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TITLE: Lamp Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1993.018

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1900-1929

Extent: 255 Photos

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): P.S. Hunt, Guy F. Cameron, George Cantwell, Beverly B. Dobbs, H.H. Huey, Louis C. Larson, H.W. Steward, Helen Van Eaton

Administrative/Biographical History:

Nothing was known about the person/people who collected or photographed the non-commercial images in this collection when this finding aid was written.

Scope and Content Description:

Collection is comprised of black and white photographic prints and negatives. The images (commercial and original) depict Valdez scenes, Indigenous peoples, gold and copper mines, camps, transportation scenes, and places outside of Alaska.

Arrangement: Collection arranged by a previous archivist.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

This collection was purchased from Ray Lamp of Harrington Antiques in 1992.

Separated Materials

In April 2026, three nitrate negatives (.216-.218) were found, scanned, and prepared for freezer placement.

Notes

This collection contains outdated language and sentiments that do not reflect the Anchorage Museum today. We consent to input from and recommendations from the public as we work on decolonizing our collections.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1962.001 Crary-Henderson Collection

B1979.002 Alaska Railroad Collection

B2012.028 Copper River & Northwestern Railway Construction Album

SUBJECTS

Agriculture

Alaska Home Railroad

Alaska Railroad

Camps and camping

Copper mines and mining - Alaska

Copper River (Alaska)

Copper River and Northwestern Railway

D. T. Kennedy stage

Glaciers – Alaska

Gold mines and mining – Alaska

Kennecott Copper Mine (Alaska)

Pack train- Valdez Transportation Co.

Parades and floats
Roadhouses – Alaska
Sled dogs
Thompson Pass (Alaska)
United States. Alaska Road Commission
Valdez-Fairbanks Trail
Kodiak / Sun’aq (Alaska)
Nome / Sitnsuaq (Alaska)
Tiekel (Alaska)
Valdez / Suacit (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1-.40

- .1 – G281 Valdez Brass Band’s first excursion on Str. Dora May 21-05. P.S. Hunt
- .2 – G313 Birds-eye view of resident portion of Valdez. June 26-05. P.S. Hunt
- .3 – G317 Valdez Transportation Co.’s packtrain preparing to leave for the trail. July 8-05.
- .4 – G421 J. McCarthy and J. L. Hosfeld with their cariboo horns. Valdez, Alaska. Aug – 05. P.S. Hunt [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .6 – G548 Valdez Transportation Co.’s Fairbanks stage arriving at Camp Comfort Roadhouse Dec. 17-05 P.S. Hunt
- .9 – G661 Hauling Ry iron to Keystone Canyon for C. R. & N. W. Ry Co. P.S. Hunt [Copper River and Northwestern Railway]
- .10 – G700 Stage in a chuck hole near Teikhell P.S. Hunt [near Tiekel, possibly Ahtna territory]
- .11 – G738 Lieut. Sharp and his head packers. Tonsina camp. Marc. 15-06 P.S. Hunt [Two Indigenous people with group of white men at camp. Likely Ahtna territory]
- .21 – G1054 A portion of Keystone Falls (?) Fall in Winter. If Larson. P.S. Larson [portion of caption unreadable. Possibly Bridal Veil Falls]
- .27 – G1146 Camp Comfort Roadhouse 12 miles from Valdez. Valdez-Fairbanks trail Jan. 16-05 P.S. Hunt [Likely Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, near Suacit (Valdez)]
- .34 – G1448 Marshall Quinn, Valdez Band, hose carts and Goddess of Liberty float, Valdez, Alaska July 4-07. P.S. Hunt. [same as B62.14.333] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .38 – G1453 Red Cross Drug Co’s Float. Valdez, Alaska. July – 07. P.S. Hunt [Fourth of July parade float of a small child in a miniature ambulance wagon being pulled by a bear cub. See also .46. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]

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- .57 – G1505 H. Curtis Elliott and party leaving Valdez for Elliott Creek, Alaska. Aug. 2-07. P.S. Hunt [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .58 – G1569 Alaska Home Ry Graders at work near Valdez Alaska. Aug. 30-07 P.S. Hunt [likely Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, near Suacit (Valdez)]

