

Guide to the Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh Journal and Lantern Slides from the Harriman Alaska Expedition

WA MSS S-2389



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-2389

CREATOR: Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel, 1853-1935

TITLE: Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh journal and lantern slides from the Harriman Alaska Expedition

DATES: 1899-1916

BULK DATES: 1899-1900

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.6 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: Journal, ephemera, glass lantern slides, and glass plate negatives documenting Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh's participation in the Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.dellenbaugh>

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Edward Eberstadt & Sons, 1959.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. Boxes 4 and 5: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Preferred Citation

Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh Journal and Associated Lantern Slides from the Harriman Alaska Expedition. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

This collection was previously described with a short catalog record. A retroactive finding aid was created in 2026 to facilitate description and access to the collection at the folder level.

Processing Information

Dellenbaugh's original titles are enclosed in quotation marks; otherwise, titles were devised by the archivist. Some folder titles contain language which may be inaccurate and harmful to Alaska Natives. Original titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their documents. Please contact Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library for details or if you have questions or comments about these revisions. For more information on reparative archival description at Yale, see [Yale's Statement on Harmful Language in Archival Description](#).

Biographical / Historical

Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh, artist, topographer, explorer and author, member of John Wesley Powell's second expedition down the Colorado River, and a member of the Harriman Alaska Expedition in 1899.

Scope and Contents

Dellenbaugh's holograph journal of the Harriman Alaska Expedition, 23 May-9 August 1899, kept from his departure from New York City until his return. A detailed diary recording daily activities of the expedition, interviews with natives and recent settlers, scientific findings, and discussions with others on the expedition. There are small illustrations by Dellenbaugh throughout, and at the back there are signatures and addresses of expedition members and poems written on the trip. The journal is accompanied by clippings, programs, photographs, maps, and letters from E. H. Harriman, Robert Swain Gifford, and Lewis R. Morris. The 115 lantern slides document the Harriman Alaska Expedition and were created by Dellenbaugh, C. Hart Merriam, and G. K. Gilbert. The slides depict a Tlinkit summer camp at Yakutat Bay, buildings at Sitka, Muir Glacier, Disenchantment Bay, Prince William Sound, St. Paul Island seal rookeries, whale rib houses, dog teams, a Kodiak village, a lifeboat drill on board the G.W. Elder, men gathering ice from the sea, igloo building, and gold miners working. Accompanied by 4 glass plate negatives of Alaska. Also present are a small quantity of lantern slides relating to Alaska, circa 1916, which Dellenbaugh requested from the American Museum of Natural History.

Collection Contents

Journal of the Harriman Alaska Expedition

b. 1, f. 1

Material removed from journal

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Contact prints for glass plate negatives in Box 5

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Glass lantern slides

b. 2, f. 3	Map of Alaska	1899
b. 2, f. 4-5	Unidentified landscapes	1899
b. 2, f. 6	Deserted village, Cape Fox, Alaska	1899
b. 2, f. 7	"Totem poles, Cape Fox Village"	1899
b. 2, f. 8	"Totem poles, deserted village, Cape Fox"	1899
b. 2, f. 9	"Grave post, Port Fox deserted village"	1899
b. 2, f. 10	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 2, f. 11	Unidentified building	1899
b. 2, f. 12	"Yakutat Bay Tlinkit Summer Camp H.A.E. Book days Glacier Bay"	1899
b. 2, f. 13	"Alaska - Juneau - Expedition ship G.W. Elder at pier"	1899
b. 2, f. 14	"Street in Juneau"	1899
b. 2, f. 15	British and American flags	1899
b. 2, f. 16	Map of southeast Alaska	1899
b. 2, f. 17	"Muir Glacier"	1899
b. 2, f. 18	Unidentified landscape [Muir Glacier?]	1899
b. 2, f. 19	"Glacial water running in a canyon of ice, Muir Glacier"	June 11, 1899
b. 2, f. 20	"Muir Glacier - 'Dead' End. Curtis in boat"	1899
b. 2, f. 21	Unidentified landscape with tree stumps	1899
b. 2, f. 22	"Greek church, Sitka"	1899
b. 2, f. 23	"Haida man and woman tattooed" [drawing]	1899
b. 2, f. 24	"Interior of Greek church, Sitka"	1899
b. 2, f. 25	"Old Russian barracks, Sitka"	1899
b. 2, f. 26	"Sitka, Alaska Baranoff Castle"	1899
b. 2, f. 27	"Group in costume"	1899

