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TITLE: Robert Wheatley Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1982.052

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1906-1910

Extent: .1 linear feet, 1 box

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Alwin H. Wheatley

Administrative/Biographical History:

Alwin H. Wheatley was born in India on April 15, 1870. He married Emily Jane Driscoll in Spokane, Washington on April 15, 1899. Wheatley was a railroad engineer who worked in Alaska between 1906 and 1908. He died January 29, 1964.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 442 photographs and 112 negatives from around Alaska from 1906 to 1910. The subjects of the photographs include the Inside Passage, with Wrangell, Petersburg, and Sitka featured, Prince William Sound, Seward and its environs, views of and along the Alaska Central Railroad, Girdwood and Crow Creek Pass, Seldovia, and the Cook Inlet region, including Hope, Sunrise, Homer, Turnagain Pass. Subjects also include the Matanuska Valley, the Chickaloon Coal Field, Alaskan Volcanoes, Alaskan flora and fauna, and Western and Aleutian Alaska, including Unalaska, Nushagak, Kodiak, Unga, and Chignik. People in the collection include Anton Eide, Edie Boyle, E.E. Hale, Mrs. Revell, and John Goodell. Of particular interest are images of Dena'ina people near Knik and Fish Creek, including Nakeeta, Annie Patchell, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Vasily (or Wassily), John Evan, and many children.

Arrangement
Original order maintained.

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

Purchased from Robert Wheatley in 1982. Wheatley's uncle, Alwin H. Wheatley, was the original owner of the album.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1963.016 Marie Silverman Collection

B1965.015 CIHS Pratt

B2014.013 Tron Andersen Collection

SUBJECTS

Canneries – Alaska

Chickaloon (Alaska)

Chickaloon River (Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska)

Chignik (Alaska)

Coal mines and mining – Alaska

Cottonwood (Alaska)

Dena'ina

Evan, Bear

Evan, John

Fish Creek (Alaska)
Fishing
Fire Island (Alaska)
Girdwood (Alaska)
Goodell, John
Hamilton, Jim
Homer (Alaska)
Hope (Alaska)
Hubbell, Charley
King Mountain (Alaska)
Knik (Alaska)
Knik Arm (Alaska)
Knowlton, Verne
Kodiak (Alaska)
Moose Creek (Alaska)
Matanuska River (Alaska)
Nakeeta
Patchell, Annie
Petersburg (Alaska)
Seldovia (Alaska)
Seward (Alaska)
SS Dora
STR Tyonic
Sunrise (Alaska)
Turnagain Arm
Uyak Cannery
Van Buskirk, Bill
Vasily (or Wassily), Evan
Vasilli Lake
Watson, Frank
Wing, George

Detailed Description of the Collection

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