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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1901-1942

Extent: .16 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Al Hardy, Forest J. Hunt, H.G. Kaiser, J.E. Thwaites, McO, O. Kennedy, Otto C. Schallerer, Sydney Laurence, Thomas Kodagraph Shop, Tom Odale, Winter & Pond

Administrative/Biographical History:

Thomas (Tom) Melvin Odale was born on May 8, 1883, in Arkansas. In 1900, Odale sailed from Seattle to Hope, Alaska, to join his older brother J.J. (John Jerry) Odale. In about 1905 Tom helped install hydraulic mining equipment on Crow Creek for the Nutter and Dawson Mining Company. The following year, he and Jack Clouse started a two-year journey through the Rainy Pass range. During the trek, Tom met Jim Ward with whom he later built and navigated boats in the Inlet. On these boats Odale carried mail, supplies, and passengers for the Alaska Railroad as it was under construction.

In 1910, Odale married Ada Holser. Ada travelled to Alaska on the S.S. Portland, upon which she was a passenger when it wrecked at Katalla on November 12, 1910. Holser, and 29 other passengers, were rescued and housed at the Katalla hotel until she was able to continue her journey to Tom. The beached S.S. Portland remained in Katalla until it was disassembled and sold as scrap for the first World War.

After marriage, the Odale family settled at Anchorage Point. Their daughter, Louise, was born December 1911 in Seward, where she was delivered by Dr. Joseph Romig. Five years later, the Odale family moved to Seldovia and from there, wintered in Beluga. From Beluga, the family moved to Anchorage where Tom continued to pilot boats and work for the Railroad. He was also an early member of the Elks Club, while Ada belonged to the Woman's Club. In 1924 the couple divorced, and Ada and Louise moved to California. Tom remained in Alaska.

Prior to WWII, Odale had a lodge on Tustumena Lake where hunting parties from around the world would stay. He later sold the lodge during the war, and went to work for the government piloting boats from Anchorage to Seattle and around the Inlet[1].

Around 1950, Odale left Alaska and relocated to California. He died on December 31, 1972, at the age of 89[2].

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of primarily black and white photographic prints of the Cook Inlet region taken by Tom Odale and others. Photographed regions include Homer, Kenai, Beluga, Sunrise, and Seldovia.

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. See Notes and Detailed Description of the Collection for restricted materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

[1] From the 1990 biographical materials provided by Louise O. Simonson.
[2] "Thomas Melvin Odale," FamilySearch, Intellectual Reservice, Inc. Accessed 9 August 2024. https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/9QB7-QPN/thomas-melvin-odale-1883-1972.

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated by Louise O. Simonson, Tom Odale's daughter, in February 1991.

Processing Note
The materials in this collection were already numbered upon receipt in 1991 and the original order was maintained. However, some numbers were not assigned to materials in anticipation that the donor may someday send the photos with the missing numbers.

Separated Materials
Prior to 2024, item .34 was separated and added to the RARE VF – World War – 1939-1945. The original item could not be located at the time that this finding aid was written in 2024.

Notes
Items .162-173 are noted as missing in the 1991 paperwork and were not located in 2024.
Items .34, .57, .63, .91, .98, .118, and .157 were not with collection at the time that this finding aid was written. It is unclear if these items are missing or placeholders for the anticipated addendum.
Numbers .71-78 were not assigned to any materials in the collection.
Items .45, .110-111, and .135 are restricted due to sensitive content

RELATED MATERIALS
Alaska Canneries Resource Subject Guide
B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection

Papers of Louise O. Simonson collection, 2002-002, at the Science History Institute Archives (Collection: Papers of Louise O. Simonson | Science History Institute).

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Detailed Description of the Collection

B1
.1 – Fourth Street Anchorage, May 13th, 1916. The S.L. Co. [Postcard from To Odale to Ada in Portland] [Street view, businesses shown include Ship Creek Meat Market, Empress Theater, Dick's Kitchen, Carrol and Co., and Brown's Clothing Store]
.2 – Anchorage School house (?) 1920 [four people with sled and dogs]