- .64 – G1733 Summit Road House and caches on top of Thomson Pass. V-F Trail. P.S. Hunt [Same as B62.1A.315]
- .65 – G1739 D. T. Kennedy leaving Valdez with his last loads of feed for relay stations Feb. 2-08. [Same as B62.1A.225] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .67 – G1797 Arrival of the American automobile party with their Thomas car at Valdez, Alaska. Apr.8-08 P.S. Hunt [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .68 – G1797(?) Auto racers inspecting the Valdez-Fairbanks Trail from D. T. Kennedy's stage P.S. Hunt
- .74a-b – G2009 Japanese seal poachers arriving at the jail. Valdez, Alaska. Sept. 26-08 P.S. Hunt [same as B93.18.74B] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .79 – G2239 Jim McHigh hunting bear. Valdez, Alaska P.S. Hunt [from card catalog: Mrs. Woods.] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .82 – G2313 Shoup Glacier. Valdez, Alaska P.S. Hunt [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]

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- .86B – G2145 Geo. Max Esterly's camp at foot of Thomson Pass New Gov. Trail P.S. Hunt [from card catalog: George M. Esterly. White House Roadhouse. Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. Thompson Pass.]
- .87 – Valdez, Alaska Guy F. Cameron [from card catalog: Automobiles. Seattle Hotel – Valdez. Bank – Valdez. S. Blum & Co. – Valdez.] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .93 – Tiekhell Roadhouse. Cantwell, photographer [from card catalog: Tiekell Roadhouse (exterior). Sled dogs. Valdez-Fairbanks Trail. Hotels, Taverns, etc. – Tiekell, Alaska] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .94 - #95 Teikhell Roadhouse. Cantwell, photographer [from back: Michael J. Heney (thurd from left)? Per Betsy Tower 5/1998. From card catalog: Tiekell Roadhouse (interior). Stoves.] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .95 – Copyright by Dobbs photo 1903 – 120 - [from card catalog: (Indigenous) portrait. Nome.] [studio portrait of an Indigenous person in a fur parka and fur boots. Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .96 – 130 1903 Siberian (Indigenous person) B. B. Dobbs, photographer [from card catalog: Nome, 1903] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .97 – Nome Dobbs, photographer [from card catalog: Nome, 1903. (Indigenous person).] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .98 - Nome Dobbs, photographer [from card catalog: Indigenous portrait, woman and child. Nome, 1903.] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .99 - Nome Dobbs, photographer [from card catalog: Indigenous portrait. Nome, 1903.] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .100 – [Indigenous person] from East Cape in Snake River Nome, Alaska. Dobbs, photographer [from card catalog: Umiak.] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]
- .101 – Muster of D. Co. 3rd U.S. Inf. Fort Davis Alaska. Huey, photographer [from card catalog: U.S. Army, Alaska. Fort Davis. Nome.] [Inupiaq territory, Sitsasuaq (Nome)]

- .104 – Cowen Smith and Persuns Cry Creek claims. Huey, photographer [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining – Alaska – Seward Peninsula. Dry Creek. Miners. Horses.]
- .105 – [Indigenous] belles. Huey [from card catalog: Fish wheel. Nome?] [two Indigenous people with a dog beside a residence]
- .106 – Huey, photographer [from card catalog: Four (Indigenous) men and caribou. Reindeer.]
- .107 – Huey, photographer [from card catalog: (Indigenous) family. Dwellings.]
- .110 – L. C. Larson, photographer [from card catalog: interior of saloon with proprietor. Valdez?]
- .118 – Gorst airplane “Alaskan” first passenger across Gulf of Alaska, May 7, 1929. H.W. Steward, photographer [from card catalog: Gorst Air Transport. Cordova. Eyak Lake – dock.]

