

REFERENCE CODE: AkAMH

REPOSITORY NAME:

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center
Bob and Evangeline Atwood Resource Center
625 C Street
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: 907-929-9235
Email: resourcecenter@anchoragemuseum.org

Guide prepared by: Ivy Turinsky, Archivist

TITLE: CIHS Kean

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1967.029

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1905

Extent: 2 photographic prints, 1 postcard

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): John Edward Thwaites

Administrative/Biographical History:

John Edward Thwaites was born in Eastwood, Ontario, Canada in 1863. He immigrated with his family to Michigan around 1871 and married Carrie Warne in 1885. Thwaites worked for the federal government as a clerk in the Railway Mail Service, delivering mail from Suacit (Valdez) to Iluuluġ (Unalaska) on the S.S. Dora mailboat between 1905 and 1912. He was also an amateur photographer, whose photos are well known for their popularity in the early postcard market. In 1914, he transferred to the Seward-Seattle mail route, operating his photography business out of Seward. He remarried to Isabelle Morse in 1909 or 1915 and in 1919 retired from the Mail Service, opening a photography shop in Kichġáan (Ketchikan).¹ He and Morse specialized in hand-coloring photographs. Thwaites died in 1940.²

Nothing was known about the other creator(s) or donor at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

¹ <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/data/50772387>

² <https://content.lib.washington.edu/thwaitesweb/index.html>

This collection consists of scenes of the Kenai Peninsula area. Included in the collection are two photographic prints, one of Sunrise City, Dena'ina Etnena on July 4, 1905 and the other of the Alaska Central Railroad, Kern Creek survey party in 1905. Also in the collection is a postcard of the steamship *Mariposa*. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:

The Anchorage Museum is the owner of the materials and makes available reproductions for research, publication, and other uses. Written permission must be obtained from the Anchorage Museum before any reproduction use. The Anchorage Museum does not necessarily hold copyright to all of the materials in the collections. In some cases, permission for use may require seeking additional authorization from the copyright owners.

Preferred Citation: CIHS Kean, Anchorage Museum, B1967.029

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:

Donated by W.C. Kean on October 4, 1967, to the Cook Inlet Historical Society. Transferred to the Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note:

Corresponding negatives noted for .1 and .2 in previous finding aid and on back of print .1. At time of writing, no negatives located with collection.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1964.017 Herning Potter Collection

B1965.018 Fred Henton Collection

B2002.004 Glenn Expedition Photographs

B2014.013 Tron Andersen Collection

SUBJECTS

Alaska Central Railway company

Dena'ina Etnena

Dgheyaytnu / Anchorage (Alaska)
Kenai Peninsula
Kern Creek (Alaska)
Steamships
Sunrise (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

F1

- .1 – [back: Sunrise City Alaska; July 4 - 1905] [buildings, mountains behind. Dena'ina Ełnena]
- .2 – [back: Alaska Central Railroad; (R.R.); Alaska Central Rwy; Kern Creek Survey Party, 1905] [individuals and dog with surveying equipment outside tents. Dena'ina Ełnena]
- .3 – Thwaites, 2408. Discharging Freight, Anchorage, Alaska. [back: Steamships] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). *Mariposa* (steamship), Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina Ełnena] [steamship in water, smaller boats and flat deck barge to side. Signs on ship read, "Mariposa" twice. Numbers along bow. Sign on barge reads, "F.W.L No.2"]

Guide written: August 21, 2003

Guide updated: June 12, 2026