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TITLE: Alaska Packers Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2009.024

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1915

Extent: 6 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Alaska Packers' Association (APA) operated from 1891 to 1982. Known for operating the "Star Fleet" of commercial sailing vessels on the West Coast of North America, APA controlled fishing stations, canneries, and salteries at sites including Nushagak, Kvichak, Ugashik, Naknek, Egegik, and Koggiung in the Bristol Bay area. The association also maintained stations at Karluk, Alitak, Cook Inlet and Chignik in Central Alaska, and Fort Wrangell and Loring in southeastern Alaska.¹

Scope and Content Description:

The five photographs in this collection were taken circa 1915 and portray Alaska Native people and cannery structures in the Bristol Bay region.

Arrangement: Not applicable

¹ "Guide to the Alaska Packers Association records, 1841-1989." Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Heritage Resources, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA. Web. Accessed December 31, 2013.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Transferred from the Alameda Historical Museum in 1999. Accessioned and processed by Museum staff in 2009.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Packers Association

Fish canneries—Alaska

Yupik Eskimos—Alaska—Bristol Bay Region

Bristol Bay Region (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Picture showing ice conditions encumbered at Bristol Bay of the Alaska Packers fleet at cannery about the middle of May. Donated by R.E. Astrup [piled ice chunks in front of cannery buildings]

.2 – Picture showing ice conditions encumbered at Bristol Bay of the Alaska Packers fleet at cannery about the middle of May [similar to .1]

.3 – [original description contains outdated language reflective of the time] Picture showing Native Alaska Eskimos near Alaska Packers Cannery [Alaska Native mother and two children seated on ground, village buildings in background; at AFN 2013, structure directly behind people identified as barabara]

.4 – [original description contains outdated language reflective of the time] Picture showing Native Alaska Eskimos near Alaska Packers Cannery [Bristol Bay] [Ca. 1915. At AFN 2022,

Indigenous people identified as Yup'ik, possibly located at Nuniwar (Nulavak[sic]/Nunivak Island). Person on right possibly wearing ground squirrel parka.]

.5 – [original description contains outdated language reflective of the time] Pictures showing Native Alaska Eskimous near Alaska Packers Cannery [group of Alaska Natives, men, women, and children posed in front of tent and log cache, water towers in background; at AFN 2013; location tentatively identified as Koggiung Diamond J cannery]

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