

HARRY L. DAY PHOTOGRAPHS,

(1907-1917]

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INTRODUCTION

This collection of black and white photonegatives was copied from a portion of a collection originally belonging to Harry L. Day, 1880-1964. Before his death, Harry Day donated his photographs and papers to the Elk Point Historical Society, (Alberta), where they are now held. The Elk Point Historical Society loaned the Fort Simpson Historical Society a number the photographs, believed to relate to Day's stay in the Northwest Territories between 1907 and 1909. The Fort Simpson Historical Society in turn forwarded these prints to the Northwest Territories Archives for copying.

The images are primarily of people, though the Fort Simpson Anglican church and mission and Hudson's Bay Company buildings are also featured. Locations include Fort Simpson, Hay River, and Fort Norman, and probably a number of scenes from Alberta. Also in this collection are photographs taken by H.W. Jones, a semi-professional photographer in Hay River.

This collection has been described down to item level in the Photographs Catalogue. The descriptions consist of the inscriptions found on the original prints. Additional information from other sources has been included in square brackets.

Extent: 36 copy negatives

Restrictions: None

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harry L. Day, born on July 4, 1880, entered Wycliffe College in Toronto in 1905 in preparation for the Anglican ministry. In 1907 he married Elizabeth Albinia Marshall and together they travelled to Fort Simpson. Between 1907 and 1909 Harry Day assisted the Archdeacon J.B. Lucas, the Anglican minister responsible for Fort Liard, Fort Norman and Fort Wrigley. In 1909, Day was appointed to St. Saviour's Anglican parish in Vermilion, Alberta, where he spent the next two years. In 1911, the Days settled outside of Elk Point, Alberta to homestead. Harry Day remained there until his death on July 21, 1964.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 36 black and white 10 X 12.5 cm copy photonegatives. Although numbers on the backs of some of the photographs suggests there may have been an original order, this order no longer exists, and the copy negatives have been arbitrarily arranged into series. The negatives are primarily believed to date between 1907 and 1909, coinciding with Day's stay in Fort Simpson. However, at least one print dates from World War One (probably 1917), when the Mr. and Mrs. Day were in Alberta. It is possible that some of the photos from unidentified locations may have been taken in Alberta, after 1909. Most of the prints carried Harry L. Day's initials and some comments. The collection includes a photo taken by Bishop Reeve, 7 photos by H.W. Jones, a professional photographer in Hay River, and one photograph of Agnes Cameron, credited as one of the first white-women to travel in the Canadian Arctic.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1. PHOTONEGATIVES - FORT SIMPSON, [1907-1909]. 14 items. 0001 to 0014.

Images of Fort Simpson include St. David's Anglican church, interior and exterior, the mission, and Hudson's Bay Company buildings. Includes photographs of the Days and Agnes Cameron, and one by H.W. Jones.

SERIES 2. PHOTONEGATIVES - RAY RIVER, [1907-1909]. 6 items. 0015 to 0020.

Images of Hay River and surrounding area includes 3 taken by H.W. Jones. Activities featured are a dog-team ploughing, bringing home hay by dog sled and carpentry.

SERIES 3. PHOTONEGATIVES - MISCELLANEOUS AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS, [1907-1917]. 16 items. 0021 to 0036.

Most of the photonegatives in this series are of unknown locations, and may include several pictures taken in Alberta. One negative, taken by Bishop Reeve, features the Days at Athabasca Landing, Alberta, apparently embarking on their journey to Fort Simpson. The series consists primarily of images of people; many identified, including Jessie and Willie McSwain and Alan Hardisty, a catechist. Images also depict paying treaty, a trading tent, and a Dane camp. Three were taken by H.W. Jones.

CATALOGUE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

SERIES 1. PHOTONEGATIVES - FORT SIMPSON [1907-1909].

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
0001	Day's garden F[ort] Simpson. [Mr. and Mrs. Day in their garden.]
0002	Alice [i.e. Agnes] Cameron [with] Days. [One other man in photograph is unidentified.]
0003	H.L.D. (Mr. and Mrs. Day in front of St. David's Anglican church in Fort Simpson.)
0004	In our skins, taken in January. What do you think of the dogs[?] leader, Spring, Rex, [Skit?], and [Belfour?]. H.L.D. [Mr. and Mrs. Day with dogs and sled.]
0005	H.L.D. "Photo by H.W. JONES, Hay River, Gt' Slave Lake N.W.T." [Anglican Church and Mission buildings at Fort Simpson.]
0006	(The writing on the back of this print was positioned to show the location of the buildings referred to, on the reverse.) A good photo showing supply of wood. School house-carpenter shop. [building on right] Mission house. [middle] Winter walk down here "x". Patsi killed a black wolf. (This photograph is a duplicate of item 00Q5.)
0007	Mission House. Snow we get in the north. H.L.D. [Fort Simpson Mission House.]
0008	The house [Fort Simpson Mission House], no walk showing for three months. [This photograph is a duplicate of item 0007.]
0009	Interior of St. David's. Organ not showing.
0010	[Interior of St. David's Anglican Church, Fort Simpson.] H.L.D.
0011	Fort Simpson church with house in winter--best. buildings in the north. From Mr. Christie, a late member.
0012	[Hudson's Bay Company buildings at Fort Simpson. View from behind looking towards river, stockade fence, grave in foreground.] [this note supplied by Barb Tsetso.]
0013	Fort Simpson taken with Northern Lights shining. H.B.Co's [illegible.] [Post Card] [Hudson's Bay Co. buildings, taken just in front of stockade fence looking toward river.]