b. 2, f. 28	"Indian house Sitka, Alaska"	1899
b. 2, f. 29	"Fairweather Range"	1899
b. 2, f. 30	Alaska flora	1899
b. 2, f. 31	"Children (Yakutat) skinning a seal. Summer camp, Disenchantment Bay"	June 21, 1899
b. 2, f. 32	"Yakutat Indian summer camp, Disenchantment Bay"	June 21, 1899
b. 2, f. 33	"Turner Glacier - Yakutat Bay (Disenchantment Bay)"	June 21, 1899
b. 2, f. 34	"Hubbard Glacier, Disenchantment Bay - beginning of Russell Fjord"	1899
b. 2, f. 35	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 2, f. 36	"Ice cascade near the front of the Nunatak Glacier - Nunatak inlet - Russell Fjord"	1899
b. 2, f. 37	"Looking back on steamer's wake coming out of Russell Fjord, Hubbard Glacier in sight"	June 21, 1899
b. 2, f. 38	"The deserted village, Cape Fox, Alaska, showing carved post"	1899
b. 2, f. 39	"Life belt drill on approaching Prince William Sound"	1899
b. 2, f. 40	"Orca [Inlet] 11 PM, Prince William Sound"	1899
b. 2, f. 41	"Columbia Glacier - Prince William Sound"	June 25, 1899
b. 2, f. 42	"Barry Glacier - Prince William Sound"	1899
b. 2, f. 43	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 2, f. 44	"Head of Port Wells, Bryn Mawr [Glacier]"	1899
b. 2, f. 45	"Gathering ice from the sea"	1899
b. 2, f. 46	"Wellesley Glacier, College Fjord, Prince William Sound"	June 26, 1899
b. 2, f. 47	"Head of College Fjord, Port Wells, Prince William Sound. Harvard and Yale glaciers"	June 26, 1899
b. 2, f. 48-49	Unidentified landscapes	1899
b. 2, f. 50	"Harriman Glacier right side"	1899
b. 2, f. 51	"Kodiak village from the mountain"	1899
b. 2, f. 52	"St. Paul Island seal rookeries"	1899
b. 2, f. 53	"Family of fur seals on St. Paul Island, Bering Sea"	1899
b. 2, f. 54	"On Hall Island, Bering Sea - botanist in mid distance"	1899
b. 2, f. 55-56	Unidentified landscapes	1899
b. 3, f. 57	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 3, f. 58	"The mail steamer Dora off Kodiak"	July 5, 1899

b. 3, f. 59	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 3, f. 60	"Pavlof Volcano"	1899
b. 3, f. 61	"Arenaria, Hall Island"	1899
b. 3, f. 62	"Plover Bay, Siberia"	1899
b. 3, f. 63	"Native hut, Plover Bay, Siberia"	1899
b. 3, f. 64	"Native tupek, Plover Bay, Siberia"	1899
b. 3, f. 65	"Whale rib fireplace, Plover Bay, Siberia"	1899
b. 3, f. 66	"Part of whale rib and sod house, Plover Bay"	1899
b. 3, f. 67	"Winter house, Plover Bay, Siberia"	1899
b. 3, f. 68	"Junction of the Fish and the [Niukluk] rivers, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 69	"The tundra - Port Clarence"	1899
b. 3, f. 70	"Group of Eskimos - Port Clarence" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	July 12, 1899
b. 3, f. 71	"Eskimo in kayak - Port Clarence, Alaska" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1899
b. 3, f. 72	"Eskimos alongside the Geo. W. Elder at Port Clarence" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	July 12, 1899
b. 3, f. 73	"Port Clarence - Eskimos at lunch" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1899
b. 3, f. 74	"Young Eskimos at the beach at Port Clarence. Eskimo [tent?] in distance. White man is Keeler" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1899
b. 3, f. 75	"Young Eskimos on the beach or spit - Port Clarence" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1899

