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TITLE: Bridgeman Postcard Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1980.081

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1920

Extent: 29 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): John E. Thwaites, Forest J. Hunt

Administrative/Biographical History:
Nothing is known about the donor Mary Bridgeman at this time.

Scope and Content Description:
This collection consists of 29 photographic postcards depicting several Alaskan locations and communities, including Dgheyay Kaq' (Anchorage), Toghotthele (Nenana), Kichxáan (Ketchikan), Qutekcak (Seward), Agunalaksh (Unalaska), and Suacit (Valdez).

Arrangement: Collection arranged by previous archivist.

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 Mary Bridgeman in May 1980.

Processing Note

Guide created from card catalog and reviewing items.

Separated Materials

As of May 2025, item .18 was missing.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1963.x.011 CIHS Reeve Collection

B1964.001 John Urban Collection

B1967.013 CIHS Sundberg

B1976.092 Kern Collection

B1992.019 Gonda Winkler Collection

B1995.031 Morgan Sherwood Gold Rush Ephemera Collection

B2000.024 Orcutt W. Frost Postcard Collection

B2019.014 Ann Walton Postcard Collection

SUBJECTS

Anchorage / Dgheyay Kaq' (Alaska)

Dawson / Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Yukon)

Eyak (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska

Ketchikan / Kichxáan (Alaska)

Kodiak / Qikertaq (Alaska)

Kwanlin Dün First Nation (Indigenous peoples) – Canada

Lingít (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska

Nenana / Toghotthele (Alaska)

Seward / Qutekcak (Alaska)

Sugpiaq (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska

Taa'an Kwäch'än First Nation – Canada

Tanana (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (Indigenous peoples) – Canada
Unalaska / Iluuluû (Alaska)
Unangaâ (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska
Valdez / Suacit (Alaska)
Whitehorse / Kwanlin (Yukon)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Folder 1

- .1 – Thwaites. 1176. Volcanic Ash. Kodiak, Alaska. [photographic postcard. View of docks, buildings, and ship at anchor with volcanic ash covering the shore and mountains in the background. Alutiiq Territory, Qikertaq (Kodiak). John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .2 – Thwaites. 4441. Miles Glacier, Alaska. Copper River. [photographic postcard. Landscape view of Miles Glacier from shore with mountains in the background. Eyak Territory. John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .3 – Thwaites. 1424. From the deck of a steamer. Alaska. [photographic postcard. Landscape view of water, shore, and snow covered mountains in the background. John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .4 – P.G. Shishaldon Volcano. [photographic postcard. Landscape view of snow covered Sisquk or Sisagux (Mount Shishaldin) on Unimax (Unimak Island), Unangaâ territory]
- .5 – Thwaites 4125. Cook Inlet. Alaska. Near Anchorage. [photographic postcard. Landscape view of Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) with water and mountains, Dena'ina Territory. John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .6 – Thwaites. 1931. A mid-summer evening in Alaska. [photographic postcard. Landscape view of water, islands, mountains, and clouds. John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .7 – Thwaites. 1460. A halt on the trail, near Seward, Alaska. [photographic postcard. View of sled dog team in harness with two individuals standing next to sled with Resurrection Bay and Mount Alice in the background. Sugpiaq Territory, Qutekcak (Seward). John E. Thwaites, photographer]
- .8 – Tanana River Bridge. Nenana, Alaska. [photographic postcard. View of the Tanana River Bridge and with structures on both sides of the river and boats in the water. Tanana Territory, Toghotthele (Nenana)]
- .9 – Depot, Anchorage, Alaska. 1922. Back, illegible inscription [photographic postcard. View of the Alaska Railroad road tracks and train depot near Dgheyay Kaq' (Ship Creek) with the Chugach Mountains in the background. Eklutna Dena'ina Territory, Dgheyay Kaq' (Anchorage)]
- .10 – RCMP Barracks, Whitehorse, Y.T. [photographic postcard. Buildings with mountains in the background. Taa'an Kwäch'än and the Kwanlin Dün First Nations Territory, Kwanlin (Whitehorse)]
- .11 – Administration Building Dawson Y.T. Back, No. 329. Made for Zoccarelli's Fruit, Book, & Stationary Store [colorized photographic postcard. Two individuals standing in front of a building with a boardwalk in front and mountain in the background. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Territory, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson City)]
- .12 – Battery of old Russian guns. Unalaska, Alaska. Thwaites. Back, inscription: "This is one of the places I have not seen. You deserve a word, so I shall not wait 'til I get to one of a more

familiar place. Isn't it nice about Roy and Edith? How is everything with you? K. B." [To] Mr. Edward Ballora, New York [photographic postcard. View of six cannons and carriages on a platform with a flag pole. Water and mountains in the background. Unanga Territory, Iluulu (Unalaska). John E. Thwaites, photographer]

