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TITLE: Eugene C. Jack Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.025

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1916-1925

Extent: 37 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Eugene C. Jack, John E. Thwaites, Lomen Bros., Lew Smith

Administrative/Biographical History:

Eugene C. Jack traveled to Alaska in the 1920s and served with the U.S. Navy building radio towers. He was also an amateur photographer.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 35 black-and-white photographs of Alaskan scenes of the 1910s and 1920s, depicting town life, fishing, whaling, fur trade, and transportation. Also included are a bound volume of self-published essays by Eugene Jack and an essay on "The Alaska fur seals," presumably by Jack.

Arrangement: Arranged by format and subject

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. Book of essays on brittle paper; photocopying may be limited.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by granddaughter Laura Barlow in October 2012.

Processing Notes

Book of essays on brittle paper; consider preservation copies.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1962.001 Crary-Henderson Collection

B1962.001A Crary-Henderson Collection

B1965.004 Whittington Photographs

B1965.018 Fred Henton Collection

B1970.028 Arthur Eide Collection

B1971.014 CIHS Grube Collection

B1981.036 Early Alaska Photograph Collection

B1985.027 Wien Collection

B1994.023 FIC Collection

B1996.011 Edward A. Dunlap Collection

B1996.017 FIC Collection

B1997.008 Trip to Alaska

B1998.014 Vern Brickley Collection

B2001.027 Arlene Mitchell Collection

B2008.013 FIC Collection

B2009.012 Tom Hogan Photograph Collection

B2013.049 Katherine G. Kane Manuscript, My Twenty Seven Years in Alaska and the Aleutians

B2013.050 Barbara Sweetland Smith Papers

B2015.007 Mary Barr Jackson Album

B2015.008 Dora Keen Collection

B2016.019 Randy Brandon Collection
B2018.023 Lowell Thomas, Sr., Glass Lantern Slides

SUBJECTS

Jack, Eugene C.
Akutan Island / Achan-ingiiga (Alaska)
Algonquin (Steamboat)
Canneries—Alaska
Copper River and Northwestern Railway
Cordova / Igya'aq (Alaska)
Corwin (Ship)
Docks—Alaska
Dogsledding—Alaska
Eyak Territory
Fishing boats—Alaska
Fur trade—Alaska
Holy Ascension Orthodox Church (Unalaska, Alaska)
Inupiat Territory
Kodiak / Sun'aq (Alaska)
Lingít Aaní Territory
Miles Glacier Bridge (Alaska)
Million Dollar Bridge (Alaska)
Nome / Sitᵗasuaq (Alaska)
Revenue cutters—Alaska
Saint Paul Island / Tanax^ Amix^ (Alaska)
Seals (Animals)—Alaska
Ships—Alaska
Sitka / Sheet'ká (Alaska)
Star of Iceland (Ship)
Stiklestad (Steamboat)
Sugpiat/Alutiit Territory
Unalaska / Iluulux^ (Alaska)
Unanga^ Territory

Detailed Description of the Collection

Folder 1

- .1 – [Indigenous] Flappers, Alaska [four Indigenous individuals in fur-trimmed parkas, circa 1920]
- .2 – Unalaska [on back] Unalaska [view of town from water, with Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga^ Territory]
- .3 – [Photographic postcard] Russian church, Unalaska [on back] Russian Church Unalaska Alaska [Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga^ Territory]