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- .120 – [from card catalog: Kennecott Mine. Kennicott Glacier. Copper mines and mining.]
- .121 – [from card catalog. Kennicott dwelling. Log cabins.]
- .122 - [Two individuals next to two horses laden with packs, outside a log building. Third individual in doorway of building, fence and mountains in background. Possibly same building as in B1993.018.123. Per B1993.018.123, sign identifies building as, "Office Alaska Copper Co". Possibly Kennecott, Ahtna Territory. Back: Kennecott [sic]; Chuck Hawley suggests left man might be Henry Watkins] [from card catalog: Kennicott miners and horses outside dwelling; Kennicott Glacier to rear. Copper mines and mining. Kennicott Mines Co.]
- .123 - [Three individuals in doorway of log building, two sitting on steps and one standing in doorway. Hill or mountainside behind. Possibly same building as in B1993.018.122. Sign over door reads, "Office Alaska Copper Co". Possibly Kennecott, Ahtna Territory. Back: Kennecott]
- .124 – [from back:] Core / Diamond Drilling Operation [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .125 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .126 – [from back:] Hubbard reaching for dynamite. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .127 – [from back:] Core / Diamond Drilling. Shaft on Elizabeth. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .128 – [from back:] Core / Diamond Drilling. Elizabeth Shaft all Ore. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .129 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .130 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
- .131 – [from back:] Core / Diamond Drilling Operation. Diamond drill at work. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.132 - [from back:] Core / Diamond Drilling Operation. Elizabeth Open Cut. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.133 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.134 - [from back:] Albert Johnson Tunnel. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.135 - [from back:] Tiekel City Road House. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.136 - [from back:] Elliot Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.137 – [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.138 – [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.139 – [from back:] The Elliot Creek “Hungry Sixteen” Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]
[miners seated down for a meal at a table in a log cabin]

.140 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.141 - [from back:] Camp for Diamond Drill Crew. Elliott Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.142 - [from back:] Water powered stone to sharpen tools. Water power on Elliott Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.143 - [from back:] The Employees on Elliott Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.144 - [from back:] Tiekel Bridge. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.145 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.146 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.147 - [from back:] “Round Up” on Horse Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.148 - [from back:] Camp up Elliott Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.149 - [from back:] “Half-way,” Copper River to Elliott Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.150 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.151 - [from back:] On the trail to the west, Horse Creek. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [two Indigenous people with group at camp, possibly Ahtna territory]

.152 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.153 - [from back:] US GS?, Elliott Creek (original note says Dep. U.S. Survey & Corp) Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [miners on rocky hillside]

.154 - [from back:] Elliott Creek Trail. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [pack train on hillside trail]

.155 - [from back:] Prospector's Camp. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.156 - [from back:] R.R. construction? NO. Saw mill operation [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.157 - [from back:] ~~Nizina River~~ Copper River Roadhouse. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [packers with loaded horses near log cabins. Likely Ahtna territory]

.158 - [from back:] Ernestine Road House. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.159 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

.160 - [from back:] Tiekel City. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [three log cabins in a clearing. Possibly Ahtna territory]

.161 - [from back:] Crossing the Kotsina. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people on horses crossing the Kotsina River in Ahtna territory]

.162 - [from back:] Crossing the Kotsina River. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people on horses crossing the Kotsina River in Ahtna territory]

.163 - [from back:] Copper River Crossing. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people preparing pack horses. Ahtna territory]

.164 - [from back:] Copper River. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people with loaded pack horses on river bank. Ahtna territory, Atna (Copper River)]

.165 - [from back:] Swimming Copper River. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people and horses crossing Atna (Copper River) at distance. Ahtna territory]

.166 - [from back:] Swimming the Copper River. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people and horses crossing Atna (Copper River) at distance. Ahtna territory]

- .167 - [from back:] Crossing (swimming) the Copper River. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.] [people and horses crossing Atna (Copper River) at distance. Ahtna territory]
- .168 - [from card catalog: Gold mines and mining. Miners. Equipment. Pack trains. Sawmills. Log cabins.]

