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**TITLE:** Claire Rattey Fitzgaireld Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2005.026

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1898-1967

Extent: 53 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Claire Rattey Fitzgaireld

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Claire Rattey was born in Rhode Island in 1934. She was educated at the Rhode Island College of Education (bachelor of education, 1956) and University of Alaska Anchorage (master of education, 1972) She worked as a schoolteacher in Kake during the 1959-1960 school year, and in Anchorage schools from 1960-1981. In 1966, she married Joseph B. Fitzgaireld. She died in Anchorage in March 2014.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 11 black-and-white (.1-11) and 8 color (.12-19) photographs of students and scenes in Kake, taken by Rattey Fitzgaireld during the 1959-1960 school year and then on a week-long vacation in 1967, as well as 19 postcards (.20-38), 8 stereoviews (.39-46), and 7 glass lantern slides (.47-53) collected by Rattey Fitzgaireld.

Arrangement: Arranged by format: prints, postcards, stereographs, glass lantern slides

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. Access to fragile glass lantern slides restricted; digital surrogates available.

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

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Claire Rattey Fitzgaird in 2005.

Original prints (.1-19) processed as original collection in 2014. Collected items (.20-53) FIC and processed in 2023.

1 collected item (magazine clipping, panorama of Fairbanks, copyright 1904 by Burr McIntosh) moved to Vertical File – Fairbanks.

## **SUBJECTS**

Fitzgaird, Claire Rattey, 1934-2014

Fitzgaird, Joseph B., 1928-1995

Indigenous Alaskans

Women

People

Education—Alaska

Chilkoot Pass

Kake (Alaska)

Ketchikan (Alaska)

Sitka (Alaska)

Wrangell (Alaska)

Alaska Railroad

Dogsled mail

Glaciers

Mineral industries

Orthodox Eastern church buildings  
Ships  
Totem poles

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box 1

#### F1 prints

- .1 – The whole gang, 2, taken behind school, Kake, AK [school children posed outdoors; print date Nov. 59]
- .2 – “New town” from the dock, Kake, AK [distant view of waterfront, small boat in water; print date Nov. 59]
- .3 – My boys! 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Tyrone, Donald, Leslie, David A., Harry, Richard, Dennis, Darryl, Patrick, Kake, AK, spring of 1960 [school children posed outdoors; print date Nov. 59. At AFN 2013, boys identified as (front) Patrick Bean Jr, (left to right) Leslie Williams, David Aceveda, Donald James, Harry Berkeley, Richard Thomas, Dennis Jackson, Darryl Bean, (rear) Tyrone Bean]
- .4 – My girls! 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Arlene, Mardell, Hattie, Cheryl, Diane, Phyllis, Janice, Mary, Darlene, Carol, Marilyn, Kaylene, Joyce, Kake, AK, spring of 1960 [school children posed outdoors; print date Nov. 59. At AFN 2013, girls identified as (front row left to right) Marilyn Rose Aceveda, Kaylene Davis Bean, Joyce Johnson, (second row) Arlene Wilson Shields, Mardell Skeek Tyone, Hattie Dalton, Cheryl Rose, Diane Kadake Wilson, Phyllis Friday, Janice Jackson Johnson, Mary Carlson, Darlene Jackson Billingsley, Carolyn Grant]
- .5 – Front street looking south from the quarters, Kake, AK [street scene with houses, utility poles; print date Nov. 59]
- .6 – Salvation Army quarters, Kake, AK [house exterior; print date Nov. 59]
- .7 – “Old town” from the dock, white building is Bell’s General Store, next to it is the show hall, Kake, AK 1959 [distant view of waterfront; print date Nov. 59. “Quarters” written on left of print]
- .8 – Looking down our dock while part of the fleet was in, plane float is at the right (Kake Airport), Kake, AK [view down dock to fishing boats; print date Nov. 59]
- .9 – Taken on the school porch at noon, Kake, AK [girls posed on porch; print date Nov. 59. At AFN 2013, girls identified as left to right Thelma James, Carolyn Grant, Regina Thomas, Joanne Kadake, ?, Pauline James]
- .10 – Looking north up Front Street, at the end is the teacherage where I should have stayed, Kake, AK [street scene with houses, utility poles; print date Nov. 59]
- .11 – View from the quarters looking past the decaying old dock to the new dock, Kake, AK [print date Nov. 59]
- .12 – Bob Normand, one of the surveyors, and the mallard he had just finished off by slamming it against the log in the background, Kake, AK, 1959 [duck hunter standing outdoors; print date Nov. 59]
- .13 – Kake sailing south [distant view of village from water; print date Nov. 59]