- .4 – [Photographic postcard] Interior Russian Greek Church, Unalaska [Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga Territory]
- .5 – [Photographic postcard] Unalaska, in October J.E.T. [view of town from hills above, Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga Territory]
- .6 – [Photographic postcard] Bird's eye view of Nome, Lomen Bros. [view of rooftops dusted with snow, Sitnasuaq (Nome), Inupiat Territory]
- .7 – [Photographic postcard] Kodiak, 17 [view from the water of town and boats in front of canneries, Sun'aq (Kodiak), Sugpiat/Alutiit Territory]
- .8 – [Photographic postcard] Main St. Cordova Al., 216 W.H.P. [on back] A swell town for the "gobs" [Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .9 – Canneries at Cordova Alaska [on back] Canneries at Cordova Alaska [Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .10 – [Photographic postcard] Cordova from City dock, #123 Lew Smith Photo [Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .11 – [Photographic postcard] 137. Ocean dock Cordova Bay Cordova Alaska [Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .12 – [Photographic postcard. Cannery facility?]
- .13 – [Photographic postcard. Miles Glacier Bridge near Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .14 – [Photographic postcard] Bucking snow on the Copper River Ry., Alaska [on back] 1924-25 Cordova Alaska [steam engine with snow plow clearing track. Igya'aq (Cordova), Eyak Territory]
- .15 – [Unidentified rock formation along sea coast]
- .16 – [Photographic postcard] S.S. Stiklestad [steam cargo ship]
- .17 – [Photographic postcard. S.S. Corwin]
- .18 – [Photographic postcard] Taku Glacier [on back] Fishing boat, Juneau [two men aboard a steamship named Concord. T'aakú Kwáan Sí'ti (Taku Glacier), T'aakú Kwáan, Lingít Aaní]
- .19 – [Unidentified passenger steamship docked, life boats visible and passengers on deck]
- .20 – Bering Sea, Star of Iceland, 1925 [on back] 1925 Bering Sea, Star of Iceland. [view of full-rigged ship carrying passengers on deck]
- .21 – [Photographic postcard] "Algonquin" [Coast Guard revenue cutter Algonquin at dock]
- .22 – [Photographic postcard] Algonquin leaving St. Paul Island for Unalaska [on back] Algonquin leaving St. Paul Island for Unalaska [Coast Guard revenue cutter Algonquin leaving port at Tana Ami (Saint Paul Island), Unanga Territory, circa 1922-1926]
- .23 – Steamer San Juan on the rocks at Dutch Harbor, Alaska [on back] Steamer San Juan on the rocks at Dutch Harbor, Alaska [view of Steamship San Juan wrecked on rocks at with lettering "San Juan Libby, McNeill & Libby" on prow. Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga Territory]
- .24 – Whale at dock Unalaska, August [on back] What at dock. Unalaska, Alaska. August [view of whale on docks at Iluulux^ (Unalaska), Unanga Territory]
- .25 – [Photographic postcard] Whales at Akatan Alaska whaling station [view of whaling station at Achan-ingiiga (Akutan), Unanga Territory]
- .26 – [Photographic postcard. Men cutting whale]
- .27 – [Fur seal on beach]
- .28 – [Fur seals on beach]

- .29 – Baby seals, St. Paul Island, Aug. 1925 [on back] [A]ug. 1925 Baby seals. St. Paul Island. [Tanâ Amîx̂ (Saint Paul Island), Unangâ Territory]
- .30 – [Photographic postcard] Fur seals, St. Paul, Bering Sea, Alaska [Tanâ Amîx̂ (Saint Paul Island), Unangâ Territory]
- .31 – Alaskan huskies [Two huskies, each on a leash. The one on the left is mid-bark]
- .32 – [Photographic postcard. Dog team pulling dog sled]
- .33 – [Photographic postcard] Foot of Alaskan brown bear [The sole of an Alaskan brown bear]
- .34 – Sitka from radio tower, Sept. 1922 [view of Sheet'ká, Sheet'ká Kwáan, Lingít Aaní]
- .35 – Hazel Grace & Eugene C. Jack [with] Grace Jack (twin), Baby Bernice Jack, Ruth Jack (twin), 1923 [Two adult and three children posing in the yard. The youths are posing in front of adults and are wearing white.]

Folder 2

- Book. Jack, Eugene C. *Anecdotes of life along the Alaskan coast*. 1942. 52 pages
 Contents: Foreword – Alaska under the Russians – Shooting of the marshal – The things we worry about most never happen – Aground? – The broom, a woman's weapon – Bears romp – Pawned his wife – Joe Ibach goes to Middleton Island – Wrong course – Flesh and blood submarines – Concessionnaire extraordinaire – Fishing – Marital autonomy – Local geography – Mink and weasel – Lawbreakers – Merry Xmas – Prisoner? – Spirits fermenti – Mail – Human spuds get peeled – Conversion or compassion – Distortion of facts – Goats.
- Typescript. "The Alaska fur seals (St. Paul & St. George)." 3 pages

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