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TITLE: Burchett Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1991.025

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1889-1909

Extent: 1 box

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Suzanne Rognon Bernardi, Winter & Pond

Administrative/Biographical History:

"Susan R. Bernardi went to Kingegan, Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, in October 1901 to teach at the U.S. Government School. She joined William T. and Ellen Lopp, the original missionaries who established the school in 1890. Bernardi lived in rooms off the back of the Lopp's house and taught the upper grades while Ellen Lopp taught the lower grades. It is unclear when she stopped teaching at Kingegan. Bernardi was raised in Indiana, and later held teaching positions in Alabama and other southern states."¹

Scope and Content Description:

The Burchett Collection is comprised of black and white photographs that cover a wide array of subjects in its scope, spanning from 1889-1909. The photos taken by photographer Suzanne R. Bernardi, include images of people in Cape Prince of Wales, the Iditarod Trail, reindeer, and glaciers.

¹ "Photos of Eskimo at Kingegan, Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska." *Archives West Orbis Cascade Alliance*, <https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:80444/xv80036>. Accessed 21 July 2026.

There are several photos from Turnagain to Nome that feature many scenic views. The pictures of the Indigenous residents in Cape Prince of Wales are especially varied. There are several pictures of school children learning in the classroom; one picture shows four boys with a wooden tricycle. There are also dancers, a men's house, and a picture of Newarluk (Nugulaq), an Indigenous woman who died in the flu epidemic of 1918. The pictures along the Iditarod Trail show several roadhouses, one of which was on Eagle River. Many pictures in the collection have commentary on the back of the pictures.

Arrangement: The collection was arranged by a prior archivist into the following subject folders: Iditarod Trail; Indigenous people in Wales, Alaska and Siberia; Nome; Reindeer; and Places in Alaska.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Burchett in 1991.

Processing Note

Many photographs in the collection are curling. Some are torn or have missing elements.

Notes

This collection may contain outdated sentiments and potentially harmful imagery that does not reflect the mission and goals of the Anchorage Museum. We consent to input and recommendations from communities as we work on decolonizing our collections. The following image has been restricted for sensitive content: [.47](#)

RELATED MATERIALS

B1996.009 McBride Collection

B1997.019 Wright Collection

B2019.005 Story of a Whale Hunt Album

[PH0049 "Photos of Eskimo at Kingegan, Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska" at University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections](#)

SUBJECTS

Bernardi, Suzanne Rognon

Smith, Alexandre "Alex" Malcolm

Boats and boating

Dogs

Dogsledding

Glaciers – Alaska

Iditarod National Historic Trail (Alaska)

Inupiat (Indigenous people) – Alaska

Reindeer herding – Alaska

Roadhouses – Alaska

School children – Alaska

Cook Inlet (Alaska)

Juneau / Dzánti K'ihéeni (Alaska)

Nome / Sitnasuaq (Alaska)

Seward / Qutalleq (Alaska)

Seward Peninsula (Alaska)

Turnagain Arm (Alaska)

Unalaska / Iluuluŕ (Alaska)

Valdez / Suacit (Alaska)

Wales / Kinjigin (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – "Ice in Turnagain Arm. Cooks Inlet" [Scenic view of icy waters. Dena'ina territory.]

.2 – "Roadhouse at Eagle River. We had to stop here a half day to repair our sled which was badly broken." [A man and dogs next to log cabin in winter, Iditarod Trail]

.3 – "One of the roadhouses on the Skwentna River" [Snowy view of two buildings. Likely Dena'ina territory.]

.4 – "I tried to take a picture of Mt. McKinley. We were 125 miles away from it at the time. I marked it with an X." [Distant view of Mount Denali.]

.5 – "Another roadhouse. This was an 8x10 tent. The fellow is known as 'Billy the Horse' an old Nome friend of mine. I expect Joe Staley may remember him." [Person smoking a tobacco pipe beside a tent, several dogs in foreground.]

