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TITLE: AHFAM Roe Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1977.107

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1905-1918

Extent: 0.2 linear feet; 1 box

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): J.N. Randall, Phinney S. Hunt

Administrative/Biographical History:

Frank Roe lived in Valdez and Ellamar from 1905-1918. Nothing else was known about him at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 68 photographs and photographic postcards, primarily of scenes along the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by subject.

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 Frank Roe in July 1977.

RELATED MATERIALS

Crary-Henderson Collection, B1962.001 and B1962.001a

SUBJECTS

Roe, Frank

Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System

Ellamar Mining Co. (Ellamar, Alaska)

Koyukon Indians—Alaska

Ahtena Indians—Alaska

Transportation—Alaska

Freight and freightage—Alaska

Frontier and pioneer life—Alaska

Copper mines and mining—Alaska

Lumber and lumbering—Alaska

Valdez (Alaska)

Ellamar (Alaska)

Copper Center (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – Frank Roe and his mother Emma Jane Roe, Valdez 1906 [woman and young boy standing in arctic entry of wooden house. Print mounted on board]

.2 – [Paul's Roadhouse advertisement, Wayside Inn Roadhouse. Postcard. Missing as of 2015]

.3 – Frank Roe and dog, Valdez, 1909-1910 [young boy and girl standing with dog on boardwalk]

- .4 – Chief Stick Man [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Koyukon Athabascan Chief Stickman and unidentified woman standing next to log cabin, possibly on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .5 – Chief Stick Man and dogs [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Koyukon Athabascan Chief Stickman and pack dogs, possibly on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. Caption printed backwards]
- .6 – [photographic postcard. Athabascan woman wearing Western style clothing and pearl necklace standing in front of a log cabin in winter, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .7 – "Siwash Indians, Tonsina, Alaska. 102J" J.N. Randall photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska. ca. 1905-1918. [photographic postcard. Men and young boys outdoors, possibly along Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. At AFN 2015, identified as Athabascans from lower Ahtna region. At AFN 2024, the term "Siwash" was noted as not a good/inappropriate word]
- .8 – 103J. Native children of Alaska [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Four Athabascan children with dog outdoors, possibly along Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .9 – Marjorie Rieman Hall, came in 1907, Wortmann's Roadhouse [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Woman wearing sailor suit-style dress posed with dog outdoors in winter, log building in background]
- .10 – [photographic postcard. Woman in front of tent, Marjorie Rieman Hall?]
- .11 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Two women on horseback on trail through wooded area]
- .12 – [photographic postcard. Five women posed outdoors in winter, long bridge in background, mountains in distance, Valdez?]
- .13 – [photographic postcard. Three men posed outdoors in winter, all wearing heavy fur coats and brimmed hats, man at right holding pole with line, tent at left]
- .14 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Man standing in front of wagon, log cabin in background]
- .15 – Rabbit hunting at Valdez, 98 at one trip. P.S. Hunt, J1491 [photographic postcard. Two men holding rifles with horse-drawn sled loaded with rabbits from a hunting trip, two upturned sleds at left, buildings at right]
- .16 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Man holding reins of horse, log barn at right, mountains in background]
- .17 – Horse being shot, distemper epidemic [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Man holding pistol aimed at horse, other men and horses in background, Valdez]
- .18 – 200J. Preparing to burn hay, distemper epidemic [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Men with axes and other tools moving bales of hay outdoors, dog in foreground, mountains in background, Valdez]
- .19-23 – [five images forming panorama of Ellamar in winter, with houses and mine complex, docks and bay in background, 1916-18. Has copy neg with complete panorama]
- .24 – Glory hole at Ellamar [photographic postcard. Men standing next to pit]
- .25 – Holman Sawmill, Copper Center, 1908 [photographic postcard. Logs and milling machinery outdoors]

- .26 – [photographic postcard. Camp, with wagon parked in front of small tents, wooden fencing and telegraph pole in background, mountains in distance, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail?]
- .27 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Three men standing in front tents in winter, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .28 – [photographic postcard. Men and horse next to tent, lumberjacks in a lumber camp, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .29 – [photographic postcard. Lumberjacks resting at camp, preparing food outdoors, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]

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- .30 – [photographic postcard. Men constructing a log cabin at camp, tents at right and left]
- .31 – [photographic postcard. Damaged tents and dilapidated building with sign for Roadhouse, Summit Roadhouse in Thompson Pass?]
- .32 – Hogan Hill, north side Valdez Fairbanks Trail, Alaska [photographic postcard. Horses and wagon outside tents along road]
- .33 – Hogan Hill, north side Valdez Fairbanks Trail, Alaska [photographic postcard. Same as .32]
- .34 – Hogan Hill, north side Valdez Fairbanks Trail, Alaska [photographic postcard. Same as .32]
- .35 – [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn wagons, freighting on the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .36 – [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn sleds in line, freighting on the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .37 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Valdez street scene in winter, with horse-drawn sleds, signs for Frye-Bruhn Co., D & G. Store, The Southern (Hotel), S. Blum & Co., Hotel Valdez]
- .38 – C.C.P. [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn sleds in line, freighting on the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .39 – [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn sleds in line, freighting on the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .40 – 25 ½ miles, Thompson [Pass] [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. View along Valdez-Fairbanks Trail in winter or early spring]
- .41 – Thompson Pass, Alaska, on Valdez Fairbanks Trail [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn wagons in line, freighting on the trail]
- .42 – U.S. Wagon Train, Thompson Pass, Alaska [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn wagons in line, freighting on the trail. Caption written backwards]
- .43 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn wagons in line, freighting on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .44 – Freighting over Valdez [horse-drawn wagon loaded with hay on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail in winter]
- .45 – [photographic postcard. Horse-drawn wagons in line, freighting on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .46 – [photographic postcard. Bird's eye view of river valley on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .47 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. A-frame bridge over rushing river along Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]

- .48 – [photographic postcard. Telegraph poles along river on Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .49 – [photographic postcard. Scenic of field and trees along Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .50 – [photographic postcard. Man holding rifle posed on wooden bridge, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .51 – Copper Center. C.C.P. [photographic postcard. Distant view of barns, outbuildings, and possibly roadhouse]
- .52 – Beaver Dam Tel. Station, U.S.A. [photographic postcard. Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System station, log building with wagon parked at right, Beaver Dan Roadhouse, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .53 – U.S. Telegraph Station, Workman's [sic], Alaska [photographic postcard. Man standing in front of log building with large piles of fuel wood, Wortmann's Roadhouse, Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System]

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- .54 – Fort Liscum, Alaska, by Moonlight, December 1911. 264 [photographic postcard. Waterfront in winter]
- .55 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Man standing in river next to ice or snow, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .56 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Men on raft on river passing ice, near Valdez]
- .57 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Men on horseback traveling down river, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .58 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River through mountains, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .59 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River through ice field & mountain, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .60 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River through mountains, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .61 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. Distant view of man and horses traveling down river, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .62 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River through mountains, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .63 – From summit to Keystone Canyon [photographic postcard. Bird's eye view of river valley]
- .64 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River through mountains, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .65 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. River and mountains, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .66 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. View down trail through mountain pass in spring, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .67 – [stamp on verso:] J. N. Randall, photographer, Port Liscum, Alaska [photographic postcard. View down trail through mountains in late spring, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail]
- .68 – [waterfalls, probably Bridal Veil Waterfall]

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