- .14 – Grave island in Kake harbor where our dead are buried, Kake, AK [view of treed island from water; print date Nov. 59]
- .15 – About 3 miles out of town past the canneries, 1-2-60, Kake, AK [view down road in winter]
- .16 – Returning in the skiff after hunting in the forest you see, Kake, AK [view of shore from water; print date Nov. 59]
- .17 – Joe & Claire Fitzgaird spent a week in Kake visiting Sam & Shirley Jackson, summer 1967, Kake, AK [view of waterfront from docks at small boat harbor]
- .18 – Kake, AK, summer 1967 [boats in small boat harbor, including *Eunice, Illinois*]
- .19 – 1960 [small building on flatbed railcar with sign “Org. Village of Kake, Pt. McCartney, FWS 229”]

## **F2 postcards and stereographs**

- .20 – The Alaska Railroad’s last Steam locomotive on September 5, 1960 making its last passenger run – from Anchorage to the State Fair at Palmer, in the Matanuska Valley, and return. Old 557 has been sold for scrap and left Alaska June 14<sup>th</sup> 1965, aboard the Trainship ALASKA bound for Everett, Washington. SP-425. Alaska Railroad C2. Published by Ellis Post Card Co., Arlington, Washington. 83886. [Color postcard of Alaska Railroad car 557 with plume of dark smoke and bright blue sky.]
- .21 – Moose ahead of train at Mile 288, Honolulu Creek. The animals prefer the cleared track to deep snow and usually create a problem by refusing to move aside for trains. Thus the nickname, “moosegooser,” for ARR Locomotives. Now, a new highway paralleling the railroad gets most of the moose traffic. SP-446. Alaska Railroad-C3. Published by Ellis Post Card Co., Arlington, Wash. 88480. [Color postcard of moose walking along snowy railroad tracks, framed by railroad bridge structure, trees and snowy mountains in background.]
- .22 – Eskimo Home, Alaska. – The picture on this card is the life reproduction of an Eskimo family in summer quarters. The Eskimo’s native home is Alaska and the northern part of this Continent, among the ice and snow. The picture is taken on the shores of Alaska at Cape Nome, which was made famous for its wonderful discoveries of gold in recent years. [Tinted postcard of Indigenous people standing in a camp, building in background with sign that reads “Valhalla Saloon.”]
- .23 – 35833. Alaska Mail Team. Copyrights Reserved 1928 – Edwards. [Black and white postcard of sled dog mail team.]
- .24 – Interior Russian Church. 35439 Sitka Alaska. Copyright ’35 Ordway. [Black and white postcard of church interior, American flag behind chandelier at center, garlands wrapped around pillars.]
- .25 – Russian Church Sitka Alaska. 57533 copyright Ordway. [Black and white photograph of church exterior, canon outside entrance, man to left of church, mountains in background.]
- .26 – [Sc]hallerer. Saxman Totem, Ketchikan. [Black and white postcard of totem pole at Saxman Native Village Totem Park, buildings at right.]
- .27 – Chief Shakes House. Wrangell, Alaska. Copyright ’34 Ordway, Juneau, 35995. [Black and white postcard of wood house with sign reading “Chief Shakes House,” totem poles and wooden railing in front.]