.13 – V17. Valdez, Alaska. [photographic postcard. View of church and other buildings buried in snow. Sugpiaq Territory, Suacit (Valdez)]

.14 – Wrangell Narrows, Alaska. Back, Published by J.B. Caro & Co., Inc. Juneau, Alaska. Made in USA. Postmark: Prince Rupert, B.C. Aug 19, 1922 [colorized photographic postcard. View of water and mountains. Shtax'héen Kwáan, Gánti Yaakw Séedi (Wrangell Narrows). Inscription on back illegible]

.15 – Thwaites. 4308. Skagway, Alaska. [photographic postcard. Ship at dock with buildings and mountains in the background. Lettering on the ship reads, "Dolphin." Jilkoort Kwáan, Shgagwei (Skagway). John E. Thwaites, photographer]

.16 – 5625 - A Skagway Sunset. Back, Tourists revel in the stories of Alaska sunsets, which can be seen nowhere to better advantage than in the heart of the mountain range of Skagway. Postmark: Skagway, Alaska, Aug 27, 5pm [19]23. Inscription: "Aug. 27 – 23. At? Skagway 7.30 got boxes re-shipped and ? A little fusing and am leaving for White Pass ? 8:45. Some ?! Love to all, Sister." [colorize photographic postcard. View of the townsite of Jilkoort Kwáan, Shgagwei (Skagway)]

.17 – Cannery Ships, Bristol Bay, Alaska. Thwaites, 515. [photographic postcard. Ships in the distance with ice flows in the foreground. Yup'ik Territory, Iligayaq (Bristol Bay)]

.18 – [missing] Twaites 870. Japanese sailing schooner, Bering Sea, Alaska. Back, "Frame this!" [postcard. John E. Thwaites, photographer]

.19 – U.S.S. Bear in the artic. Back, inscription, "while under tow tr. Nova Scotia for Phila. and restoring, sank in the storm. 1965." [photographic postcard. View of U.S.S. Bear in ice with at least two individuals at top right]

.20 – Twaites. 5431. S.S. Alaska in Alaska. [photographic postcard. View of the S.S. Alaska in water with mountains in the background. John E. Thwaites, photographer]

.21 – [photographic postcard. At least three individuals at pile fish trap with salmon in the foreground and nets in the background]

.22 – Ketchikan, Alaska. 609. Back, inscription, "Oable Ship." [photographic postcard. U.S. Army Transport Burnside at anchor in water with shore and mountains in the background. Taant'a Kwáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan)]

.23 – Totem pole of Chief Kian, Ketchikan, Alaska [photographic postcard. Three individuals posed next to a carved and painted pole with two buildings in the background. Taant'a Kwáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan)]

.24 – John Kian, Ketchikan, Alaska, son of Thlinket Chief, of Kintahook family, clad in expensive Chilkoot coat, hand-woven in native coloring from wool of mountain sheep. Back, Published by Forest J. Hunt, Ketchikan, Alaska. Pacific Novelty Co. S.F. [photographic postcard. Lingít individual identified as John Kian wearing Naaxein K'oodás' (Chilkat tunic) with sleeves. Taant'a Kwáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan). Forest J. Hunt, photographer]

.25 – Band at Arthur Yates Hospital, Ketchikan, Alaska. July 4, 1922. [photographic postcard. Individuals in band with instruments and spectators on sidewalks in front of buildings. Taant'a Kwáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan)]

- .26 – Episcopal Church and rectory. Ketchikan, Alaska. FJH. [photographic postcard. View of church and buildings on hillside with utility lines at the top and lumber stacked on the side of the boardwalk. Taant’a K̓wáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan). Forest J. Hunt, photographer]
- .27 – Back, Ketchikan, Alaska. July 31, 1923. Speeches by President and his party at Ketchikan, July 8, 1923. President of U.S. W.G. Harding. [photographic postcard. View of spectators listening to President Warren G. Harding speeches in Taant’a K̓wáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan)]
- .28 – Relative to President Harding’s visit to Ketchikan, postmarked Ketchikan, Alaska, July 1923. [photographic postcard. View of spectators listening to President Warren G. Harding speeches in Taant’a K̓wáan, Kichxáan (Ketchikan)]
- .29 – [photographic postcard. Street view of Nenana, Alaska with individuals and dog on sidewalks. The Alaska Railroad train depot is at the end of the street. Business signs on buildings along the street read left to right: The Arctic, Baths 30 cents, Rappolt’s Bakery and Coffee House, Restaurant, Drugs and Stationary, Central Café. Tanana Territory, Toghotthele (Nenana)]

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