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TITLE: Crenshaw Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2001.003

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1911-1940s

Extent: 9 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ross S. Nelson, Frank J. Speckett

Administrative/Biographical History:

The collection was donated by Molly (Brennen) Crenshaw, whose family has a long history in Petersburg. Her father, Jim Brennen, was a businessman and later the postmaster for Petersburg. He was also owner of the saloon, affectionately called by Petersburg residents, "The Bucket of Blood."

Scope and Content Description:

Collection comprised of nine black and white photographs and photographic postcards of Petersburg and Southeast Alaska.

Arrangement: 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

Collection donated by Molly (Brennen) Crenshaw in January 2001.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1979.002 Alaska Railroad Collection

B1980.081 Bridgeman Postcard Collection

B1987.056 W.T. Roberts Album

B2014.004 Samuel Luther Hogue Portrait Photograph

SUBJECTS

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923

Disasters

Fire fighters

Gold mines and mining

Port Chilkoot (Haines / Deishú, Alaska)

Petersburg / Séet Ká (Alaska)

Wrangell / Shtax'héen (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – [from back: Bill Gribble 1st automobile in Petersburg. Cadillac. Hogue & Tveten Delivery]

.2 – [from back:] Warren G. Harding & wife Wrangell, Alaska [1923. Tlingit territory, Shtax'héen (Wrangell)]

.3 – [steamship at dock, likely southeast Alaska]

.4 – [boat cruising in bay, possibly coast guard]

.5 – Firemans Clam Bake at Tonka Sept 10th 1911. Ross S. Nelson [photographic postcard]

.6 – Hirst Chichagof Gold Mine Kimshan Cove, Alaska Compliments of Frank, J. Speckett, Seattle [photographic postcard, postmarked 1932 and addressed to Harrold Brennan of Petersburg, Alaska]

- .7 – Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska. By Moonlight. [photographic postcard, distant view of Fort William H. Seward in Haines (Deishú), Tlingit territory]
- .8 – The Remains. Fire Petersburg. R. Nelson [Tlingit territory, Séet Ká (Petersburg)]
- .9 – The Remains of Fire. Petersburg. R. Nelson [Tlingit territory, Séet Ká (Petersburg)]

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