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TITLE: CIHS Reeve Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.x.011

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1900-1950s [bulk 1900-1920]

Extent: 50 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): P.S. Hunt, Evans, McCain, Sylvia Sexton, J.E. Thwaites, Hettel's, Louis H. Pedersen, B.F.G., Sydney Laurence, B.B. Dobbs, F.H. Nowell, Orville J. Rognon, Steve McCutcheon

Administrative/Biographical History:

Robert C. Reeve (1902-1980) was a pilot and businessman who founded Reeve Aleutian Airways. He had a strong interest in history and was a longtime member and past president of the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 45 black-and-white and five color photographs and photographic postcards, depicting Katalla, Seward, the Alaska Railroad, and other Alaskan locations and subjects. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Loosely arranged by subject

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Robert Reeve to Cook Inlet Historical Society in 1963. Transferred to the Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note

Guide created from card catalog data and accession file inventory; materials not physically consulted at time of writing.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Railroad

Frontier and pioneer life—Alaska

Katalla (Alaska)

Seward (Alaska)

Valdez (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Ships-eye view of resident portion of Valdez, June 26, [19]05. P.S. Hunt P6313
[Photographic postcard. Bird's eye view of residential part of Valdez, with houses and churches. Inscription on verso reads: "Dear friend. This finds me well and having a good time. Florence. [Addressed to] Mr. Fred Runnles[?]. Board of Trade. Katalla, Alaska."]
- .2 – A portion of Katalla, Aug. 1st, 1901. Evans, photog. [Photographic postcard. Street view with docks and businesses including Board of Trade, Hotel Northern]

- .3 – Catalla [Photographic postcard. Street view with docks, walled tents, buildings under construction, and signs for drug store and Hotel Northern. 1907? 2 copies]
- .4 – At Bruner Crossing, July 14, 1907. By Evans [Photographic postcard. Workers and officials of Katalla Coal Company Railroad pose on engine at Bruner Crossing, with tracks under construction]
- .5 – Railroad building at Katalla, Alaska. Evans [Photographic postcard]
- .6 – Looking toward Camp No. 1 from Wye, Katalla Co. [Photographic postcard]
- .7 – First locomotive on gov. ry. in Alaska in charge of Harry Locke, harbormaster and master mechanic for AEC, Anchorage, Alaska. McCain Photo [Photographic postcard. Alaska Railroad Engine No. 1]
- .8 – Reflection, Cooper Lake near Seward, Alaska. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Boats on lake. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .9 – [Photographic postcard. Scenic view. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.” Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .10 – Seward Outing Club, Seward, Alaska. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Interior of business, with people and hunting trophies]
- .11 – [Photographic postcard. People and dogs on Seward docks on boat day, with steamship and lifeboats visible. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.” Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .12 – [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings, Seward]
- .13 – Seward, Alaska. Thwaites, 1344 [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings]
- .14 - #166. [on verso:] Main St., Seward, Alaska [Photographic postcard. Bird’s eye view of pedestrians on boardwalk along street with businesses including Seward Drug Co., Board of Trade Saloon, mountains in background]
- .15 – Morgue this winter [Photographic postcard. View of wooden building that served as morgue, Seward. Sign on building next to it reads: "Rob Small, Blacksmith and horse shoes." F.B. Wood Undertaking Company. Same image as B1965.003.44]
- .16 – Cloud effect, Trail Lake. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Scenic view. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .17 – 4th, Seward [Photographic postcard. People celebrating Fourth of July, with Hotel Sexton. Photographer Sylvia Sexton?]
- .18 – Baseball game, Seward & cruiser Maryland. S. Sexton [Photographic postcard. Distant view of baseball game underway in field, with teams from Seward and the ship U.S.S. *Maryland*. Advertisement on verso for “Coleman Hotel, Geo. Sexton, prop.”]
- .19 – Rotary snow plow, mile 7, May 8. Seward, Alaska. 685 [Photographic postcard. Snow removal equipment in deep snow, Alaska Railroad]
- .20 – Government r.r. bldg., Seward, Alaska. Hettters [Hettel’s?] [Photographic postcard. Alaska Railroad yards]
- .21 – [scenic of unidentified glacier]
- .22 – Bear Glacier, Seward, Alaska. Thwaites 1442 [Photographic postcard]
- .23 – A.E.C. Building, Seward, Alaska. Thwaites #4261 [on verso:] My room, operating room. [Photographic postcard. Pedestrians outside Alaska Railroad building]
- .24 – Resurrection Bay, Seward, Alaska. S. Sexton, 27 [Photographic postcard. Houses and buildings]

- .25 – Seward, Alaska. 3A62, L.H.P. [Photographic postcard. Aerial view. Louis H. Pedersen, photographer?]
- .26 – Ground-hog Bridge [Photographic postcard. Groundhog Bridge near Seward]
- .27 – [Photographic postcard. Scenic of trees along shoreline in winter. Anchorage?]
- .28 – [railroad yards, possibly Alaska Railroad yards in Anchorage, with equipment including crane, steamship *Finland* visible]
- .28a – [railroad yards, possibly Alaska Railroad yards in Anchorage, with equipment including crane, Panama Canal equipment?]
- .29 – Engine no. 332 [Alaska Railroad personnel with locomotive]
- .30 – Dalton Trail [cattle on trail]
- .31 – Moose, Seward, Alaska. B.F.G. [Photographic postcard.]
- .32 – Waiting for the steamer. Laurence [large crowd gathered near shore, some sitting near Alaska Railroad train tracks, looking out at Cook Inlet, Anchorage]
- .33 – Boeing Tri-Motor 80-A, Boeing Air Transport Inc., predecessor of United Airlines. [airplane, non-Alaskan]
- .34 – [Photographic postcard. Dog team with sled]
- .35 – **[Restricted because of sensitive content]**
- .36 – [Photographic postcard. Similar to .35]
- .37 – “Karluk” from Wrangell Island [on verso:] “Karluk,” Wrangel Island, Arctic Ocean, one hundred miles north of Siberia, Stefansson Arctic Expedition [Dog portrait. Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1916?]
- .38 – [Photographic postcard. Reindeer]
- .39 – [Photographic postcard. Spectators on hillside, watching baseball game?]
- .40 – Miners cabin, Cascade Mts. [Photographic postcard.]
- .41 - #2. Facing west [unidentified scenic]
- .42 – [young boy painting log cabin with very small brush]
- .43 – [man holding large ferns]
- .44 – From the land of nightless days, Alaska. Carter Mountain. Skaguay. A Skaguay flower garden. [in manuscript:] Say Mrs. When I send anything again you want to be more careful. [on verso:] Skagway 8/28/09. I got it all right. Next time you want to be more careful. Had a chance to go to Fairbanks but turned it down. Will tell you all about it later. [illegible signature] [Addressed to:] Mr. E.A. Blank, Portland. [Photographic postcard.]
- .45 – Eskimo Madonna, Cape Prince of Wales [Tinted. Portrait of Alaska Native woman with child. B.B. Dobbs, photographer]
- .46 – Prospector camping on the trail in Alaska. Photo by Nowell & Rognon [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Circa 1911]
- .47 – [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Aerial view of Seward]
- .48 – Typical scene in western Canada [Tinted. Photographic postcard. Camp scene, with horse-drawn sleds]
- .49 – [Color. Photographic postcard. Advertisement for photographer Steve McCutcheon, with Alaska Native children in traditional clothing]

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