.3 – Taking people from Anchorage to Fire Island for a picnic 1930. [people in boat at dock]
.4 – Anchorage, Alaska circa 1917. Ship Creek and Government Hill in background. [Fourth Avenue. Drug Store and Simsons Department Store shown.]
.5 – Anchorage 1917-1918 [Looking west from G Street between Fifth Avenue and the alley north] [Birds eye view of city towards water]
.6 – Anchorage 1920 (?) [Photo taking from top of Fire Department hose tower, looking NE toward Brown and Hawkins, Alaska Railroad Hospital. Lathrop Building.]
.7 – "Merry Christmas from Colonel [Frederick Mears] and Mrs. [Jane Wainwright] Mears" Mt. McKinley 1920 [holiday card]
.8 – "Merry Xmas and Happy New Year from Colonel [Frederick Mears] and Mrs. [Jane Wainwright] Mears." Their home 1921 (?) [holiday card]
.9 – Chester Creek, Anchorage circa 1916-17. [Four tents and three people, camp supplies including rifle]
.10 – Anchorage 1920. Alaska Railroad Derrick steam crane #6 lifting four people and load of ties.
.11 – Anchorage dock 1920. Derrick crane loading gondola railroad cars with gravel, probably dredge material.
.12 – Farthest north Station in U.S. Anchorage, Alaska. Approx 1918 (?) [Winter scene in Anchorage showing KFQD building on Fifth Avenue]
.13 – Anchorage docks, boat S.S. LAKE FILBERT, loading ARR flat cars with silver ore. 1920 (?) [see also B1991.009.014]
.14 – At Anchorage dock 1916 or 1920 (?). Loading silver ore taken from mid-Canada – ferried down to Yukon – then to Nenana by railroad - then to Anchorage to ship outside. Early days of Alaska Railroad. $1500/ton silver – rest lead. S.S. LAKE FILBERT [see also B1991.009.013]
.15 – Merrill Field, Anchorage, Alaska. Thomas Kodagraph Shop. [1930? Boeing (or Martin?) Bombers, Lieutenant Colonel Henry (Hap) Arnold right, 1934.]
.16 – Anchor Point, 1911 (?), bringing in moose meat. [Left to right] Paddy Peterson, Tom Odale, Commissioner [Judge George Kuppler] Cupler, Harry Leonard. TMO photo. [see also B1991.009.017]
.17 – [Right to left] George Cuppler [Judge George Kuppler], Patterson [Paddy Peterson], Tom Odale, Harry Leonard. Anchor Point bringing in moose meat 1911-1912. [four people with loaded sled. See also B1991.009.017]
.18 – Anchor Point 1912. Fish trap [see also B1991.009.20]
.19 – Anchor Point 1912. L-R: Jack Williams, Paddy Paterson [Peterson], Harry Leonard. [In front of log cabin]
.20 – 1912. Fish trap at Anchor Point [Tom Odale photo. See also B1991.009.18]
.21 – Beluga Transfer Station. [on back:] Tom Odale photo, circa 1918. [Simonson notes:] Sandin tidal water. [view of docks and boats from water]
.22 – Catching "Beluga" on Lewis River, Cook Inlet 1981 (?). Oil used for airplanes. [Person standing in water shooting Beluga whales]
.23 – Bydarkys, Odale [on back:] approx. 1910. [Odale photo. Three two-person (split prow) baidarkas. Covered skin boats or kayaks] [Indigenous boats, possibly Sugpiaq or Alutiiq]

