

Hartmann and Weinland Inuit Photographs, circa 1886

Overview of the Collection

Photographer	Hartmann and Weinland
Title	Hartmann and Weinland Inuit Photographs
Dates	circa 1886 (inclusive) 1886 1886
Quantity	9 photographic prints (1 folder)
Collection Number	PH0319
Summary	Photographs of Inuit and other Eskimo people, dwellings, and villages.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

In 1884, the Reverends J. Adolphus Hartmann and William H. Weinland set off from San Francisco; they had been commissioned by the Moravian Church in America to determine a location for a mission in Western Alaska. The mission site they chose, called Bethel, was on the Kuskokwim River. Upon their return to San Francisco, the Moravian church raised funds to send representatives to the mission; among them was Reverend Weinland, who became the teacher of the government school.

Historical Background

Photographs made by Hartmann and Weinland are featured in "Education in Alaska," a report written by Sheldon Jackson, general agent of education in Alaska from Sitka, Alaska, on February 1, 1886. The report contained Jackson's opinions on the specific needs and challenges of establishing a public education system in Alaska, from geographic and climatic challenges to detailed descriptions of the native populations. "The education demanded in Alaska is the moral, intellectual, and physical training of the people at one and the same time -- the gradual uplifting of the whole man.... The training of the schools should be extended to the heart as well as the mind and hand."

Jackson's vision of an education system was based on Christian principles; the establishment of English schools followed the creation of missionary centers and churches. The curriculum included basic skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also featured sanitary regulations, laws of health, better methods of housekeeping, and virtues such as honesty and chastity. "From these reports it will be seen that earnest efforts are being made to educate and civilize the natives; that school attendance is obligatory, and 98 percent of the children of the school age are reported in attendance."

Content Description

The collection consists of nine photographs, ca. 1886, of locations in Unalaska, Kuskokwim Bay, and Nushagak. Inuit and other Eskimo men and boys appear in the photographs; also depicted are dwellings, warehouses, kayaks, and dog sleds. The "old Russian fort" at Kolmakovsky is also pictured.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The photographs are arranged according to the photographers' original order.

Processing Note

Processed by Jill M. Dalager and Shannon B. Lynch, 2004.

Related Materials

The Sheldon Jackson report, "Education in Alaska," is available in *The Work of the Bureau of Education for the Natives of Alaska*, 1885/86-1898/99 (located in Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries: SpecColl Pacific NW, 979.8 Un363w).

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Item		
1	Buildings in village [view] Caption: "7. Ounalaska--Our Quarters."	ca. 1886
2	Buildings in village [view] Caption: "12. Nushagak.--Looking South."	ca. 1886
3	Men and boys [view]	ca. 1886

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Caption: "14. Group of Esquimaux Men and Boys."	
4	Men and buildings[view] Caption: "17. Ware-House, Kuskokwim Bay."	ca. 1886
5	People and dogs seated near kayaks, dog sleds, and other equipment[view] Caption: "18. Esquimaux Village, kiyack, dog sled, etc."	ca. 1886
6	Man in front of wall[view] Caption: "26. Male Esquimaux showing clotted hair."	ca. 1886
7	Dogs in fort complex[view] Caption: "27. Kolmakovsky, showing old Russian fort."	ca. 1886
8	Man seated and wrapped in blanket[view] Caption: "32. Favorite position when at leisure."	ca. 1886
9	Man leaning against earthen wall or bank[view] Caption: "35. Esquimaux leaning against a Kashima."	ca. 1886

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Eskimos--Alaska--Photographs
 Eskimos--Dwellings--Alaska--Photographs
 Inuit--Alaska--Photographs
 Villages--Alaska--Photographs
 Visual Materials Collections (University of Washington)

Geographical Names :

Kuskokwim Bay (Alaska)--Photographs
 Nushagak (Alaska)--Photographs
 Unalaska (Alaska)--Photographs

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographic prints

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