- .28 – The Mill of the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. Copyright '30 Ordway, 35150. [Black and white postcard of mill built into hillside.]
- .29 – 35301. Taku Glacier, Alaska. Copyright '29 Ordway, Juneau. [Black and white postcard of Taku Glacier, snowy mountains and clouds in background.]
- .30 – Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska. 35253. [Black and white postcard of Mendenhall Glacier, snowy mountains in background.]
- .31 – 35415, S. Northwestern. Ordway, copyright '35, Juneau. [Black and white postcard of ship named “Northwestern,” mountains in background.]
- .32 – Lover’s Lane, Sitka, Alaska. 35808. [Black and white postcard of tree-covered trail entrance, flanked by two totem poles.]
- .33 – Ketchikan, Alaska, O.S. [Black and white postcard, aerial view of Ketchikan.]
- .34 – S.S. Northwestern at Columbia Glacier. VVHC [?] '54. [Black and white postcard of ship in front of Columbia Glacier.]
- .35 – Otto S. Newtown. Ketchikan, Alaska. [Black and white postcard, aerial view of Ketchikan at right, water and mountains at left.]
- .36 – Thomas Basin & Trolling Fleet. Ketchikan Alaska. Schallerer’s. [Black and white postcard of Ketchikan harbor and mountains from water.]
- .37 – Thwaites, 5564. Alaska Salmon on her way to the Spawning Grounds. [Black and white postcard of salmon swimming upstream.]
- .38 – Petersburg Alaska. Copyright 1934 Ordway. 35442. [Black and white postcard, aerial view of Petersburg.]

### **F3 Stereographs, black and white**

- .39 – 13114. Steamer leaving Dawson City, for St. Michaels, Alaska. Copyright 1899, by B.W. Kilburn. [Crowd of people gathered at pier facing ship.]
- .40 – 9191 – Bound for the Klondike Gold Fields, Chilkoot, Alaska. Copyright, 1898, by B.L. Lingrey. [Foreground: people walking around camp with sleds, bags, horses, and one building with “Restaurant” sign. Background: long line of people walking up snowy mountain. Published by Keystone View Company. Similar to .42.]
- .41 – 13133. Scratching out the Previous Metal on French Hill, Alaska. Copyright 1899, by B.W. Kilburn. [People mining in dirt, hills in background.]
- .42 – 12734. An army of miners and prospectors ascending the heights of the Chilcoot [sic] Pass. Copyright 1898, by B.W. Kilburn. [Foreground: people walking around camp. Background: long line of people walking up snowy Chilkoot Pass. Similar to .40.]
- .43 – 9195 – Preparing to Climb “The Golden Stair” and Peterson’s Trail, Chilkoot Pass, Alaska. Copyright by the Keystone View Company. [Large group of people standing and walking in the snow, line of people ascending snowy Chilkoot Pass in background.]
- .44 – 9374 – Placer Mining near the Yukon River, Alaska. Copyright by the Keystone View Company. [Two people with netted hats, left holding pan, right holding shovel, leaning over grass. Man seated in background at left.]
- .45 – 11530 – Gold Miners and Dog Team North of Arctic Circle, Alaska. Copyright by the Keystone View Company. [People standing with dog team in snow at camp, trees and mountains in background.]

.46 – 11518 – Drying Fish on the Yukon River, Alaska. Copyright by The Keystone View Company. [Group of Indigenous Alaskan men and boys looking at camera, standing in front of racks of drying fish.]

**Box 2 Glass lantern slides [c. 1910s-1950s]**

.47 – 243 (9195) “The Golden Star” and Peterson’s Trail, Chilkoot Pass, Alaska. Keystone View Co., Factories, Meadville, Pa. Copyright. [same as .43]

.48 – 244 (11518) Drying Fish on the Yukon River, Alaska. Keystone View Co., Factories, Meadville, Pa. Copyright. [same as .46]

.49 – 245 (9374) Placer Mining, Near the Yukon River. Alaska. Keystone View Co., Factories, Meadville, Pa. Copyright. [same as .44]

.50 – 246 (11530) Gold Miners and Dog Team North of Arctic Circle, Alaska. Keystone View Co., Factories, Meadville, Pa. Copyright. [same as .45]

.51 – 279 (16318) Eskimo Dog Team on Trail, Hopedale, Labrador. Keystone View Co., Factories, Meadville, Pa. Copyright. [Two men in Hopedale snow with sled and team of 6 dogs, whose breed is referred to as Canadian Eskimo Dog or Canadian Inuit Dog. Hopedale is the legislative capital of Nunatsiavut, located in Labrador, the mainland portion of Newfoundland, Canada. Accompanying description gives the coordinates 55° N, 60° W.]

.52 – 317 (10656) Juneau in a setting of mountains & sea, Alaska. Copyright by Underwood & Underwood, N.Y. [Juneau docks overlooking the water and mountains across.]

.53 – 435 (34019) Geo. Units—Amer. Lands—Mining for Gold, Alaska. Keystone View Company Studios, Meadville, PA. Copyrighted. [Man guiding hose for mining operation.]

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