.24 – 1910? [Baidarka] Seldovia. [Two Indigenous people paddling baidarka. Sugpiaq / Alutiiq territory, Angagkitaqnuuq (Seldovia)] [At AFN 2024 or prior, individuals identified as possibly from Port Graham.]
.25 – A.P. Cannery Ship [on back:] A cannery ship – Libby McNeil & Libby on Kenai River. Northwestern Fisheries. Alaska Packers [Association] on Kasilof River brought [Chinese] crews for cannery work. Fishermen, supplies from Seattle & San Francisco via sailing ships. [from files:] 1906?
.26 – [on back:] One of the last of the ships – probably a "Star" of the A.P.Co. [from files:] four masted schooner [Sailing ship, Alaska Packers Association]
.27 – Nushagak River, Alaska. Str. North Star, Launch Success. Thwaites. 479. [on back:] 1910 [two boats on river]
.28 – [on back:] Alameda [S.S. ALAMEDA]
.29 – S.S. Farragut at Petersburg, Alaska, July 1916 [Steamship Admiral Farragut near shoreline]
.30 – [on back:] S.S. Farragut, Petersburg, July 1916. [from files:] "Stick in the mud Farragut" as Purser Carl Straub called her (per Ada's writing) [Steamship atilt near shoreline, boats nearby]
.31 – S.S. Portland wrecked Nov. 12, 1910. Katalla [Creek], Ak. Seward, Alaska.
.32a – Wreck of Salmon Cannery Ship, Jabez Howes. [from files:] at Chignik. [see also B1991.009.32b]
.32b – 9. Ship Jabez Howes, Chignik, Alaska. [from files:] Wreck of Salmon Cannery Ship at Chignik. [see also B1991.009.32a]
.33 – 100. Tugs, Equator and Alitack towing Ship, Star of Alaska, into Chignik Bay. Alaska. JET [from back:] Broke anchor in a storm – was going in E. Forland (where Kenai is now) – no steam engines in tugs, just coal. [from files:] 1916
.34 – [Original placed with Rare VF - World War – 1939-1945] Western Union Telegraph Company receipt for $9.00 money order. $0.54 fee May 16, 1942.
.34a – [on back:] "Swan" in the ice, first trip in the spring. Circa 1908. TMO. [from files:] First gas boat in Alaska – at Knik. [person standing at bow of gas boat amongst ice floes]
.35 – [on back:] Tyonek. See p. 44 J. Klein *History of Katchemak Bay* [S.S. Tyonic near bluff point]
.36 – Revenue Cutter, Rush, in Bering Sea, Photo, From deck of mail steamer, Dora. Copyright, 1911. By Thwaites, J.E. 590.
.37 – [from files:] Wreck of S.S. Alexanders at Nikiska, five men on beach. [beached boat]
.38 – [on back:] Bow of Dora? 1910? [from files:] 2 men and their gear, ropes on deck, aboard icy S.S. Dora.
.39 – S.S. Dora, Alaska. JET. [from files:] mail boat.
.40 – Dinner aboard Launch Valdez [on back:] Eating lunch on the Swan 1910 (?) up Inlet probably in Spring with miners. [nine miners on motorboat deck, probably Cook Inlet]
.41 – Wreck of S.S. Olympia, 12-10-10, Prince William Sound, Alaska. JET.
.42 – [on back:] Launch Valdez aground in Knik Arm in the ice. [people nearby and aboard, rowboat at left]
.43 – [on back:] 1924? Patrol boat wreck Nikiski (nr. East Farland) Kenai. [from files:] Cook Inlet. Sign on boat "U.S. Geological Survey" [Ship atilt at shoreline and emitting smoke]
.44a – [from files:] S.S. Tyonic, breaking through ice jam

.44b – [from files:] S.S. Tyonic, breaking through ice jam
.44c – [from files:] S.S. Tyonic, breaking through ice jam
.45 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]
.46 – [on back:] 1910? [from files:] Chignik, Alaska. JET. [Indigenous group on railroad track at dock. Sugpiaq / Alutiiq territory, Cirniq (Chignik)]
.47 – Cannery Ship Loading Salmon. Chignik, Alaska. JET. [on back: postmarked 10/16/1910, note from T. Odale to wife Ada] "This is the place I want to spend the winter. How does it look to you? Tom" [Postcard. Sailing ship and tugboat]
.48 – Salmon Cannery, Chignik, Alaska. [from files:] 1910. Thwaites. [view of cannery from water, scenic mountain range background]
.49 – Castle Cape, near Chignik, Alaska. JET. [from files:] circa 1910
.50 – Chignik, Alaska. JET. [Scenic view of Chignik from water, salmon cannery in distance at base of mountain]
.50a – Chignik, Alaska. [from files:] Mountain stream – small building, maybe waterworks? Village water supply.
.51 – [from files:] Ice scene. Sign in foreground "Keep off the grass" on ice floe, Cook Inlet.
.52 – G14. Tide Rips. Cooks Inlet, Alaska. JET. [on back:] 1909 [Inlet view]
.53 – First Trip. Apr 1911. [on back:] Ice in Cook's Inlet. [from files:] Aboard the motorboat ALASKA, men pushing away ice floes.
.54 – Gull Rock. [on back:] Below Hope, Gull Island. Last deep water on Turnagain. Tom Odale pix. Circa 1904.
.55 – [on back:] Fish trap. [from files:] Cook Inlet, 1909. Near Anchor Point? [View of fish trap and bluffs from water]
.56 – [on back:] Fish drying station up the Inlet. [from files:] Fish drying racks. 1909. Tyonek? [people, possibly Indigenous, in boats near shoreline. Buildings in background.]
.57 – [not with collection 9/2024] [from files:] Snowstorm, Kern Creek. Mile 71 on Alaska Central Railroad. Sept. 16, 1908 (?) T.M. Odale pix. Kern Creek Roadhouse.
.58 – [on back:] Crow Creek Mine 1905 [from files:] Gold mine, Kenai District.
.59 – Nutter Faison Co. 8/27 Crow Creek, Alaska. [on back:] TMO worked with Mr. Purington (?) at Crow Creek (Girdwood) Hydraulic mine 1906, year of San Francisco earthquake. Tom Odale pix.
.60 – [on back:] Chris Spellam, 1900, Crow Creek mine owner. One of 7 [from files:] man with pipe by fire over which hangs cooking pot
.61 – [on back:] Prospectors, 1900, Knik area. [group of miners with crates, supplies and equipment, near shoreline?]
.62 – [on back:] Forest fire between Girdwood and Bird Point 1909. Tom Odale pix. Year TMO started running mail. [smoke billowing from mountainside over Turnagain Arm.]
.63 – [not with collection 9/2024] [from files:] Girdwood, 1903-1904
.64 – [on back:] Girdwood, 1906 (?) [row of log cabins, log pile at left]
.65 – [on back:] Girdwood, circa 1906. [from files:] mining railroads? Alaska Central only reached Kern. Chugach mountains.
.66 – [on back:] Sawmill at Girdwood, (1906?) [Building exterior, lumber and construction nearby]

