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TITLE: Postcards

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1971.x.005

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1909–1951

Extent: 40 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Artvue; Cann Studio; Hegg, E. A.; Johnston; Lowman & Hanford Co.; Photocraft; Robinson; Schallerer; Winter & Pond

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Lowman & Hanford Stationery and Printing Company, later the Lowman & Hanford Company, was a printing company and retail stationery business operating in the Pioneer Square area of Seattle beginning around 1885.

Judging by entries in city directories, the retail store appears to have gone out of business in the 1960s, with the printing company ceasing operations some years previous.¹

Robinson Studio was an Anchorage photography studio, ca. 1947-1958. They photographed in the Southeast, Interior, and Southcentral areas. Their advertisement in the May 1948 Anchorage Territorial Telephone Book says “Everything in Fine Photography. Aerials – Motion Pictures, Weddings – Advertising, Alaska Scenics. Assignments Taken Anywhere Anytime.” The studio also produced real photo postcards such as the ones in this collection.²

¹ <https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv75258>

² <https://alaska.libraryhost.com/repositories/2/resources/276>

Nothing else was known about the creators nor donor at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description: The collection consists of photographs primarily of Tsedi Na' (Chitina), 'Atna' (Copper River), and Kennicott, Ahtna territory, as well as Indigenous, possibly Ahtna, individuals and activities such as fish processing. Other subjects include T'aakú Kwáan Sít'I (Taku Glacier), Lingít Aaní; Dghelay ka'a / Deenaalee (Denali); K'elt'aeni or K'etedi (Mount Wrangell) and Wood Canyon, Ahtna territory; Nabesna Mine, Naambia Niign Daacheeg (Nabesna), Upper Tanana territory; *Princess Sophia* ten hours after striking Vanderbilt Reef, Lingít Aaní; sundogs at Kennicott, bridges, and individuals digging up razorback clams.

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.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:

Received from Ed Clark. Found in inventory, 1972-73.

Processing Note:

39 items listed in accession records, description for .30 matches item .40 in collection. 40 images recorded in inventory and accession documentation, with one (.30) noted missing. 39 items recorded in previous finding aid, and .31 misdescribed as .30.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1972.008 Seidl Postcard

SUBJECTS

Doc Billum

Ahtna
 'Atna' / Copper River (Alaska)
 Dghelay ka'a / Deenaalee / Denali / Mt. McKinley (Alaska)
 K'elt'aeni or K'etedi / Mount Wrangell (Alaska)
 Kennecott / Kennicott (Alaska)
 Lingít
 Naambia Niign Daacheeg / Nabesna (Alaska)
 T'aakú Kwáan Sít'I / Taku Glacier (Alaska)
 Tsedi Na' / Chitina (Alaska)
 Wood Canyon (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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- .1 – 390 Mirage at Taku, Alaska Winter & Pond © [back: Taku Glacier] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Individual on shore in front of mirage of a ship on the lake at T'aakú Kwáan Sít'I (Taku Glacier), Lingít Aaní]
- .2 – Copper nugget at Chitina, Alaska, Weight 2,546 # [back: Chitina, Alaska; 917.98] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Copper nugget on snowy field, Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]
- .3 – [back: Copper River] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). 'Atna' (Copper River) railway bridge along rocky cliff, bridge appears to be destroyed midriver. Similar to B1971.x.005.15, possibly Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]
- .4 – Pot Hole Breaking at McCarthy. 257 Photocraft Cordova, Alaska. [back: McCarthy, Alaska] [rough waters in front of mountains, McCarthy, Ahtna territory, or Cordova, Eyak and Alutiiq/Sugpiaq territory]
- .5 – Ison Mile 125 C.R. & N.W. Ry. July 1910 Woods Canon, Copper River, Alaska, [back: Copper River & N.W. Railway] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of Wood Canyon, 'Atna' (Copper River), Ahtna territory showing buildings, forest, river]
- .6 – Copper River crossing at Chitina [back: Copper River] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of 'Atna' (Copper River), at Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory, with bridge in distance]
- .7 – "Princess Sophia" ten hours after striking Vanderbilt Reef – Oct 24th 1918. Winter & Pond © [back: Shipwrecks] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). View from ship of the wrecked *Princess Sophia*, Lingít Aaní]
- .8 – Alaska Sundogs Cann Studio, Fairbanks [back: Sundogs; Cann's, Fairbanks, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Sundog over mountains behind cabins, winter scene]
- .9 – Round Island Channel Bridge, C.R. & N.W. R'y, Alaska. 273 No. 273, Publ. by E. A. Hegg Cordova, Alaska. [back: Copper River & NW Railway; The Albertype Co.; Brooklyn, N.Y.] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). View across railroad bridge at milepost 27.9, sign on bridge reads, "1909." Bridge also known as Bridge 28A, crossing 'Atna' (the Copper River), Ahtna territory]
- .10 – Sunrise at Chitina, Alaska Dec. 21 – 1933. at 1 P.M. looking due South. 40° Below Zero. [back: Chitina, Alaska] [sunrise over winter landscape, Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]
- .11 – [back: sundogs] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Two sundogs over snowy mountain landscape with buildings. Likely Kennicott, Ahtna territory]

