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TITLE: Robinson Photograph Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1970.039

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1917, pre-1920

Extent: 2 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Hewitt's Photo Shop, JE Caudle Photo (JEC Photo), Seneca Ray Stoddard

Administrative/Biographical History:

Landscape photographer, artist, and writer¹ Seneca Ray Stoddard was born May 13, 1844. He is particularly well-known for his work on the Adirondacks and was influential through lobbying in the establishment of the Adirondack Park.² Along with other travels, Stoddard visited Alaska in 1892. He passed away in Glens Falls, New York, on April 26, 1917.

Hewitt's Drug Store was an old-school drug store and newsstand that also had a lunch counter. A purveyor of photographic supplies and services, the store provided passport and 1 portrait photographs, did a brisk business in postcards, and sold copies of paintings by Alaskan artists. The store was owned by Francis C. Bowden and Lucien Liston from 1948. Bowden passed in 1972 and Liston sold the store in 1978. The store relocated from 4th Avenue to Spenard after the 1964 Earthquake. The proprietors often purchased photographs from Anchorage residents and others, adding them to Hewitt's stock image library

¹ <https://www.chapmanmuseum.org/research/stoddard/>

² <https://www.chapmanmuseum.org/research/stoddard/>

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of two photographic prints. The first is of the Alaska Railroad yards in Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina Elnena. The second is of the 1917 Labor Day parade on 4th Avenue in Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina Elnena.

Arrangement: Not applicable.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in fair 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 and Deedie Robinson on November 19, 1970.

Processing Note:

Museum accession number 1970.107.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1957.005 Jack H. Floyd Collection
B1961.005 CIHS Collection
B1962.006 CIHS Fairbanks Collection
B1963.016 Marie Silverman Collection
B1963.031 C.H. Darby Collection
B1963.x.011 CIHS Reeve Collection
B1963.x.015 CIHS Gastrock Collection
B1964.001 John Urban Collection
B1964.x.002 Anna M. Crutcher Collection
B1965.003 Fred B. Wood Collection
B1965.018 Fred Henton Collection

B1967.019 CIHS Isaacs
B1967.007 CIHS McCrady
B1970.019 J.J. Delaney Collection
B1970.062 Hugh Jones Collection
B1970.x.002 Railroad Photograph Collection
B1971.025 Halverson Collection
B1974.040 Charles Weller Collection
B1977.147 ARR Sutton Collection
B1980.041 Dorothy Stauter Collection
B1981.019 AHFAM FIC Collection
B1987.072 William Robert Mathewson Collection
B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection
B1991.009 Simonson Photographs
B1994.002 Wennerstrom Collection
B1997.022 August Cohn Collection
B1999.022 Morgan Sherwood Alaska Railroad Photographs
B2000.004 Alaska Gastineau Mining Company Collection
B2008.015 Cornelia Templeton Jewett Hatcher Papers
B2011.014 Lane Family Photograph Collection
B2012.018 Whitehead-McDannel Collection
B2012.028 Copper River & Northwestern Railway Album
B2013.007 Marcus V. Tyler Album
B2013.013 Alaska Railroad Week Posters
B2013.015 Alaska Railroad Equipment Photographs
B2013.027 Labor Day Sep 3 1917 Anchorage Alaska Photograph
B2013.049 Katherine G. Kane Manuscript
B2014.005 Thomas "Cliff" Fuglestad Photographs
B2015.016 W.L. McCulloch Alaska Railroad Collection
B2015.031 Alaska Railroad Denali Park Slides
B2016.009 Jerry Forsyth McKeen Railmotor Photographs
B2017.032 Arturo Lloyd Alaska Railroad Photographs
B2017.033 Dudley Westler Alaska Railroad Slides
B2018.007 Addison H. Laflin, Jr., Photographs
B2019.001 Guy Wheeler Alaska Railroad Collection
B2019.015 Alaska Railroad Slides
B2020.005 Alaska Railroad Ephemera Collection
B2023.003 John Endler, Jr., Slides
B2024.003 James T. Wilson Collection

SUBJECTS

Alaska Engineering Commission
Alaska Railroad
Dgheyaytnu / Anchorage
Labor Day

Parades

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – #6; Alaska Railroad Yards Anchorage Alaska Stoddard [aerial view of the Alaska Railroad yards showing buildings and tracks. Coast in distance. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina Ełnena]

.2 – Labor Day Sep. 3, 1917 A [damage to print] Alaska JEC Photo Sep. 3/17 Anchorage Alaska [view looking down on 1917 Labor Day parade 1917. Horses, individuals parading in rows, riding horses, in carriages, and watching the parade. Shop signs read, "Help," "Jack Callin Cigars & Tobacco," "Pioneer Express; Wood, Coal, Lumber," "Kodak [illegible]," "Drugs," "E.S. Hewitt & Company.," "[illegible] Lawyer," "Dairy; Lunch," "C.B. Wark; Manfr's Agent," "Real Estate," "Baxter's Ne [text cut-off]," "Richter Baths; Steal Tub & Shower," "Help." 4th Avenue, Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina Ełnena]

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