

# ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 18th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION



City of Nome Fourth of July parade, circa 1901.

**Auction closes at 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
Nome, Alaska**

Items in this auction should be of interest to those supporting the Alaska Historical Society and to those persons involved in researching Alaska's colorful past. Bidding is open to all. Please show your appreciation for this effort to raise funds for historical projects by bidding outrageously on items! Anything paid over the estimated value of the item should be tax deductible.

The auction will take place during the Alaska Historical Society's annual meeting to be held September 12-15, 2018 at Old St. Joe's Hall, Nome, Alaska.

## HOW TO BID

If you are not attending the meeting you can submit bids. Non-members are welcome to bid. Successful bidders not at the meeting will be notified by October.

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Absentee bids should be sent to email [members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org) or submitted by phone to 907.350.5523. **Absentee bids must be received by 12:00 p.m., September 14, 2018.** All bids must be for at least 50% of the estimated value of the item.

Items for this auction have been generously donated by Dick Wood, Candy Waugaman, Paul Taylor, Floyd Smith, Jeannie Sherwood, Frank Roppel, Rebecca Poulson, Bruce Merrell, Karen Hofstad, Dick Hanscom, Jim Ducker, Kaye Dethridge & Irene Shuler, Malin Babcock, Joan Antonson, Alaska Jewish Museum.

1. *Icebound Summer* and *Moonlight at Midday* by Sally Carrighar. The author lived in Nome and writes about the Seward Peninsula's animals, ghosts, people and villages. Both books have their dust covers and are in very good condition.

Estimated value: \$40.00

2. **Main Street, Nome, digital panoramic print** by Pillsbury Brothers, 1899. Approximately 2 1/2 feet wide.

Estimated value: \$40.00

3. **Eskimo Village print** by **Dale DeArmond**. There are men, women and children, a semi-subterranean house, storage rack, and boat in the scene. Artist's proof, measures 3 x 5 1/2".

Estimated value: \$100.00

4. *Ethnohistory in the Arctic: The Bering Strait Eskimo* by Dorothy Jean Ray (1983). Researchers still consult this foundational work. It is principally about the 19th century. It has a chapter on Inuit place names in the area. Hardcover, excellent condition.

Estimated value: \$40.00

5. **Edna Wilder print** of Alaska cabin, 1975. Artist, sculptor, and author was born in Bluff City on the Seward Peninsula, and later lived in Fairbanks. Print is signed and numbered 487 of 500. 18" x 24".

Estimated value: \$40.00

6. **Alaska Mining Company stock certificate** number 672 for 500 shares date stamped January 17, 1902, and a second non-executed stock certificate for the **Alaska Dredging & Power Company**.

Estimated value: \$25.00

7. **The Game of Nome**, Alaska Gold Company. "Do you have what it takes to take over your town?" New! Game appears to be based on Monopoly.

Estimated value: \$50.00

8. *Distant Justice: Policing the Alaska Frontier*, by William R. Hunt (1987). Hardcover, new, with dust cover. Great stories of crimes, scandals, corruption and characters! The author concludes the territory built a realistic, workable police system.

Estimated value: \$35.00

9. **5 real photo postcards** of the landing of the dirigible *Norge* at Teller, May 14, 1926. Postcards are unused.

Estimated value: \$20.00

10. **Dainty Territory of Alaska pin**. 3/4" in diameter; a fancy gold border, the words Territory of Alaska on a blue background, and the territorial seal symbols in the center. Like new condition.

Estimated value: \$80.00

11. Holiday Greetings from the Xavier's, **Candle**, Alaska. Framed. 4 **cartoon sketches** on World War II, Echoes of 1945.