- .12 – [back: sundogs] [alternate view of B1971.x.005.11, possibly showing a third sundog. Individuals among buildings]
- .13 – 154 Air view of Cordova, Alaska Photocraft [back: Cordova, Alaska] [aerial view of Cordova, Eyak and Alutiiq/Sugpiaq territory. Lightly snowy mountains behind]
- .14 – [back: Nebesna [sic], Alaska; 917.98] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Nabesna Mine, mining buildings and equipment, Naambia Niign Daacheeg (Nabesna), Upper Tanana territory]
- .15 – Copper River Railway Bridge at Chitina, Aug 17 1932 [back: Copper River; 5 bridge carpenters lost their lives on this occasion.] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Alternate view of B1971.x.005.3, Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]
- .16 – R-404 Alaskan Glacier © Robinson [back: Glaciers – Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of glacier and water, mountains]
- .17 – “Doc” Billum’s ferry, Copper River, Alaska. [back: Copper River; Lowman & Hanford Co., Seattle.] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Doc Billum’s Ferry. Individuals, some possibly Indigenous, crossing the ‘Atna’ (Copper River) in two rowboats. Cliffs behind, Ahtna territory. Same as B1972.008.1]
- .18 – Mt’s Drum - Sanford Mt. Wrangell [back: Mountains] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Landscape, Wrangell Mountains: Mount Dum, Mount Sanford, K’elt’aeni or K’eledi (Mount Wrangell), Ahtna territory]
- .19 – 181. Digging Razor Back Clams. Warrenton Clam Co. Cordova Alaska. © Photocraft. [back: Cordova, Alaska; 917.98] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Two individuals digging up an enormous razorback clam, Cordova, Eyak and Alutiiq/Sugpiaq territory]
- .20 – [back: Chitina, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Snowy mountain slope, house in snow, Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]
- .21 – “The Sanctuary”, St. George’s Church, Cordova, Alaska [back: Cordova, Alaska; Artvue; Artvue Post Card Co., 225 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Alter in St. George’s Episcopal Church, Cordova, Eyak and Alutiiq/Sugpiaq territory]
- .22 – [Indigenous Individuals] Drying Salmon at Chitina [back: [Indigenous People]] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Indigenous, possibly Ahtna, individual standing beside rack of drying salmon, other individuals behind, fish wheel in background. Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory. Possibly same individual in foreground as in B1971.x.005.36]
- .23 – Salmon drying on the Copper River [back: Copper River] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Salmon drying racks on the ‘Atna’ (Copper River), Ahtna territory]
- .24 – Near Bonanza Mine Kennecott Alaska K-12 Photocraft [back: Kennicott, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Rock pinnacle near Bonanza Mine, Ahtna territory]
- .25 – Mt. McKinley – Alaska 20,300 ft. high Schallerer [back: McKinley, Mount] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Snowy landscape view of Dghelay ka'a / Deenaalee (Denali)]
- .26 – Escaldita’s Home, Mile 127 C. R. & NW Ry Alaska 1910. [back: [Indigenous People]] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Buildings and structures, snowy slope behind. Print has been ripped on surface]
- .27 – -1721 Bull Moose, Alaska Johnston [back: Moose] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Bull moose in forest]
- .28 – Copper River [Indigenous individual] operating fish wheel [back: [Indigenous People]; Chitina – (Chit-in-aw); March 9, 1951; Arrived here today from Anchorage by bus, a distance of 225 miles – near a military highway – weather most beautiful – temperature this morning 30°

below zero " yesterday 33 " " 2 days ago 37 " Guess I'll wear my parka n the Easter parade. Flying to McCarthy tomorrow with groceries to begin my summer work. Transportation difficulties held me back in 1949 & 50.] [postcard (written/unsent). Indigenous, possibly Ahtna, individual standing next to fish wheel on the 'Atna' (Copper River), Ahtna territory]

.29 – Native Fish Wheel and Drying Rack – Copper River Alaska Photocraft Cordova #130 [back: Copper River] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Fish wheel and drying rack with fish drying on the banks of the 'Atna' (Copper River), Ahtna territory]

.30 – [missing]

.31 – Chitina Alaska [back: Chitina, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]

.32 – Chitina Alaska [back: Chitina, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]

.33 – Sunrise at Chitina Alaska 1:00 P.M. December 21st. 40° Below zero 1933 [back: Chitina, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Snow-covered buildings in mountain valley, Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]

.34 – [back: Copper River] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Aerial view of 'Atna' (Copper River) and Northwestern Railway bridge crossing, Ahtna territory]

.35 – Mt. Wrangell In Eruption [back: Mountains] [mountains, two individuals standing on ice sheet in foreground, K'eledi (Mount Wrangell) with plume of smoke in distance, Ahtna territory]

.36 – Cleaning fish to dry [back: [Indigenous People]] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Indigenous possibly Ahtna, individual cleaning fish to dry, fish wheel in water in background. Possibly same individual as in foreground of B1971.x.005.22. Possibly Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]

.37 – Main Street, Chitina Alaska, [back: Chitina, Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Horses laying and sitting in main street, sign on building behind reads, "Commercial Hotel." Tsedi Na' (Chitina), Ahtna territory]

.38 – [back: Kennicott, Alaska; man in light shirt Jim Dennis; Group of people will write – in later!; 874] [group of individuals next to car in front of Kennicott Mine, Ahtna territory]

.39 – [back: Kennicott, Alaska; Group of people will write up later; 874] [group of individuals in front of Kennicott holding big cut-out key, buildings and mountains behind, Ahtna territory]

.40 – Mammoth [back: Alaska – Antiquities; Cann's, Fairbanks Alaska] [postcard (unwritten/unsent). Mammoth skull, tusk and bones propped on equipment, possibly cow skulls below]

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