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TITLE: CIHS Eide

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1967.032

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1900

Extent: 7 photographs

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): E.A. Sather

Administrative/Biographical History:

Arthur Hansin Eide (d. 1972) was a Presbyterian minister and teacher in Alaska in the 1900s. Born in *Tromsø*, Norway circa 1880, he came to San Francisco on the S.S. *Rupert* in 1910. He met his first wife (of five), Annie Coogidlac Koodlalook (spelling also documented as Coodlalook) of Point Barrow¹. Koodlalook attended the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania and was adopted by Sheldon Jackson. Eide and Koodlalook were both sent to Little Diomed as Government representatives where they worked as schoolteachers, doctors, and commissioners to the people of the Island. After Little Diomed, Arthur Eide went to Point Barrow where he built the Presbyterian mission hospital. Starting in 1922 he was primarily stationed out of Anchorage until his death in 1972, though he spent time in Spenard from 1939-1955. He also had a weekly radio program on KFQD in 1942, telling stories of Alaska. Fourteen of the images included in this collection were published in Eide's book *Drums of Diomed* in 1952.

¹ Alaska Born Children Who Attended the Carlisle Indian School 1879-1918 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~coleen/carlisle.html>.

Scope and Content Description:

The Arthur Eide collection consists of 7 photographs organized in the photo file collection. The photographs include a group outside the Klondyke Hotel, McQuesten and Co. in Circle, Alaska, a Lower River boat and the Riverboat Alice at Dawson City, Chilkoot Pass, a sled and sledge dogs, and the Breaking of the Yukon at Circle City. The photo files that the collection is organized into are Chilkoot Pass, Circle, Alaska, Dawson City, Yukon Territory, River boats, and Yukon River.

Arrangement: Not applicable.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Arthur Eide in 1967.

Processing Note

Assigned museum accession number 1967.34 and duplicate accession number B1968.1. The current collection number is correct. Enlargement of .4 removed due to poor condition.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1955.003 Arthur Eide Glass Lantern Slide Collection

B1969.024 CIHS Eide Ephemera Collection

B1970.028 Arthur Eide Collection

B1972.025 Eide Photographs

B1972.081 Eide Collection

SUBJECTS

Eide, Arthur Hansin
Nilson, John
Sather, E.A.
Wagness, J.T.
Chilkoot Pass
Chilkoot Trail
Circle (Alaska)
Dawson (Yukon)
Gold mines and mining – Yukon
Klondike Gold Rush
Klondike River Valley (Yukon)
Klondyke Hotel – Dawson – Yukon
McQuesten and Company
River boats – Dawson – Yukon
Yukon River (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 –Albine and Niels. Photo made in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Nilson arrival (sic) in Dawson (June) 16th, 1899. J.T. Wagness, photo. Back, Dawson City, Yukon Territory [group of individuals posed outside log building identified as the Klondyke Hotel in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson City), Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation. J.T. Wagness, photographer]
- .2 – McQuesten and Co. E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. Back, Circle, Alaska [group of individuals posed outside log building identified as McQuesten and Co. Danzhit Khànlajj (Circle City), Gwich'in Territory. E.A. Sather, photographer.]
- .3 – E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. Back, Compliments John Nelson, N.W.T., Alaska [view of tents and buildings in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson City) and the Yukon River from hill, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation. E.A. Sather, photographer]
- .4 – Steam. Alice on stampede to Henderson Creek. E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. Back, “Property of Arthur Eide. Presented by John Nelson 2 weeks before he died. He wanted a sourdough to have this picture, which he had carried around for so many years.” [group of individuals posed Steamboat Alice with people on shore in bottom right corner. E.A. Sather, photographer]
- .5 – Chilkoot Pass. Alaska. E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. [group of individuals standing with supplies and others packing materials up a mountain in the snow. A Shakée (Chilkoot Trail/Pass), Jil̄koot K̄wáan, Lingít Aaní. E.A. Sather, photographer]
- .6 – E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. Back, “Property of Arthur Eide.” Dawson City, Yukon Territory [one individual with packed sledge and two dogs in harness with buildings in the background. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson City) and the Yukon River from hill, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation. E.A. Sather, photographer]
- .7 – The breaking of the Yukon, Circle City, May 21, [18]97. E.A. Sather, Dawson City, Alaska and Tacoma, Wash. Back, Yukon River [view of ice breaking up on the Yukon River with two

individuals standing on an ice flow while another sits on possibly a fence to the right. A river boat anchored in background at right. E.A. Sather, photographer.]

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