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TITLE: Cochran Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1981.164

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1914-1927

Extent: 1 box, .33 cubic feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Commodore Claude S. Cochran

Administrative/Biographical History:
Commodore Claude S. Cochran was born on October 28, 1865. He was listed as an officer in the Revenue Cutter Service in 1891. Cochran was the Commanding Officer of *U.S.R.C. Bear* from 1914 to 1916, 1921 to 1924, and 1926 to 1927. In 1925, Cochran was in charge of chasing rum-runners at the San Francisco Base. The *Bear* was used as a mail boat, supply ship, hospital, police department and court for the isolated northern settlements. Cochran retired as Commodore on October 28, 1929. At that point, all officers had to retire on their 64th birthday. Cochran died in January 1935.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 126 photographs and 41 negatives. The subjects of the photographs include portraits of Claude Cochran, Cochran's wife and dogs, Tak-puk (a Barrow chief), Tog-ar-uk, Seg-a-vun, Jim and Eleanor Allen and their two children Alice and Kate, Russell N. Hendee, Alfred M. Bailey, Jawn Peter, Arthur Nagozruk, and rescued members of the *Karluk*. Other images include the *U.S.R.C. Bear* at sea and among ice, Emma Harbor in Siberia, Marshall City, Wainwright, Cross Island, reindeer herding, the Diomede Islands, Demarkation Point, Cape Prince of Wales, and Cape Lisborne.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in number order in one album.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:
This collection was purchased by the Anchorage Museum in 1981.

RELATED MATERIALS
B2009.030 Lt. Frederick Young Photographs

SUBJECTS
Cochran, Commodore Claude S., 1865-1935
Allen, Alice
Allen, Jim
Allen, Eleanor
Allen, Kate
Bailey, Alfred M.
Hendee, Russell N.
Nagozruk, Arthur
Peter, Jawn
Seg-a-vun
Tak-puk
Tog-ar-uk
Bear (Ship)
Karluk (Ship)
U.S.R.C. Bear
United States. Revenue Cutter Service
Inupiat – Alaska
Reindeer herding – Alaska

Cape Lisburne (Alaska)
Diomede Islands (Alaska and Russia)
Utqiagvik / Barrow (Alaska)
Wainwright (Alaska)
Wales (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1
Series 1
Album 1
.1 - .126

.7 – [a group of nine individuals posed in front of a wooden building. One Indigenous individual at far left. Seven American sailors standing and seated on steps. One individual identified as Russian standing at center on steps] [At AFN 2025, person at center wearing medals identified as possibly Russian]
.25 – [two individuals standing in the snow next to two dog sleds and dog sled teams]
.34 – [four individuals seated with drums and drumsticks. Others seated behind in a western style building with a map of Alaska on the wall at left. At AFN 2023, individuals possibly identified as Inupiat]
.35 - [one individual at center dancing with fur boots on and possibly wearing dance gloves. People seated on floor and on benches, as well as people visible outside glass windows. Similar to .34. At AFN 2023, individuals possibly identified as Inupiat]
.38 – [four individuals and one youth on the back of individual at far right posed in fur parkas behind a camera on a tripod. Possibly Inupiat based on the tusk design on the three parkas]
.39 – [two individuals posed holding fox hides. Possibly Inupiat based on the tusk design on the three parkas]
.47 – All Eskimoes, Wainwright [two Inupiat individuals standing with a structure, possibly a boat frame, in the background with dogs tied to a line at right]
.50 – [group of adults and youths standing with dog sleds and sled dogs in the snow outside of a western style building with “U.S. Public School” painted on the front of the building]
.52 - [one individual standing in the snow next to two dog sleds and dog sled teams. Similar to .25]
.60 - Arthur Nagozruk [one individual identified as Arthur Nagozruk standing with parka, mittens, boots, and binoculars at the stern of a boat with outboard motor and rifles on the gunnels. Seal on the ice in the foreground. Ice flows in the background]
.67 – Hunting crew, Cape Prince of Wales [seven Inupiat individuals standing on the sides of an umiak in the snow]
.69 – Museum specimens [two Indigenous individuals standing next to a walrus carcass on a beach]
.71 – [two walrus calves in the snow surrounded by processed meat]
.84 - Joe Bernard's "Teddy Bear" [view of ship at dock]

.103 – [five Indigenous individuals, possibly Inupiat, seated in chairs in a western style building with times table and chalkboard behind them. At AFN 2024, the location was identified as Bering Strait area]
.104 - Rabbit hunters; easy to shoot but hard to pack them. myself in middle [three individuals wearing snowshoes, holding rifles, and packing rabbits. Possibly Commodore Claude S. Cochran at center Two other individuals at left with a canvas tent in the background]
.118 – U.S.R.C. Bear, UWG? [view of United States Revenue Cutter Bear at full sail with coastline in the background]

Negatives
.127 - .167

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