[this note supplied by Barb Tsetso.]

0014 H.B.C. Fort Simpson, N.W.T. M.X. [H.B.Co. guest house at Fort Simpson, with a crowd of people lined up in front of the building and on the balcony.]

SERIES 2. PHOTONEGATIVES - HAY RIVER [1907-1909].

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
0015	Dog team-ploughing. Trained. Glen T. Marsh. H.L.D. Hay River, Great Slave Lake, N.W.T.
0016	Bringing home hay in winter by dog sled. H.L.D. "Photo by H.W. JONES, Hay River, Ct' Slave Lake, N.W.T."
0017	Sawing boards, Hay River. H.L.D. "Photo by H.W. JONES. Hay River, Gt' Slave Lake, N.W.T."
0018	Mr. [Charlie] Johnson, Hay River. We won't starve just now. H.L.D. "Photo by H.W. JONES, Hay River, Gt' Slave Lake, N.W.T." ¹ [Man holding large fish.]
0019	Off to the nets. Fish Point near Hay River, G.S. Lake. [Men in 3 row boats; dogs on shore in foreground.]
0020	S.S. Mckenzie at Hay River. The new steamer, something like the Mayflower with twelve rooms on board.

SERIES 3. PHOTONEGATIVES - MISCELLANEOUS AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS [1907-1917?].

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
0021	The scows leaving Athabasca Ld. [Landing], July 27th/07. The [French?] Lady, the Police-man looking for fire water, Mr. Vale [teacher at Hay River?] and ourselves (the Days). The long poles are oars. The one at the back of Harry is the sweep. Taken by Bishop Reeve.
0022	One of our canoes shooting a rapid at Moose River.
0023	R.C. Mission. Fort Norman.
0024	This is the coal we use. How you like it? "Photo by H.W. JONES, Hay River, N.W.T. [written on front:] Wooding up. H.B.C.S.S. Wrigley, MackenzieRiver, N.W.T.

- 0025 Paying Treaty. H.L.D. [A group of people before an open tent.] [Photo by H.W. Jones.]
- 0026 Part view of a trading tent. [Small boy in foreground; tent and people in the background.]
- 0027 Jessie & Willie McSwain. Now Fort Norman, late of Hay River. H.L.D. Jessie (1885-1982). (Man and woman holding a baby.)
- 0028 [Identifications, excluding the three small children, from left to right:] Michael, Rose Kirkley, Annie McPherson, Bella Kirkley, [Enna?] Sibbeston, Don Lenny.
- 0029 Alan Hardisty - Catechist, wife and some of the family. H.L.D. [Man, woman and 5 children.]
- 0030 Joe & Willie, John, Granma, Eliza and Flora Hope. Oh the size of it. H.L.D.
- 0031 [The names written on the back of the photograph appear to have been placed as to identify the people when the picture is held up to the light. The identifications are:] [Back row] School Marm, Harry, The Preacher who [illegible] the gum, etc. [Middle row] Henry Laferty, Margaret Sibbeson, Emily, Louise, William Edwards. [Front row] Adele (Johnson?), Mary Sibbeson, John Hope, Charlie Marsaline.
- 0032 Getting a moose skin ready for dressing. Taking off hair and fat. "Photo by H.W. JONES, Hay River, Ct. Slave Lake, N.W.T." [A woman scraping a skin.]
- 0033 [A group of school children. Several hold black boards with messages:] "Jack River School, March [1st, 1917?]. "My brother is at the front. Is yours?" "My uncle is at the front." "[Honor Roll? 56 wounded, 3 killed, 2 missing]."
- 0034 An Indian camp showing winter's supply of fish hanging up.
- 0035 A log cabin under construction.
- 0036 [Printed on the front of the post card:] [Louise Laimeure?] with the milk & Mr. Thompson the [Prec. student?]. [Three people in the yard with sheep.]

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