Estimated value: \$150.00

12. *The Spoilers*, by Rex Beach. This is the great novel about Gold Rush Nome written in 1905. This edition was published in 1906 and owned by Ted Merrell. Ted cut out and carefully folded in the book an article by Jackie Pels from *Alaska History News* in 1986 about Beach and his novels! The binding shows it age, but overall the book is in good shape.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**13. Wien Alaska Airlines, The World's Farthest North Scheduled Airline sticker** from Fairbanks. Unused.  
Estimated value: \$15.00

**14.** 8 menus for those aboard the S.S. *Yukon Star*, with covers of Alaska dogs by Alaskan artist **Josephine Crumrine**. The blurb on the back said the artist "captured the spirit of the Old Alaska when the chief mode of transportation was the husky-drawn sled. Her medium was pastels, here reproduced by four-color lithography."  
Estimated value: \$50.00

**15. The Daily Nome Industrial Worker newspaper**, August 3, 1916, proudly noting "This Paper is Owned, Controlled and Operated by Local 240 of the W.F. of M." Yellowed, but in excellent condition.  
Estimated value: \$25.00

**16. Grizzlies Don't Come Easy! My life as an Alaskan bear hunter** by Ralph W. Young (1981). Young was a big game guide for 30 years around southeast and southcentral Alaska and wrote many published stories about his experiences. The book is hardcover, new, with dust cover.  
Estimated value: \$25.00

**17.** "Comments, Alaska, Atlin and the Yukon" by Travelers over the **White Pass and Yukon Route** railway, a 24-page booklet, and the general information pamphlet for the **1931** season. Great condition, fun to read.  
Estimated value: \$25.00

**18.** Lapel "half moon" **pin with gold nuggets and Nome**. Measures about 3/4 of an inch across. Delicate, tasteful, and suitable for a man or woman.  
Estimated value: \$200.00

**19. Greyhound Bus poster**, "Roll'er thorough to Fairbanks": Greyhound serves America-at-War along the Alcan Military Highway. The post notes the company is carrying the military and civilian personnel building the road following the bulldozers. Excellent condition.  
Estimated value: \$10.00

**20. A.F. Kashevarov's Coastal Explorations in Northwest Alaska, 1838** and **V.S. Khromchenko's Coastal Explorations in Southwestern Alaska, 1822**, edited by James W. VanStone, Field Museum of Natural History, and translated by David H. Kraus. The journals of these early Russian explorers of western Alaska are enhanced by VanStone's historic context. This is a great chance to get these publications that are hard-to-find. Paperbound, very good condition.  
Estimated value: \$40.00

**21. Map** "Northwestern America showing the **territory ceded by Russia** to the United States." Alaska is shown in color, that has not faded. The 15 x 12" map is in excellent condition.  
Estimated value: \$100.00

**22. Sterling silver spoon pin.** Alaska is written in the bowl, and a gold nugget is at the top of the handle. Overall about 2 1/2 inches in length.  
Estimated value: \$25.00

**23. *Chills and Fever: Health and Disease in the Early History of Alaska***, by Robert Fortune (1989). This significant work quickly became the classic on the subjects. Dr. Fortune was recognized as Alaska Historian of the Year for this book. Hardcover, dust cover, new.

Estimated value: \$40.00

**24. 3 booklets:** "Historical Sketch of Alaska with brief Outline of Resources and Civil Government," by Lester Henderson, 1923; "Progress of Alaska Since Purchase: How Its Industries Began," by the Alaska Bureau of Publicity, 1917; and "General Information regarding the Territory of Alaska," 1918. These are from the library of R.N. "Bob" DeArmond.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**25.** Photo album with **20 photos by O. D. Goetze** of early Nome. Shows its age, but it is a treasure!

Estimated value: \$100.00

**26.** Sargeant & Pinska Men's Outfitters **button hook**.

Estimated value: \$10.00

**27. *The Prospectors' Manual*** by Arthur J. Burdick (1905). Those with gold fever should read this book for information on the outfit a prospector needed, how to know gold, mining laws, and guidance on locating, proving and protecting a claim. The book is hardcover and in very good condition. Illustrated cover!

Estimated value: \$25.00

**28.** Ally Brand Fancy Red Cutlets **salmon can label** for 15 ½ ounce can. Hodgson Co. Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Wellington--packed in Alaska.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**29. *The Bering Sea Fur Seal Dispute, 1885-1911*** by Gerald O. Williams (1984). The author, a former judge, looks at the disputes that arose when countries started pelagic sealing in the Bering Sea that resulted in the landmark international treaty to preserve the sea mammals. Paperback, very good condition.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**30.** Two unused one-quart ice cream boxes from **Creamer's Dairy** in Fairbanks--one for chocolate and one for strawberry ice cream.