.6 – "Alex Smith the 'musher' who brought me in to Iditarod. He has been driving dogs for 25 years. Was with the Hudson's Bay Co. for years. This was taken on the Happy River." [From

card catalog: Alexandre Malcolm Smith] [Person kneeling in the snow with dog team at left, mountains and landscape in background. Likely Dena'ina territory.]

.7 – “This is on the Happy River.” [Rocky mountainside. Likely Dena'ina territory.]

.8 – “Farewell Mountain on the south form of the Kuskokwim River. This river had overflowed then frozen over again and was first a glare of ice.” [Icy river scenic. Possibly Upper Kuskokwim territory.]

.9 – “This is on the south fork of the Kuskokwim River.” [Icy river scenic, snowy mountains at distance. Possibly Upper Kuskokwim territory.]

.10 – “This is a monster wagon that they use for hauling big boilers etc.” [Street scene of crowd lined up near large wagon parked near the Hotel Sheldon and Lomen Bros. business. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome).]

.11 – “This is the little steamer ‘Corwin’ always the first boat in the spring” [Distant view of steamship in icy waters.]

.12 – “Just some scenery.” [Snowy landscape]

.13 – “This shows you how the dogs look when traveling. You see Smith has hold of a ‘Gee-Pole’. This is the way they have to guide the sled on the bad trails.” [Alex Smith and his dogsled team.]

.14 – “Loading up the sled, getting ready to start out in the morning. Don’t the trees look pretty?” [Person (likely Alex Smith) loading a dogsled on a snowy trail.]

.15 – “Hitching up the dogs, and getting ready to break trail with snowshoes.” [Three people harnessing dogs to a loaded sled, possibly Alex Smith at right.]

.16 – “This is ‘Buster’ Cowden. He sleeps with me sometimes” [Dog seated on a wooden porch outside of a building.]

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.17 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Five Indigenous people wearing parkas beside a pole with hanging supplies. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.18 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Indigenous person with a labret and fur parka seated beside a pole with hanging supplies. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.19 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Group of Indigenous people wearing parkas gathered beneath a platform, log structure at left. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.20 – [From card catalog: Wales. Caches.] [Umiak frame, platforms in background. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.21 – [From card catalog: Wales. Caches. [Boat frame, snowshoes, and other supplies on a rack. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.22 – [From card catalog: Wales] [View of Indigenous people in an Umiak. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.23 – [From card catalog: Wales. Family groups.] [An Indigenous family wearing parkas and possibly seated on a boat deck. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.24 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Blurry view of people gathered along the icy shoreline. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.25 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Blurry view of people along the icy shore, possibly following a hunt? Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]

.26 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Backside view of person crouched beside beach grasses. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.27 – [From card catalog: Wales] [An Indigenous adult crouched with a toddler beside a residence. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.28 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Partially obstructed view of an Indigenous person smiling amongst boulders, possibly near a beach. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.29 – “Wales” [From card catalog: Education.] [Group photo of Indigenous youths outside of a building, likely a school. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.30 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Group photo of Indigenous children beside a building. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.31 – [from back: May be Norton Sound per clothing] [From card catalog: Wales] [Group photo of Indigenous youth seated on the floor. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.32 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Two Indigenous children balanced on a board, overturned umiak in background. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.33 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Four Indigenous children (two seated on a wooden tricycle), building in background. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.34 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Five Indigenous youth standing on a beach, in the background is a building on a hillside. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.35 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Two Indigenous youth seated on a wooden floor and engaging in an athletic contest or game called Arm Pull. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.36 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Indigenous drummers with two shirtless dancers. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.37 – [From back:] “right. Arthur Nagozruk’s uncle, teacher” [From card catalog: Wales.] [Two Indigenous adults and two youth seated on a wooden floor, one youth wears a mask. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.38 – [From back:] “Left may be Arthur Nagozruk” [From card catalog: Wales. Education.] [Two Indigenous youth beside a chalkboard that has the name “Nagozruk” written on it. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.39 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Seven Indigenous youth wearing parkas in a row, six are seated. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.40 – [From card catalog: Wales. Education.] [Four Indigenous youth in fur parkas seated at tables with workbooks. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.41 – [From card catalog: Wales. Education] [Child sewing in classroom, circa 1906?] [Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.42 – [From card catalog: Wales. Education. School teachers.] [Schoolteacher at Wales, teacher Mrs. Bernardi, circa 1906?] [A white teacher points at two Indigenous students who are seated at a table with open schoolbooks. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.43 – [From card catalog: Wales. Men’s house (Qasgiq). Dances.] [Two Indigenous youth wearing fur parkas dance in room center while four observe seated in the background. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