b. 3, f. 76	"Eskimos at Port Clarence" This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1899
b. 3, f. 77	"Western point of Columbia Glacier"	1899
b. 3, f. 78	"Stranded ice Columbia"	1899
b. 3, f. 79	"Fox [flume?], Long Island, Kodiak"	1899
b. 3, f. 80	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 3, f. 81	"Dog teams towing a boat around a gravel spit - Fish River, Alaska"	1899
b. 3, f. 82	Unidentified ship	1899
b. 3, f. 83	"Steamer on Fish River at White Mountain settlement, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 84	"Landing in the surf at Nome"	1900
b. 3, f. 85	"Unloading a barge at Nome, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 86	"Street in Nome, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 87	"Military prisoners hauling gravel at Nome, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 88	"Schooner anchored off Nome, Alaska"	1900
b. 3, f. 89-90	Unidentified landscapes	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 91	Interior with two men reading	1899
b. 3, f. 92	Unidentified landscape	1899
b. 3, f. 93	"Whipsawing boards, Council City"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 94	"Council City, Alaska on [Niukluk] River 60 miles above Golovin Bay"	1900
b. 3, f. 95	"Exterior of Van der Burgh + Co.'s cabin at Council City"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 96	"Interior of Van der Burgh + Co.'s cabin, Council City"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 97	Unidentified landscape with two men in the middle distance	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 98	"Prospecting on Warner Creek, branch of the [Niukluk]"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 99	"Panning for gold"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 100	"Working a rocker on Warner Creek"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 101	Unidentified landscape	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 102	Illustrations of umiak boats	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 103	Illustration of a kayak	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 104	Unidentified landscape with small boats in foreground	circa 1899-1900

b. 3, f. 105	"Alaskan notice of hunt"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 106	"Com. Peary"	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 107	Sailor on unidentified ship	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 108	"Barabara at Unalaska"	1899
b. 3, f. 109	"Shoshone Falls from the north brink of canyon"	1899
b. 3, f. 110	"Natives cutting out blocks of snow and building an igloo, Eskimo" Also labeled as American Museum of Natural History negative number 26154. This folder title contains language that may be inaccurate or harmful to Alaska Native communities. Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the collection creator labeled their files.	1916
b. 3, f. 111	"Cape Fullerton and Repulse Bay Reg. - showing a few snow houses near the vessel" Also labeled as American Museum of Natural History negative number 26166.	1916
b. 3, f. 112	"Snow house with an old woman making fast her waist strap. There is a block of snow placed near the window to reflect sunlight" Also labeled as American Museum of Natural History negative number 26138.	1916
b. 3, f. 113	Ten people climbing a snowy mountain	circa 1899-1900
b. 3, f. 114	"Messrs. Ritter and Coe with the octopus"	1899
b. 3, f. 115-117	Unidentified landscapes	1899

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b. 4, f. 118 Original newspaper clippings from Box 1

b. 5, f. 119-122 Glass plate negatives

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Alaska Natives -- Pictorial works
Eskimo -- Alaska -- Pictorial works
Indians of North America -- Alaska -- Pictorial works
Tlingit Indians -- Alaska -- Pictorial works

Geographic Names

Alaska -- Description and travel
Alaska -- Discovery and exploration

Genres / Formats

Glass negatives
Lantern slides
Photographs

Names

Gifford, R. Swain (Robert Swain), 1840-1905
Gilbert, Grove Karl, 1843-1918

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