Estimated value: \$10.00

**31.** A newly designed **kipa** (aka yarmulke) decorated with **John van Zyle** images of Alaska.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**32. *Pioneering Spirit, The Sisters of Providence in Alaska*** By John C. Shideler and Hal K. Rothman, 1987. This illustrated history is about the health care members of this religious order provided in early Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage where their work continues today. Paperback, good condition.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**33. Alaska Steamship Company menu** for the Farewell Dinner, August 4, 1939, for passengers aboard the S.S. *Yukon*. The color cover illustration is by **Sydney Laurence**.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**34.** Necklace from Russia. This is a **Rostov enamel necklace**. The circular enamel pendant has lovely pastel color flowers. The chain is delicate, black in color.

Estimated value: \$190.00

**35. *A Bibliography of Alaskan Literature, Volume 1: 1724-1924*** by **James Wickersham** (1927). The book has an outline of history to accompany the comprehensive lists of general publications and public documents. It is one from the first printing and in very good shape.

Estimated value: \$120.00

**36. Territory of Alaska liquor revenue stamp** for 3 gallon or less containers. Number B 1150769.nson.

Estimated value: \$5.00

**37. Ivory letter opener**, 7" long, handle is a salmon and the blade has a seal on an ice flow.

Estimated value: \$150.00

**38. *Big Game in Alaska: A History of Wildlife and People*** by Morgan Sherwood, 1981. A good study of wildlife management from the gold rushes at the end of the 19th century through World War II. Hardcover, dust jacket, like new condition.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**39. Alaska bicycle license plate** number 09871 with flag at left and 53 in upper right corner. It was the prize in either a box of Cheerios or Wheaties cereal in 1953. Great condition!

Estimated value: \$15.00

**40. *A Rose in Candle* DVD.** Produced by Russ Reno and Beverly Churchill, the film was just completed and will be shown at the conference. It tells the story of Rose Robinson, a young Jewish-Romanian immigrant who left a career as a violinist, married, and moved to Candle during the early 1900s gold rush to the Seward Peninsula.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**41. *Dictionary of Alaska Place Names*** by Donald J. Orth (1967). Every Alaskan should have a copy of this publication! Binding is loose, but it is a copy of the first edition of the book.

Estimated value: \$125.00

**42. *Drawings and Stories by Milo Minock and True Eskimo Stories by Robert Mayokak.*** These small publications of Inuit artists and writers have good information. They would be nice gifts for young people. Each 5 x 7", in very good condition.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**43. 2 F.H. Nowell original photographs:** Sluicing on No. 8 Cooper Gulch, Nome, May 20, 1907 and Cape Prince of Wales where the tin mines of Hy. J. Dieter are located.

Estimated value: \$50.00

**44. An 2" ivory Billiken**, once a must-have tourist collectible, in a period gift box depicting a Native woman ice fishing.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**45. Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce Report to the Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, 1954.** This 12-page pamphlet has insights on the area and needs. Great condition.

Estimated value: \$5.00

**46. *Goldenberg's Gvozdev: The Russian Discovery of Alaska in 1732***, James L. Smith, Editor (1990). Translation of a book written by a Russian in 1985. Smith worked under the guidance of Dr. O. W. Frost. The book suggests Russians found Alaska before Vitus Bering in 1741. The book had a very limited press run. Paperback, good condition.

Estimated value: \$45.00

**47. 5 real photo postcards** from Nome showing the harbor, bathing in the Bering Sea in July, a sled dog team, Native people cleaning a goose with children watching and a Native man. Postcards are unused.

Estimated value: \$50.00

**48. Amazing pair of earrings** for pierced ears. They are 1/2" in diameter, button style, and are maps of southcentral Alaska from Knik to Palmer to Whittier and Hope. Definitely unique!

