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TITLE: Berta Walsky Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1991.035

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1886-1887

Extent: 10 photos

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): TLC

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 10 sepia tone photographs mounted on 5.23" x 8.5" cardstock. The images largely depict Indigenous people (possibly Unanga and/or Yup'ik), as well as a variety of boats. Areas include the Bering Sea, Unalaska, and St. Michael.

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Berta Walsky Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1991.035

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Berta Walsky. Accessioned by Museum staff in 1991.

Notes

Cardstock slightly concaved, but in stable condition.

RELATED MATERIALS

A.C. Cron Collection, B1973.079

USCG Cutter Chelan Album, B2016.008

SUBJECTS

Beaded jewelry

Bering Sea

Bidarkas

Boats and boating

Dogs

Harbors

Indigenous people – Alaska

People – Alaska – 1890-1899

St. Michael (Alaska)

Umiaks

Unalaska (Alaska)

Unanga̋ (Indigenous people) – Alaska

Yup'ik (Indigenous people) – Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Steam whaler "Thrasher." Behrings [sic] sea, 1886. [Steam schooner]

.2 – Alaska Commercial Company's schooner "Pearl" entering Ounalaska [sic] harbor, 1887. [Steam schooner at Unalaska, mountains and beach in background]

.3 – Lieut's Kennedy and Benhuer, U.S. Rev. Str. Bear. [Two army lieutenants in suits aboard the U.S. Revenue Cutter "Bear"]

.4 – [Indigenous] boat "Kayack" [sic] Taken at St. Michael [from card catalog:] signed TLC. Three split prow. 1 combination split prow, hand hole. [Indigenous people in a row of bidarkas]

.5 – Hunting boat - "Ky-ack" [sic] Alaska coast [Indigenous people. Person] in act of throwing a spear. St. Michael, Alaska. [from card catalog:] Using atlatl, rear of boat out of photo.

.6 – [Indigenous Alaskan] "Kyack" [sic] or hunting boat, St. Michael, Alaska. [see also B1991.35.5]

.7 – [Indigenous] Oomiak [sic], St. Michael, Alaska. [Seven people, some Indigenous, in an Umiak]

.8 – [...] dogs, showing method of tying them in camp. [Husky dog tied to a stick, people and tent in background.]

.9 – [Indigenous people] - Alaska. [from card catalog:] Girl with trade beads in nose string, trade beads from ear to ear, aboard ship. [Indigenous child on boat wearing belted tunic, skin boots and beaded jewelry, person in background.]

.10 – Wai-bit-coo. [An Indigenous person] of Siberia. [person wearing a parka with fur collar, standing against railing of ship or dock. Circa 1886-1887]

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