.44 – [From back:] “Maybe SLI or Diomedea lady” [From card catalog: Wales. Family groups.] [Indigenous woman with long braids is seated and holding an infant. Inupiaq territory, Kinigin (Wales)]

- .45 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Two indigenous women are seated in half embrace, while another person in a parka kneels beside them. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]
- .46 – [From back:] “Newarluk died flu epidemic 1918 Married to George Ootenna reindeer herder” [From card catalog: Wales] [Portrait of an Indigenous woman with long hair and beads draped on the crown of her head. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]
- .47 – **[Restricted for sensitive content]**
- .48 – [From card catalog: Siberia. Dwellings.] [A group of Indigenous people are standing near a dome-like structure covered in stretched skins, possibly walrus hides.]
- .49 – [From card catalog: Siberia. Dwellings.] [View of two dome-like structures covered in stretched skins, possibly walrus hides.]
- .50a – [From card catalog: Siberia] [Indigenous people on the beach beside a dome-like residence, an infant in a fur snow suit and an adult are at center.]
- .50b – [From card catalog: Siberia] [Indigenous people on the beach beside a dome-like residence, an infant in a fur snow suit and an adult are at center.]

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- .51 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Skis and skiing.] [Distant view of people skiing on a hill. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .52 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Skis and skiing.] [Distant view of people skiing on a hill. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .53 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Distant view of three people in parkas standing in the snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .54 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Five people posed on a snowy slope, two are on skis. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .55 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Five people on a snowy slope, four are on skis and the person on the left may be holding a box camera? Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .56 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [A person wearing a long skirt is skiing down a hill, four people are watching in the background. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .57 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [People skiing down a slope. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .58 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Skiers on a slope. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .59 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Blurry photo of four or five people skiing and/or falling on a snowy slope. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .60 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Five people posed and lounging on a snow pile with skis nearby. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .61 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Four people skiing down a slope side by side. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .62 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skis and skiing.] [Person wearing a fur parka (possibly ground squirrel?) skiing on flat terrain. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .63 – [From card catalog: Nome. Skijoring. Dogs – special uses.] [Woman on skis being pulled by a dog. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.64 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Skis and skiing. Sleds. Sled dogs.] [Five people with two dogsleds and several pairs of skis sticking out of the snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.65 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Skis and skiing. Sleds. Sled dogs.] [Five people with two dogsleds and several pairs of skis sticking out of the snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

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.68 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Skis and skiing.] [Six people and a dog on a snowy hill. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.69 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Two people seated in the snow, the person on the left wears a fur parka. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.70 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Five people peeking over a pile of snow, a dogsled is partially visible in the foreground. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.71 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Eight people posed on a snowy hill. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.72 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Five people seated on a pile of snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.73 – [From card catalog: Nome] [Distant view of a person with a pole standing amongst large snow formations. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.74 – [From card catalog: Nome] [A person lounging in the snow beside a ice formation while sucking on an icicle. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.75 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Dogs.] [A person is reclined on a snow pile with two dogs nearby. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.76 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Dogs.] [A person is reclined on a snow pile with two dogs nearby. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.77 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Dogs.] [A person is seated in the snow with two dogs. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.78 – [From card catalog: Nome. Recreation. Dogs.] [A person wearing a fur parka is seated in the snow with three dogs. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.79 – [From card catalog: Nome] [A person wearing a fur parka (possibly ground squirrel?) is standing in the snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.80 – [From card catalog: Nome] [A person wearing a fur parka (possibly ground squirrel?) is seated in the snow. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.81 – [From card catalog: Nome] [The backside view of a person wearing a fur parka (possibly ground squirrel?) on skis and holding a ski pole. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