.67 – [on back:] Sawmill at Girdwood, on A.N.R.R. circa 1906 TMO [from files:] Alaska Central Railroad. Tom Odale towed logs upriver. Possibly between 1908-1910. [Lumber yard view with lumber and logs, buildings in background]
.68 – [on back:] The old sawmill at ~~Hope~~ Girdwood? [from files:] Hope crossed out and Girdwood added. Sawmill and cabins – 1906. Logs sawed for bridge timbers after laying for 4-5 years (TMO).
.69 – [on back:] Homer (?) 1909 [from files:] Buildings – snow (Spit?) Kenai Peninsula. [Winter view building exterior, community and shoreline background]
.70 – [on back:] Homer 1909 [from files:] Similar to B1991.009.069 (Spit?) Kenai Peninsula. [snowy buildings]
.71-78 – [Note in file indicates numbers .71-78 were skipped]
.79 – [on back:] Homer, Alaska, 1910. [from files:] Similar to B1991.009.069, .070 (Spit?) Kenai Peninsula. [street view, snowy buildings]
.80 – Juneau, Alaska [on back:] 1900. Postcard. [Birds eye view of town, water channel, and Douglas Island mountains]
.81 – [on back:] Juneau 1920s (probably taken by Sydney Laurence per Mike Blackwell 11/2011) [Waterfront view with buildings and dock, background possibly Mount Roberts]
.82 – [on back:] Juneau 1920s (probably taken by Sydney Laurence per Mike Blackwell 11/2011) [from files:] same as B1983.146.184 [Waterfront view with buildings and dock, background possibly Mount Roberts]
.83 – [on back:] Juneau, about 1900 (1920s, probably taken by Sydney Laurence per Mike Blackwell 11/2011) [from files:] Houses along wharf, horse and wagon making deliveries to cottages along wharf.
.84 – [on back:] Juneau 1920s? (probably taken by Sydney Laurence per Mike Blackwell 11/2011) [from files:] Another view of B1991.009.083. Waterfront and Customs House. [View of wharf from water]
.85 – [on back:] Abe Erickson's Place. Kasilof. Swedish sawmill early 1900s. To use "on the trail," boats, etc. across summit. [from files:] 1906, Kenai Peninsula. Two men sawing planks.
.86 – [on back:] Kasilof, Snowshoe rabbits, more than 5,000, drying or fox feed [from files:] rabbit carcasses drying for dog feed [rabbit meat on drying racks, person and building at right, elevated structure (possibly cache) at left]
.87 – Katalla Aug. 15, 1907. Kennedy. [on back: note to Ada Holser from W. Estes, both of Katalla] Nov 12-18 "In tender memory of Riseland soup, mutton chops & beef stew" [from files:] Mainstreet [Street view, buildings at left include Bunk House, Cigar Store, and Hotel]
.88 – Kodiak, Alaska. Thwaites. 338. [from files:] taken from approaching ship. 1909. [buildings along shoreline]
.89 – Kodiak, Alaska. [from files:] 1909. Thwaites. View from the hill.
.90 – Kenai. [on back:] Tom Odale pix. [from files:] Log houses (Russian) 1911-1912. Near Russian Orthodox Church. [street view]
.91 – [.91 not with collection 9/2024]
.92 – [on back:] Original store at Kenai, circa 1911-1912. "Frenchy" Vian and Bill Dawson, owners. [People on store steps, buildings and logs in background]
.93 – [on back:] Kenai 1909. Tom Odale pix. [from files:] Log house, moose antlers at roof line. Russian Orthodox church to right.