Estimated value: \$30.00

**49. *The Silver Horde*** by Rex Beach (1909). Another novel By short-term Nome resident Rex Beach who became a very successful writer and whose books were made into popular movies. This is also a book from the library of Alaska Historical Society's long-time supporter Ted Merrell. The book shows its age, but it is in good condition.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**50. *Striking Gold in Alaska: Making tokens from placer gold***, Dick Hanscom. 6th edition, 2017. Both a how-to guide and a book showing tokens from a number of mining localities around Alaska. Paper, new.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**51. *Nome Tri Weekly Nuggets newspaper***, July 25, 1919. The front page article is about "deep enthusiasm over future prospects of Seward Peninsula district." Yellowed, but in very good condition.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**52. *Continuity and Change in Norton Sound: Historic Sites and Their Contexts*** by William L. Sheppard (1983). This ethnohistory study looks at traditional lifeways, reindeer herding, and mining and its impacts on the Native people who lived in the region. A good resource. Paperback, very good condition.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**53. Original photograph of Fort Davis**, outside Nome, 1903. 11 inches long, photo creased on far right side.

Estimated value: \$40.00

**54. The Seal Oil Lamp print by Dale DeArmond**, 1986. The print is number 43/100. It has 7 people in exquisite detail around a seal oil lamp. 4 x 5".

Estimated value: \$120.00

**55. *Russians in Alaska 1732-1867*** by Lydia T. Black (2004). This book was the culmination of a career studying the Russian, Creoles, and Native people of Alaska. It contains a wealth of information about Russian America. A must for every Alaska library. Paper, very good condition.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**56. The first and second commemorative holiday ornaments of Alaska's Governor's House.** Every Alaskan should have these, and they make excellent gifts. New and in gift boxes.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**57. Small china condiment dish** with color image "Sluicing at midnight, Nome, Alaska" in center. Made in Austria for Kelly & Co. of Nome, Alaska and Vienna.

Estimated value: \$50.00

**58.** 2 **photos**, one the Wild Goose Railroad and one of the Seward Peninsula Railroad.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**59. *Historic Ingalik Settlements Along the Yukon, Innoko, And Anvik Rivers, Alaska* and *Ingalik Contact Ecology: An Ethnohistory of the Lower-Middle Yukon, 1790-1935***, by James VanStone (1979). These works cover a range of subjects about life in western Alaska, with an emphasis on contact between the indigenous people and Euroamericans. Paper, good condition.

Estimated value: \$40.00

**60.** I have been in **Nome button** given to Bruce Merrell when he was there with Wien Airlines--along with other Nome buttons.

Estimated value: \$5.00

**61. "On the Cape Nome Gold Beach"** by Tappan Adney for *Collier's Weekly*, 1900. Text and photos. Excellent condition.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**62. *Paving Alaska's Trails: The Work of the Alaska Road Commission***, Claus-M. Naske (1986). Many challenges the pioneering road building agency tackled to carve roads through Alaska's wilderness from 1906 to 1956 are covered. There are notes in the margins, but the book is in good shape. Paperback. Copies are hard to come by, and this is your chance to get one!

Estimated value: \$80.00

**63.** Set of 8 **notecards** with beloved Alaska artist **Fred Machetanz** images of dogs, polar bears, Denali, and a Native woman.

Estimated value: \$8.00

**64.** Small round ivory **earrings** for pierced ears with the head of a polar bear on each. About 3/8" in diameter.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**65. Photo of mining camp near Nome** with a girl on a horse and a woman in her best outfit and an elaborate hat, c. 1903. Panorama photo about 10" wide.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**66. *The Mining Camps Speak: A New Way to Explore the Ghost Towns of the American West***, Beth and Bill Sagstetter (1989). Terrific book about the stuff one can find at abandoned mining camps--placer and hard rock mining evidence, the shops, log cabins and lodging. Paperback, new.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**67. *Alaska & Yukon Stocks and Bonds*** by Dick Hanscom (2002). Indispensable if interested in the subject. Illustrated, comprehensive reference work. Paperback, new.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**68. 5 postcards of Nome:** miner's home with laundry on line and cabin covered with snow, two birds eye view of town, hydraulic mining in Nome sent in 2904, Eskimo mother and child, and steamer *Corwin* at Nome. One card used.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**69. *Aleut and Eskimo Art: Tradition and Innovation in South Alaska*** by Dorothy Jean Ray (1981). Investigates how indigenous art changed from the 1700s to 1970s, and addresses "market art". The book has lots of black and white images of the art discussed. Hardcover, dust jacket, like-new condition.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**70. "Cape Nome and the New Gold-Fields of Alaska"** by Tappan Adney, page from *Collier's Weekly*, early 1900s. Excellent condition.