.82 – [From card catalog: Nome. Prostitutes.] [Nine people reclined on a bed in a room that has been decorated with miniatures and Indigenous objects. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

- .83 – [From card catalog: Nome. Prostitutes.] [Nine people reclined on a bed in a room that has been decorated with miniatures and Indigenous objects. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .84 – [From card catalog: Nome. Prostitutes.] [One person holding a book while reclined on a bed in a room that has been decorated with miniatures and Indigenous objects. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .85 – [From card catalog: Nome] [View of a bedroom that has been decorated with miniatures and Indigenous objects. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .86 – [From card catalog: Nome. Boardwalks.] [Backside view of a woman on a boardwalk, buildings in distant background. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]

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- .87 – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [Person with four reindeer]
- .88a – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [Reindeer calves in the foreground and herd in the background]
- .88b – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [Reindeer calves in the foreground and herd in the background]
- .89 – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [One reindeer calf in center, herd in background]
- .90 – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [One reindeer calf at center, herd at distance in background]
- .91 – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [Reindeer calves and cows]
- .92 – [From card catalog: Reindeer] [Reindeer with large antlers]
- .93 – [From card catalog: Reindeer – special uses. Transportation – horses. Wanigans. Sleds.] [Two horses pulling a structure on a sled while two reindeer pull two sleds behind]

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- .94 – [From card catalog: Nome. Lighterage.] [A rowboat in the surf approaches shore, in the background on the distant horizon is a steamship. Inupiaq territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome)]
- .95 – [From card catalog: Wales] [Birds eye view of a waterfront community. Inupiaq territory, Kinjigin (Wales)]
- .96 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [Backside view of person looking at glacial wall. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .97 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .98 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .99 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from water. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .100 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from water. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .101 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from water. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .102 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from water. Possibly Eyak territory]

- .103 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .104 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .105 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .106 – [From card catalog: Childs Glacier] [View of glacial wall from rocky beach. Possibly Eyak territory]
- .107 – [From card catalog: Columbia Glacier] [Distant view of glacier from water. Possibly Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory]
- .108 – [From card catalog: Columbia Glacier] [Distant view of glacier from water. Possibly Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory]
- .109 – Winter & Pond. Juneau, Alaska [Postcard. Birds eye view of city. Tlingit territory, Dzánti K'ihéeni (Juneau)]
- .110 – [From card catalog: Juneau] [Distant view of city from ship deck. Tlingit territory, Dzánti K'ihéeni (Juneau)]
- .111 – [From card catalog: Seward. Pacific Coast Trading Co. Seward – Fourth Avenue.] [Street scene. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Qutalleq (Seward)]
- .112 – [From card catalog: Seward] [View down boardwalk towards street, people walking at distance. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Qutalleq (Seward)]
- .113 – [From card catalog: Unalaska] [View of landscape from a boat. Unanga territory, Iluulu (Unalaska)]
- .114 – [From card catalog: Unalaska] [Distant view of a community from a boat. Unanga territory, Iluulu (Unalaska)]
- .115 – [From card catalog: Unalaska. Docks, piers and wharves.] [View of people waiting on the wharf. Unanga territory, Iluulu (Unalaska)]
- .116 – [From card catalog: Valdez] [View from water of waterfront community at distance. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .117 – [From card catalog: Valdez] [View from water of waterfront community at distance. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .118 – [From card catalog: Valdez. Docks, piers and wharves.] [View of crowds and warehouses on the wharf. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]

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