.94 – [on back:] Kenai – Northwestern Cannery 1913, TMO pix. Original cannery (Libby came in later) [from files:] established in earlier years, original cannery in Cook Inlet. Sometimes called Northwestern Fisheries Cannery. [view from water]
.95 – [on back:] Kenai 1912 [from files:] Cook Inlet, beach scene along river with fishing boats
.96 – [on back:] Libby Cannery, center back, 1909 [from files:] Libby's Cannery. Rafts of floating logs, mostly unseen beyond the bluff. Cook Inlet. [shoreline, boats]
.97 – [on back:] Russian wedding at Kenai, Alaska. 1918 (?) [crowd outside church, bride and groom at center foreground]
.98 – [.98 not with collection 9/2024]
.99 – [on back:] TM Odale lodge at Tustamena Lake. Kenai circa 1930. [from files:] Moose in yard eating branches. [Tustumena Lake]
.100 – [.100 not with collection 9/2024] [from files:] TMO with Alaska Brownie pelt. Kenai.
.101 – [on back:] Bald Eagle. Tustamena Lake. TMO. Circa 1930. $2.00 bounty [from files:] Bald Eagle carcass, hunting trophy. Wingspan compared to rifle hanging beneath [Tustumena Lake]
.101a – [on back:] At Tom Odale's place. Coyote skins. [from files:] Kenai Peninsula. Trapping. [fur pelts, animal traps, and rifles hanging on log cabin exterior, person at right]
.101b – [on back:] Berg's place on Tustamena and "Indian Creek" (Note – maybe Andrew Berg per R. Faith 1999, confirmed by Gary Titus 10/2001) [from files:] Kenai Peninsula [Log cabin exterior. Tustumena Lake]
.101c – [on back:] Tustamena [from files:] Sailboat with small outboard motor pulled up to shore, 3 men unloading moose antlers. Kenai Peninsula. [Tustumena Lake]
.102 – 6-106 Fishing Fleet and Deer Mt. Ketchikan, Alaska. Schallerer's. [on back: message from Tom to Louise. Postmarked Cordova, Oct 3, 1942] Dear Louise – I should be in Seattle by Nov. Please keep the films there in L.A. if you have them till you here [sic] from me again. Dad. [Fishing boats in harbor, community in background]
.103 – Thwaites. 5735. Aerial view, Ketchikan, Alaska. [on back: message from Frank W. Hollander to Tom at Kasilof River, dated 1/20/1933:] Thank for your card and good wishes. Best to each to you for 1933. Will let you know soon about spring hunt, waiting for news from Slim Crocker.
.104 – Ketchikan, Alaska [on back:] 1900 [from files:] Winter & Pond photographers. Creek Street. [birds eye view of waterfront community, buildings and wharf from hillside]
.105 – [on back:] Ketchikan [from files:] Town waterfront, 1900 [view from water]
.106 – [on back:] early Ketchikan (1920s?) [waterfront town, mountain range background]
.107 – View from Bar Point. Ketchikan, Alaska. 310. [from files:] Winter & Pond photographers.
.108 – August 11th, 1912. Ketchikan Alaska. Salmon in Fish Creek. [on back:] Good Hunting! Salmon run. [from files:] Winter & Pond photographers.
.109 – Ketchikan, Alaska. 399. [from files:] Winter view, side long look from water, shore. 1900-1909. [view down shoreline, buildings at distance]
.110 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]
.111 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]
.112 – Totem Pole of Chief Kashakes. Ketchikan, Alaska. F.J.H. [on back:] 1910 (?) [possibly Chief Kashakes of Saxman]
.113 – Nushagak, Alaska. JET. [on back:] 1910 [view of community from water]

