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TITLE: Alice Swanson Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1972.038

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1910-1968

Extent: 22 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Elbridge W. Merrill, Reeve Aleutian Airways, Louis H. Pedersen, Winter & Pond, Lee, William H. Case, H.G. Kaiser, Robinson Studio, C.P. Johnston

Administrative/Biographical History:

According to the Federal Census, Alice Swanson was a resident of Petersburg in 1940. Nothing else was known about her at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 17 postcards and 5 publications. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by format

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 Alice Swanson in July 1972.

Separated Materials

Two news clippings and Nome Kennel Club booklet removed, possibly to Vertical Files. Not located with collection in 2003.

SUBJECTS

Duncan, William, 1832-1918
Al-Ki (Ship)
Tlingit baskets
Shipwrecks—Alaska
Totem poles—Alaska—Wrangell
Fishing—Alaska
Glaciers—Alaska
Sled dog racing—Alaska
Ivory carving—Alaska
Inupiat art
Sitka (Alaska)
Pribilof Islands (Alaska)
Skagway (Alaska)
Wrangell (Alaska)
Juneau (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Postcards

- .1 – Merrill, Sitka [on verso:] Russian church, Sitka, Alaska. A.O.S. [interior and exterior of St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral, Sitka]
- .2 – Merrill, Sitka [on verso:] Old block house, Sitka, by Merrill, A.O.S. [Russian blockhouse]

- .3 – Seal Herd, Pribilof Islands. Photography by Reeve Aleutian Airways, Anchorage, Alaska [Bob Reeve sitting on rock near herd of seals]
- .4 – First camp, Arctic Brotherhood, Alaska. 722, L.H.P. [on verso:] by A.O.S. [Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Skagway. Louis H. Pedersen, photographer]
- .5 – Merrill, Sitka [on verso:] A.O.S. [still life with Lingít spruce baskets]
- .6 – Beaver Totem, Wrangell, Alaska. 1204, L.H.P. [on verso:] A.O.S. [three youth next to Lingít totem in front of Sun House. Louis H. Pedersen, photographer]
- .7 – Wrangell, Alaska, old military post [on verso:] A.O.S. [deteriorated totem or memorial pole in clearing next to tree, boardwalk at left, buildings in background]
- .8 – 11. “Al-Ki” wrecked on Point Augusta, Alaska, 11-1-17. W.P. Co. [steamship run aground]
- .9 – Miss Mary Ann Miller, “Miss Petersburg of 1955” poses with world’s record king salmon. Photo by Lee [on verso:] A.O.S. [woman on dock with mounted fish, sign reading “Red King Salmon, 126 ½ lbs., largest salmon on record, caught near Petersburg, Alaska, courtesy Petersburg Chamber of Commerce”]
- .10 – Taku Glacier, Alaska. 790, L.H.P. [on verso:] A.O.S. [icebergs on beach, terminus in background. Louis H. Pedersen, photographer]
- .11 – 11844. Russian Greek Church at Juneau, Alaska. Published by W.H. Case, Juneau, Alaska [on verso:] By A.O.S. [exterior of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church]
- .12 – C317. Main street, Juneau, Alaska [...] [on verso:] A.O.S. [street scene with automobiles and The Nugget Shop, Franklin Street. Color]
- .13 – [on verso:] Father Duncan, Metlakatla. By A.O.S. [vignette portrait of man holding trophy]
- .14 – Fox Ramsey winning 2d money in All Alaska Sweepstakes Race, Nome, Alaska. H.G. Kaiser [on verso:] A.O.S. [musher bringing dog team through crowd of spectators, 1910]
- .15 – R.208. [Indigenous] woman fishing through ice. c. Robinson [on verso:] A.O.S. [Alaska Native woman in fur parka jigging at hole, straw laid on ice]
- .16 – P-11. [Indigenous] ivory carver, Nome, Alaska c. Robinson [on verso:] A.O.S. [one individual using bow drill seated at worktable, tools on table]
- .17 – 1397. Polar bears on Artic [sic] ice floe, Alaska. Johnston [on verso:] A.O.S. [several polar bears on ice, probably composite image]

Publications

- .18 – “Handbook of vacation in Alaska and the Yukon on the White Pass and Yukon Route.”
- .19 – “The history of Alaska’s flag,” published by the Office of the Governor
- .20 – Petersburg Press news clipping – 1968 [missing]
- .21 – Petersburg Press news clipping – 1968 [missing]
- .22 – Nome Kennel Club booklet – 1910 [missing]

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