



57-319. Oldtime glacier photos, circa 1900

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Part Of: Nicholas Morant fonds
Description Level: 5 / File
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white II
Reference Code: V500 / A3 / 57-319
Date Range: [copies made ca.1976]
Physical Description: 21 photographs (17 negatives, 4 prints)
Scope & Content:

Glacier National Park BC

Notes: NM note 1: These copies are of photographs made around Glacier House, the old Canadian Pacific mountain hotel at Glacier, BC above where now the Connaught Tunnel emerges. It was situated on the Glacier Loop when trains passed over the summit of the Roger's Pass. The hotel was well known and enjoyed a world reputation for atmosphere brought about largely by the hostess in charge and not so much by its appearance as a building.

NM note 2: These pictures were made around 1900 and, in those days, an eastbound passenger train would, just beyond Ross Peak slide, swing over to the north side of the valley for a mile or so and then through some snowsheds and across a high trestle due south and in the small valley above which stands the Bonney Glacier. It "looped" in this area and passed over another bridge and thence two miles into Glacier House. It then continued through numerous and sometimes very long snowsheds to the Rogers Pass Summit, where a roundhouse used to stand, approximately on the site of the Northland Hotel.

NM note 3: extra negs 57-319-A, 57-319-G

Geographic Access: British Columbia

Content Details:	<p>The following negatives show the area immediately west of Glacier where the "loops" were located :</p> <p>57-319-A. Early log cabin in the area. Obviously a rush job since the timbers are assembled "as they came"</p> <p>57-319-B. Two typical tourists of the era off for a hike towards the Illecillewaet Glacier probably, which, in those days, was close to the hotel itself</p> <p>57-319-C. Canadian Pacific Railway porter beside his "sleeper"</p> <p>57-319-D. Ditto but apparently "in the woods" nearby</p> <p>57-319-E. Old Canadian Pacific Glacier Depot</p> <p>57-319-F. Glacier House building</p> <p>57-319-G. Track patrolman's hut near Glacier Station. The "car" is interesting, since it is not a handcar but is fitted only with a brake and is obviously for downgrade "drifting" use</p> <p>57-319-H. Looking down Illecillewaet Valley, west, as passenger train approaches in distance</p> <p>57-319-J. Ditto. Eastwards passenger is now crossing trestle over Illecillewaet River in southerly direction, will pass under bridge to slowly ascend to the higher level and into Glacier</p> <p>57-319-K. Ditto. Photographer's second shot of same train showing passenger cars</p> <p>57-319-L. Shot made by photographer presumably to show smoke still escaping from snowsheds in distance</p> <p>57-319-M. Typical track in that area. This made at the approach to the bridge about 2 miles from Glacier Hosue, westwards. Not unlikely these all made by members of Vaux family, wealthy Philadelphians who were keen and able "amateur" photographers using best equipment of the era</p>
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