.114 – [on back:] Mrs. Pike, about 1907 or 1908. Nome, Alaska. Was a cook on Alaska Railroad between Seward and Anchorage. [person in ground squirrel parka seated on snowbank, buildings in background]
.115 – [on back:] The "Bidarky," built and owned by Jim Ward and Tom Odale. [from files:] 1910. Gas boat used in Cook Inlet trade
.116 – [on back:] Jim Ward at the wheel of the "Bidarky" [gas boat] built in 1910 and owned by Jim and Tom Odale. Jim was 53 at the time he went into the Kuskokwim with Tom. He had been in Nome about 1898 and witnessed the beach fights told about in "The Spoilers." [from files:] Married a Haida woman and they had a daughter, Lorinda, who years later earned a doctorate in English and taught at the University of Hawaii.
.117 – [on back:] Tom Odale at steering wheel of one of the North Cape cannery boats, ~~1908~~ 1920. [person posed at helm]
.118 – [.118 not with collection 9/2024] [from files:] Boat "North Cape" owned by TMO - 1920
.119 – [on back:] Winter 1908. 34' "Swan" Ward & Odale. 26 "PV" Ellickson. Only two gas boats on Cook's Inlet. Red Jack's kerosene boat "Lina K" 32'. 1909 & 1910 – Additions Bydarky 64', Alaska 40', Valdez 38'. Tom Odale at Seldovia. [Odale posed next to "Swan" on ice]
.120 – [on back:] Three boats carrying passengers in Cook Inlet about 1910; (left to right) the P.V., the Valdez, and the Swan. Tom Odale standing on the Swan. [from files:] Anchored at Fire Island.
.121 – [on back:] Lined up for breakfast. Petersburg July 1916. [from files:] In front of Hotel Wester with large Rainier Bohemian Beer sign.
.122 – [on back:] Old rotary snowplow – Alaska Railroad between Anchorage and Seward. 1990 – Now at Potter Station. [from files:] 1912
.123 – [on back:] Mile 52 – Government Railroad. 52 miles from Seward. TMO helped build 1918 (?) [from files:] The Loop District. Moose Pass to Portage. [trestles over Placer River]
.124 – Wreck of Bridge 49.3 caused by snow slide. April (?), 1931. [from files:] Alaska Railroad, train wreck. Moose Pass to Portage.
.125 – [on back:] Relay Camp, Mile 30, Gold Mint Mining Co. 1914 (?) [from files:] Kenai District. In the Moose Pass area. [snowy view of buildings at case of mountain]
.126 – [on back:] Two feet of snow in September at mile 71. A.N.R.R. Circa 1914. [from files:] Alaska Northern Railway. At Kern Creek. Possibly Kern Creek Roadhouse. [Snowy view of log buildings, bridge at right]
.127 – [on back:] End of A.N.R.R. 71 miles from Seward. Kern Creek. Circa 1914. [from files:] Alaska Northern Railway. Camp. [Log building and canvas tents. Structure frames mid-construction nearby]
.128 – Home Again for a Summers Rest. By Al. Hardy [on back:] Broad Pass. Railroad to Fairbanks circa 1912. [from files:] Log cabin, dog team, and sled in busy homestead scene.
.129 – Freighting Thru Broad Pass, Alaska. By Al. Hardy [on back:] Transporting freight and grub ahead of surveyors for Alaska Railroad. Approx. 1916. Al Hardy – warden at the time – later drowned Kasilof River. [from files:] two dog teams on frozen river.
.130 – [on back:] Broad Pass, Alaska. Between Anchorage and Fairbanks. McKinley Range. 1920 (?) [from files:] winter view, log cabins [cabins and raised platform (rack?) in woods]
.131 – [on back:] Snow River 12 miles out of Seward. [from files:] Washed out bridge over Snow River, Alaska Railroad. [winter]