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.169-183

- .169 – [from card catalog: people on porch of Copper River Draying Co., Valdez. Bears. Firearms.] [group outside building on boardwalk with chained bear cubs, man at center seated with rifles. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .170 - [from card catalog: people on porch of Copper River Draying Co., Valdez. Bears. Firearms.] [group outside building on boardwalk with chained bear cubs. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .174a – [from card catalog: Reeve Aleutian Airways. 1920-1929. Robert Reeve.]
- .180 – Polar Bear Billiard Parlor Fred R. Wilson Prop. [from card catalog: Valdez?]
- .182 – Forging Beaver River. Bert Wilson at Sled. March 7, 1926. [person crossing winter river with loaded sled and dog team]
- .183 – Victoria Creek cabin at 75 mile March 11, 1926

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.184-211

- .184 – Beaver Bluff cabin on Beaver River March 13, 1926
- .195 – [from card catalog: St. Paul's church Kodiak, Alaska. Russian Orthodox Eastern Church. Church buildings.] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Sun'aq (Kodiak)]
- .196 – [from back:] Kagina, only [Indigenous] woman who has a bank account in the world [Indigenous person wearing reindeer fawn parka and long skirt]
- .209 – [from back:] Slim & lynx caught in trap at Teikheil [from card catalog: Tiel, Alaska.] [person with animal carcass slung over their back. Likely Ahtna territory]
- .210 – Exselcear [from card catalog: Excelsior (steamship).]
- .211 – Santa Ana [from card catalog: Santa Anna (steamship).]

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.212-255

- .212 – [2.5 x 3.75 negative] [from card catalog: close-up of woman at Tiel. See also .232] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .213 – [2.5 x 3.75 negative] [from card catalog: woman and dogs at building in Tiel. Similar .214 and .215] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .214 – [2.5 x 3.75 negative] [woman with horse and dogs near log structure covering stacked firewood, in Tiel. Likely Ahtna territory]
- .215 - [2.5 x 3.75 negative] [woman with horse and dogs near log structure covering stacked firewood, in Tiel. Likely Ahtna territory]
- .216 - [from sleeve: Teikell (?)] Photos. 5 x 7 nitrate negative] [collapsed residence after snow slide in Tiel. Likely Ahtna territory]

- .216b – [from back:] Snow slide at Teikheil [from card catalog: house collapsed in the snow. Tiekell, Alaska.] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .217 – Tiekell photos [5 x 7 nitrate negative. From card catalog: man holding lynx skin. Tiekell, Alaska.] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .218 – Tiekell photos [5 x 7 nitrate negative. From card catalog: man holding lynx skin. Tiekell, Alaska.] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .222 – [from card catalog: well-dressed woman with saddled horse, dogs. Valdez.] [Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .223 – [from back:] Nugget Creek per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: man (cook?) and dog outside log building.]
- .224 – [from back:] Nugget Creek per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: horses in harness and man. Agriculture. Thompson Pass. See also .226]
- .225 – [from back:] Nugget Creek per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: horses in pasture – Thompson Pass area? Roadhouse? Valdez, Alaska (vicinity).]
- .226 – [from back:] Nugget Creek per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: man with plow horses in field – homestead? Agriculture. Thompson Pass. See also .224]
- .227 - [from back:] Nugget Cr. per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: man plowing field in high country. Horses. Agriculture.]
- .228 - [from back:] Nugget Cr. – “The Nugget” in situ per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: miners standing at a creek with dog]
- .229 - [from back:] Nugget Cr. per G. Bleakley [from card catalog: man driving wagon on a farm? Agriculture. Thompson Pass? Transportation – horses.]
- .230 - [from card catalog: horses in pasture? Agriculture.]
- .231 - [from card catalog: man plowing. Agriculture.]
- .232 - [from card catalog: see same woman in .212-215. Tiekell, Alaska. Snowshoes and snowshoeing. Dogs.] [likely Ahtna territory]
- .246 – [from back:] McKinley Street, Valdez [street scene, parade float and crowd, large American flag flying above the Bowling Alley. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .250 – [from back:] Valdez dock [distant view of town from pier. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, Suacit (Valdez)]
- .255 – [from back:] S____ D____ Family. Photo by Helen Van Eaton [from card catalog: Three [Indigenous people] on hillside – Ahtna?] [At AFN 2025, location identified as the interior upriver from Holy Cross.]

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