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TITLE: Rupert A. Moon Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.031

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1916-1917

Extent: 43 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Rupert A. Moon; Strye; Sydney Laurence Co.

Administrative/Biographical History:

Rupert Axley and Anna Marie Moon arrived at Anchorage, Alaska, on the *Admiral Evans* on November 8, 1916. After a short stint working on the Anchorage docks, Rupert got a job as the school teacher in Susitna Station. In June 1917, the Moons left Alaska and relocated to Oregon.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 18 black-and-white photographs, 24 negatives, and one typescript poem created or collected by Rupert A. Moon during his time in Susitna Station. Four of the items are photographic postcards. The images show the Moon family, village residents, the school house, and Nagley's store.

Arrangement: Arranged by format.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in fair condition. Some photos faded. All negatives are restricted access.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by granddaughter Bonnie Moon in 1997.

Processing Notes

Nitrate negatives scanned.

Separated Materials

Negatives removed to freezer.

Note

Several objects were donated to the Museum by Charles Moon and family at the time this collection of photographs was donated to the archives.

RELATED MATERIALS

1997.048.001-010 Collection objects

SUBJECTS

Moon, Rupert Axley

Dena'ina Indians—Alaska—Susitna

Susitna (Alaska)

Anchorage (Alaska)

Juneau (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Prints

- .1 –Moons and Hitchcocks on way to Alaska, Aug. 1916 [large dock in background]
- .2 – [Family on dock with ship alongside. Note by donor: The Admiral Evans arrived in Anchorage 10:00 Nov. 8, 1916 (*Anchorage Daily Times* 11/8/16) and was the last ship out of port before winter Nov. 9, 1916 (*Anchorage Daily Times* 11/10/16).] [has negative]
- .3 – Susitna, Alaska, Indian school in back, Indian graveyard in front, 1916-1917

- .4 – Susitna Indian school in back, Indian graveyard front
- .5 – [three young Caucasian girls outside school house] [has negative]
- .6 – [similar to .5]
- .7 – [group of students outside school house; image very faded]
- .8 – [group of students outside school house, some girls holding dolls; image very faded]
- .9a – Spring thaw of ice on Susitna River, Alaska, May 1917 [see 9b] [has negative]
- .9b – Beginning of ice thaw on Susitna River, Alaska, May 1917, Susitna, Alaska. Mail team with mail crossing the river, last time before ice broke up about May 25th [has negative]
- .10 – [Photographic postcard. Digital print of copy. Message on back reads in part:] This is a group of my school children. It was taken south of the school. They are standing on about 4 ft. of snow. Anna & Conrad are on the right. 1/28/17 [has negative]
- .11 – [Native boy and girl outside wood plank building with sawhorse and sled] [has negative]
- .12 – [Native mother and daughter outside log building] [has negative]
- .13 – [Photographic postcard] Susitna Cook's Inlet Alaska [group of men standing outside H.W. Nagley General Merchandise]
- .14 – [Photographic postcard] Juneau Alaska Midnight June 21st 1916
- .15 – [Photographic postcard] Anchorage, Alaska. Strye [stream with wooded banks]
- .16 – [Photographic postcard. Digital print of copy. Message on back reads:] This isn't a very good picture of Susitna but it's the best I can find. I put x over the school house. We live in the back part.
- .17 – [Digital print of copy] Susitna Station A.E.C. No. X-24 Jan. 8/16. The Sydney Laurence Co.

Negatives

- .18 – [group outside of school building, similar to .10]
- .19 – [group outside of school building, similar to .10]
- .20 – [group outside of school building, similar to .10, fewer children]
- .21 – [group outside of school building, similar to .10; negative very light]
- .22 – [people in chairs with toddler, identified as Charles Moon, possibly on the *Admiral Evans*]
- .23 – [man with four children]
- .24 – [man seated with toddler, identified as Rupert and Charles Moon]
- .25 – [two young Caucasian girls, similar to .5-.6]
- .26 – [toddler in cap outside school, identified as Charles Moon]
- .27 – [group outside of school building, similar to .10]
- .28 – [woman and small children outside log cabin]
- .29 – [young Native girl outside log cabin]
- .30 – [Native mother and two children outside log cabin]
- .31 – [house, Anchorage?]
- .32 – [similar to .31]
- .33 – [similar to .31]

Typescript poem. "Alaska." Written by R.A. Moon, March 1917

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