.132 – Snow Shed at Mile 54 Government R.R. Alaska. [from files:] 1920. Between Moose Pass and Portage. [tracks and structures in foreground]
.133 – [on back:] Kern Creek 1906 (?) work on the railroad, Mile 71. TMO. [from files:] Alaska Central Railroad, large wall tent.
.134 – [on back:] Seldovia circa 1910. Tom Odale pix. L-R (?) ?, Tom Odale, ?, Sydney Laurence, in front of Tom Odale's home. [from files:] U.S. Commissioner's Office. [four people outside row of buildings]
.135 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]
.136 – Seldovia [on back:] circa 1910 TMO [from files:] View of buildings [waterfront view]
.137 – [on back:] Seldovia schoolhouse circa 1916. [snowy building exterior]
.138 – [on back:] A Seldovia Estate. The owner to the left. Circa 1916. [from files:] TMO Pix. [two people nearby log buildings and frames, possibly shoreline]
.139 – [on back:] A Seldovia residence at high tide. TMO pix circa 1916. [small homes along shoreline, boats]
.140 – [on back:] ~~AR Cook's Inlet~~ Snug Harbor 1930 (?) [from files:] Kenai Peninsula. Man with bags on the beach.
.141 – [on back:] 1906? German Bill did a sword swallowing at, etc. Scared [locals]. Seldovia. TMO Pix. [from files:] Kenai Peninsula [person standing in front of snowy log cabin]
.142 – [on back:] A group of [Indigenous people] by a barabara. 1901. Above Seldovia. [from files: Tanaina; Dwellings] [Possibly Alutiiq / Sugpiaq territory, near Angagkitaqnuuq (Seldovia)] [At AFN 2024 or prior, individuals identified as possibly from Port Graham.]
.143 – [on back:] Seldovia, 1916? [from files: Baidarkas. One three-hatch baidarka, one two-hatch baidarka] [Two men with Baidarkas near shore. Sugpiaq / Alutiiq territory, Angagkitaqnuuq (Seldovia)] [At AFN 2024 or prior, individuals identified as possibly from Port Graham.]
.144 – [on back:] Russian Church, Seldovia 1914 (?) [from files:] Orthodox Eastern Church [snowy building exterior]
.145 – Seldovia 1910 (?) [on back:] (1990 – same view as in painting by Laurence owned by L.O. Simonson) [from files:] TMO pix. John Herbert Store later Chamber's before canneries or boardwalk were built. [view down beach. Buildings and mountain background at left, people and boats at shoreline]
.146 – Winter [from files:] Cabins. Seldovia? [Snowy scene with log cabins, wire fence, and stumps]
.147 – [on back:] Seldovia 1910 (?) 2 early houses. [snowy scene, log buildings and mountain background]
.148 – [on back:] Seldovia (1910?) [from files:] complex of houses and buildings looking over bay [scenic, midwinter]
.149 – [on back:] Young's Store and Warehouse – Store bldg. built by Chris Peterson. Rooms upstairs; card room and pool hall downstairs. Odale. [from files:] TMO pix. Seldovia. [Waterfront view of wharf, buildings next to shoreline]
.150 – [on back:] Hope – Settled about 1897. Tom Odale pix. [from files:] J.J. [John Jerry] Odale lived here, managed store. [view down boardwalk, community at distance]