Estimated value: \$25.00

**71. Carved ivory goose** on pedestal. Stands about 1 1/2" high and is 2 1/2" long. Attributed to Alvey Sawgloak.

Estimated value: \$50.00

**72. Color stereoview of gold mining at Cape Nome.**

Estimated value: \$5.00

**73.** The 1890, or **eleventh census report** on the population and resources of Alaska, Robert P. Porter. The frontispiece is a color photo of Kodiak Native fishermen and families. Library hardcover binding, excellent condition, and has the original maps.

Estimated value: \$150.00

**74. "Prospecting in Alaska"** pamphlet by R. L. Stewart (1944) for the Territory of Alaska, Department of Mines. 26 pp. With general information, then information by mining region.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**75. Photos** of Rocking Out Gold, Dry Creek, Nome and S.S. *Victoria* in roadstead at **Nome, 1902.**

Estimated value: \$5.00

**76. *Kusiq: An Eskimo Life History from the Arctic Coast of Alaska***, Waldo Bodfish, Sr., edited by William Schneider who worked with Leona Okakok and James Nageak (1991). This book gives insights into living in Arctic Alaska. Paperback, excellent like-new condition.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**77. Purchase Centennial commemorative card**, 8 1/2" x 11". Back has some facts on left. Could be mailed as a large postcard.

Estimated value: \$5.00

**78. Photo of Hog Nosed Kate** who was at Nome in 1899.

Estimated value: \$20.00

**79. *Voyages on the Yukon and Its Tributaries* by Hudson Stuck** (1917). Many know Stuck's books about climbing Denali and travelling 10,000 miles by dog sled. This is about summer travels on the Episcopal mission boat the *Pelican* around interior Alaska. As engagingly written as his other books! Hardcover, excellent condition.

Estimated value: \$100.00

**80. 8 photos** of Alaska, one showing Northern Consolidated Airlines routes in Alaska, others a dredge, reindeer, salmon, a fishing lodge, and folks at cabin at Grosvenor.

Estimated value: \$10.00

**81. *Introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska***, by Sheldon Jackson, 1900. Tenth annual report with map and illustrations. Book has a wealth of information about western Alaska at the time. For age, in very good condition.

Estimated value: \$40.00

**82. 5 photo postcards:** polar bear climbing on ice, building at Fort Davis, seven Inuit men, reindeer herder with deer and sled at Kotzebue, and Native boys swimming in July at Kotzebue.

Estimated value: \$50.00



**83. *Cradle of the Storms* by Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J.** (1945, 12th printing). The adventurous priest writes of travels in the 1930s from Unimak to Katmai, with a chapter on the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. A good read! Hardcover, good condition.

Estimated value: \$50.00

**84. 3 prints by Sydney Laurence** presented by the National Bank of Alaska, 1973. The prints include a sailing ship at sea, Cape St. Elias, and the Northern Lights.

Estimated value: \$15.00

**85. *Alaska Over Israel: Operation Magic Carpet, the men and women who made it fly, and the little airline that could***, by Darragh Metzger, 2017. The book recounts the courageous story of the Alaska Airlines' airlift to take Jewish refugees from Shanghai and Yemen to the new nation of Israel in 1948. Paperback, new, autographed by the author.

Estimated value: \$30.00

**86. Alaska token starter set.** These coins from businesses and communities are great fun to have. There are 50 pieces in this set to get you started, with empty pages to add more. If you want more info about any of them, the Sitka collector who generously donated the set can be contacted!

Estimated value: \$60.00

**87. Lobby card** for the 1955 film *Top of the World*, starring Dale Robertson, Evelyn Keyes, and Frank Lovejoy. Five men in parkas are running across the snow towards two parachutes that have landed. Excellent condition.

Estimated value: \$30.00