individuals standing on top of ice with others near and seated in five boats, probably wooden, outfitted with masts for sailing.]
- .39 – (We got him.) [Plank boat, men processing a whale in water]
- .40 – (The young men cut the whale up while the old men give advice, so that all rules are strictly obeyed.) [includes at least five individuals in gut parkas, two smoking pipes.] (Caption in DD: Cutting up the spirit whale)

- .41 – (The whale camp on the ice, whale meat and whalebone scattered in all directions.) [bird’s eye view of at least one wooden boat on the ice, men hauling in a load from open water. Baleen stack. Dogs and four sleds.] (Caption in DD: Our whale camp. Ootooktak’s last stand.)
- .42 – (The native dance “Nalukatak”) [Nulakatak. Drummers on hill perform for onlookers. Some housing visible, one umiak on rack.] (Caption in DD: “We bind you together in everlasting friendship.”)
- .43 – (Another Whale camp ten miles out to sea. Upright boat used as kitchen.) [upturned umiak with at least one individual standing next to it with a canvas tent to the right]
- .44 – (Fishing through the ice at Pt. Barrow.) [individuals ice fishing with dog to the right]
- .45 – (Fishing through the ice in the Bering Strait.) [individuals ice fishing with snow covered mountain to the right]
- .46 – (Close-up of fishing hole. Fish are eaten 5 minutes after they are pulled out of the water, frozen. That’s just like ice cream.) [one individual carrying a child jigging for cod]
- .47 – (Home from a walrus hunt.) [umiak in water, nine individuals and dogs on ice. No walrus.]
- .48 – (Ice is coming, everybody out of the water, this is dangerous hunting.) [at least six individuals pulling an umiak out of the water on ice with dogs on the shore, another in water.]
- .49 – (Colored slide. A Native in a Billican, small one man boat.) [Curtis, Asahel, Photographer.]
- .50 – (Colored slide. Kayak racing.) [individuals in six kayaks, two with pokes, in water. Curtis, Asahel, Photographer.]
- .51 – (Colored Slide. Kayak racing.) [five individuals in five kayaks, two with pokes. Curtis, Asahel, Photographer]
- .52 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
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- .57 – (Laplanders who came over with the first reindeer herd to care for it.) [three men and one woman in Sami dress]

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