.151 – Sunrise [on back:] 1900. Railroad from right of picture around hill and into Sunrise. Settled and named by J.J. [John Jerry] Odale in 1896 – just after gold struck in Mill Creek. Tom Odale pix. [from files:] J.J. was Tom's brother. [landscape view, town in the distance]
.152 – [on back:] TMO ~~at sawmill~~ 1909 cutting wood at far side. Shows creek running thru Seward. [from files:] aerial view
.153 – Seward, Alaska. Fourth Avenue, North. L.H.P. [on back: Postcard from Mrs. Geo. Sexton in Seward to Mrs. Lou M. Holser in Seldovia, postmarked 4/25/12] Dear Mrs. Holser, I want to thank you for that lovely little jacket. It is something I shall enjoy wearing. Give my regards to Mrs. Odale. Yours Sincerely, Mrs. Sexton [from files:] Holser was Ada Odale's mother. Shows 4th Avenue. Pictured: Y.M.C.A., Oregon Café, Northern Café, Seward Drug Co. [snowy street view from bridge, rows of buildings]
.154 – Seward, Alaska. [from files:] Alaska Railroad, locomotive train on trestle ay dock [scenic]
.155 – [on back:] 1906? Steer raised in early days at Hope. Used for dragging log out of woods [near] Girdwood. Turned loose finally too fat and lazy – and killed him. 1908-1909. About 1450lbs dressed. [three people posed with partially butchered beef carcass, person at left holding meat cleaver]
.156 – [on back:] Tyonek, near the head of Cook's Inlet. Show barracks 1st army detachments circa 1910. [from files:] First troops here when Alaska was purchased? [view from water, shoreline community]
.157 – [.157 not with collection 9/2024] [from files:] Chuitna [sic], above Tyonek – 1909-1910
.158 – Valdez, Alaska. JET. [on back:] 1910 (?) [from files:] "Snowed in" Episcopal church, other buildings.
.159 – Valdez Alaska [on back:] 1910 (?) [from files:] Main Street, dog team with empty sled. [street view, two people nearby. Bank and other buildings in background.]
.160 – [on back:] Valdez before 1910. *Not Valdez, Cordova.* [from files:] Cordova Main Street, summer 1910. [Buildings lining unpaved street. Businesses shown include O.K. Lodging House, Smith's Rooming House, Bunk House, Millinery Dry Goods, Denver Bar, and Seavers.]
.161 – Suspension Bridge, Valdez, Alaska. McO [on back:] circa 1910 [three people standing above river on footbridge]
.162 – [Missing] [from files:] Cemetery with Russian Crosses – Eklutna (?) - 1918
.163 – [Missing] [from files:] [Indigenous people] at Port Graham - 1918
.164 – [Missing] [from files:] Fred Judd: Trapper's tent, west side, Cook Inlet. Note on back: Alaska snowshoes (mainly Cook Inlet and Kuskokwim) are long and narrow. Canadian snowshoes are shorter and rounder. 1918.
.165 – [Missing] [from files:] [Indigenous] shacks at Bear Cove
.166 – [Missing] [from files:] Barabara at Akutan - 1910
.167 – [Missing] [from files:] Fred Judd: Beaver skins
.168 – [Missing] [from files:] Fred Judd: Big bear skin. Across inlet from Kenai. About 1920.
.169 – [Missing] [from files:] Ducks (dead) draped over small boat - 1918
.170 – [Missing] [from files:] Record moose [antlers] – from "Alaska Nellie" Neal. Record for points only (56 points) – 72" spread. PC.
.171 – [Missing] [from files:] Sam Guist (or Gellis?) with mastodon tusk - 1930
.172 – [Restricted because of sensitive content] [Missing] [from files:] Dog team in Anchorage – 1920. Russian-[Indigenous] cemetery in background.

.173a – [Missing] [from files:] From Mott Hudson (in Anchorage as prof. photog. With Army about 1946). Plane: Sikorsky?
.173b – [Missing] [from files:] From Mott Hudson (in Anchorage as prof. photog. With Army about 1946). Chickaloon: trestle over river
.173c – [Missing] [from files:] From Mott Hudson (in Anchorage as prof. photog. With Army about 1946). Matanuska Maid – car in front of buildings
.173d – [Missing] [from files:] From Mott Hudson (in Anchorage as prof. photog. With Army about 1946). Myassis Dragon – B26 at Elmendorf.
.174 – [not with collection 9/2024] Susitna Station, Alaska. [on back:] Alaska Commercial Co. came and bought out Blodgett's. 1910-1911 TMO got bid for carrying mail around Cook Inlet. T.M. Odale – third from right (seated). Approx 1908. [from files:] About 24 people shown. Left to right – Gassy Thompson, Charles Harper, Al Harper, Bill Murphy, H.W. Nagley, Red Jack (to left of girl), Hattie (friend of Elickson, dance hall girl), ___ Ellickson (white shirt, front), ___ Morgan (door), Ed McNalley (AC agent in Sunrise), Joe Fourchey, Tom Odale (seated), ___ Woolsey, and ___ Dunn (last). People identified by Tom in 1960s.
.175 – [on back:] Susitna Station [from files:] People in front of store. Shown: Northern Commercial Co., H.W. Nagley General Store, Post Office. [street view along river, log buildings at left]
.176 – [George] Everhardt leaving Susitna Alaska Mch 11-09 for Cache Creek. 45 men in line hauling 15,000 lbs. [on back: message] Dear George, Kindlu get those bills fixed out and that bill of Harry's also and send to the me also tell me the men's around there and how the cannery is coming out. Yours Truly, James Sheridan. Susitna Station. [long line of people with loaded sled freighting on winter trail]
.177 – Susitna Station. [from files:] 1909. [log buildings along river shoreline]

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