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**TITLE:** Gold Rush Era Photograph Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2006.003

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1898 - 1901

Extent: 46 photographs

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): H. C. Barley, Case & Draper, S&H [Nome], O. D. Goetze, E. A. Hegg

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Photos by commercial photographers were apparently acquired at the height of the Alaska gold rush and mounted in the album by an unknown collector.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 46 black and white photographs of gold rush subject matter, primarily in the Skagway and Nome areas. A few photos are of Wardner, Idaho, and Seattle, Washington. Images .21 and .22 are of unidentified men in a photo studio, possibly the collectors who put the album together? Photo credits for the images include H. C. Barley, Case & Draper, S&H [Nome], O. D. Goetze, and E. A. Hegg,

Arrangement: Not applicable.

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Restricted items noted in the finding aid. Please contact ARC staff for details.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition, although some photos are faded. Photos are mounted on cardboard in 8 ½" by 11" album with detached cover.

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

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### **Preferred Citation:**

Gold Rush Era Photograph Album, Anchorage Museum, B2006.003

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Acquisition and Appraisal Information:**

Loaned to the museum by Amy Haddow of Seward in 2006, and donated in July 2011. Album was purchased by donor's husband from "a friend and fellow collector who lives in San Mateo, CA."

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

### **SUBJECTS**

Smith, Jefferson Randolph, 1860-1898

Hospitals

Kayaks

Labrets

Wardner (Idaho)

Skagway (Alaska)

Nome (Alaska)

White Pass & Yukon Route

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

.1 – Sightseeing party at Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine. Wardner, Idaho.

.2 – Wardner [Idaho] Mandolin and Guitar Club.

- .3 – Wardner [Idaho] Hospital.
- .4 - Ore Tramway carrying ore from Bunker Hill mine to the concentrator, two miles away. Passes over Wardner, Idaho.
- [image missing from album; caption: "County Employees. Seattle, Wash."]
- .5 – Construction on W[hite] P[ass] & Y[ukon] R.R. at Porcupine Hill. [photo by H. G. Barley, image #112, with two horse teams and men with hand tools in railroad cut]
- .6 – Construction on W. P. & Y. R.R. [photo by H. G. Barley, image #149, "Blasting," railroad bed with wheelbarrow in foreground, dust from blast in background]
- [image missing from album; caption: "Soapy Smith,. Killed by Frank Reid at Skagway, Alaska, July 8, 1898."]
- .7 – Frank Reid, shot by Soapy Smith at Skagway July 8, 1898. Died July 20, 1898. [Caption on photo: "Frank Ried / Bishop Rowe Hospital." Reid is lying in bed with arms crossed, eyes open]
- .8 – Holding Post Mortem on Soapy Smith [three men examining Smith's bullet wounds]
- .9 – [Four men, one with cigar in hand, examining Smith's wounds. Photo by Case & Draper]
- .10 – The ringleaders enroute for the penitentiary [four men, two bound together with handcuffs, on board ship with "Upper Deck" sign in background. On image .12 below, these four are identified, left to right as "Slim Jim, Bowers, Jackson, and Tripp—On their way to Sitka"]
- [image missing from album; caption: "Some of "de gang""]
- [image missing from album; caption: "Rounding up Soapy Smith's gang."]
- .11 – Soapy Smith as Marshal July 4<sup>th</sup> [Smith mounted on white horse]
- .12 – Actors and Scenes in the Soapy Smith Tragedy [thirteen images on one print; some with captions: "Public Funeral of Frank H. Reid," "Frank Reid and Attendants, Bishop Rowe Hospital," "The Last Resting Place of Frank H. Reid," "U.S. Commissioner C. A. Sehlbrede," "Stewart and His Sack of Gold," "U.S. Marshal J. M Shoup," "Slim Jim, Bowers, Jackson, Tripp— On Their Way to Sitka," and "Roundup of the Soapy Smith Gang."]
- .13 – Construction on W.P. and Y. R.R. at Porcupine Hill. [photo by H. G. Barley, captioned "Porcupine Point Aug 23, 1898," dozens of men and women on cliff-side cut, steam boiler in background]
- .14 – View of Lynn Canal from mountains above Skagway [photo by H. G. Barley, image #164]
- .15 – Construction on W.P. & Y R.R. at White Pass City [photo by H. G. Barley, captioned "Rock Workers on Tunnel Mt.," image #228]
- .16 – Alaska Scenery, White Pass and Yukon Railway [photo by H. G. Barley, five men, two dogs and a cat, with wooden barrels, in front of white canvas wall tent, image #168]
- .17 – Hugh Toy, Supt. Construction / F. B. Whiting, Surgeon / M. J. Heney, Contractor / E. C. Hawkins, Chief Eng. / Graves, President / John Hislop, Asst. Chief Eng. [photo by H. G. Barley, six men and dog in front of white canvas wall tent]
- .18 – King County Hospital [Seattle; woman in horse-drawn buggy]
- .19 – Excursion on W.P.&Y.R.R. [photo captioned "Officials White Pass & Yukon R.R. Enroute to Bennett to Drive the Last Spike, July 6 99"]
- .20 – W. P. and Yukon Hospital Skagway.
- .21 – [studio images of unidentified men, by Case & Draper, Skagway, Alaska]
- .22 – [studio images of unidentified man with dogs, Case & Draper, Skagway, Alaska]

- .23 – S.S. Cutch Arriving at Skagway in Winter [ice-covered ship at dock with men on foredeck, photo by Barley, Skagway]
- .24 – Snow Plough on W.P.&Y.R.R. [rotary plow in action at Tunnel trestle]
- .25 – Reindeer Teams and Drivers
- .26 – Eskimo family [photo of Inupiat family by “S&H Nome 241”]
- .27 – Reindeer Team and Driver. [two reindeer hitched to sled]
- .28 – Fourth of July at Nome. [photo by O. D. G[oetze], captioned The Parade on Fourth of July. 1901. Nome Alaska.]
- .29 – Wreck of the “Skookum.” [barge destroyed in storm; photo by “S&H. Nome. 46”]
- .30 – [Man and woman dressed in furs, the women sitting on sled pulled by black dog, the man jigging for fish through the ice]
- .31 – Steamboat! It’s the Jeanie! May 24 11pm 1901 [crowd standing on ice as ship floats offshore—first ship of the season?—photo by “S.&H. Nome”]
- .32 – Y[ukon] O[rder] O[f] P[ioneers] / Nome July 4<sup>th</sup> 1901 [downtown Nome parade, men with sashes; photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .33 – [waves on beach; photo captioned S&H 247A]
- .34 – Eskimos [four Indigenous men (one wearing Lapp headgear), one woman and four children; photo by E. A. Hegg, 1900]
- .35 – Laplanders Milking Raindeer at Port Clarence, Alaska / Copyright 1900 / E. A. Hegg, image #1348
- .36 – Eskimo Boys Carving Ivory [three Indigenous boys seated with tonsured hair, working on walrus tusks; photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .37 – Eskimo House Siberia [large skin dwelling with stovepipe, Indigenous people and dog in front, and one non-Native man; photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .38 – Laplanders / Copyright 1901; photo by E. A. Hegg, image #1445
- .39 – Group of Young Eskimos Alaska; photo by E. A. Hegg [group of Indigenous youth]
- .40 – [Indigenous woman in furs standing by campfire, children in background]
- .41 – [Three Indigneous men in kayaks next to ship, one man with labrets and visor; deck gear on kayaks plainly visible including grass or wicker covered bottle]
- .42 – No 1 Bench Below Snow Gulch on Right Lemit of Glacier [miners with shovels, gold pans, and rockers—Nome?; photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .43 – Largest Nugget Ever Found in Alaska. From Pioneer Mining Co’s. Claim Discovery Anvil Creek. Nome. Sept 14. 1901 Weight 97. oz. Value \$1552.00 [photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .44 – Launch Evelyn Drifting Ashore over Skookum Wreck. July 9-1901 [photo by E. A. Hegg]
- .45 – R.R. Hospital [canvas tent hospital, patients in beds, with medicines and telephone visible at far end—White Pass Railway?—photo by Barley]
- .46 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]

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