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Acquisition Information
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In 1977, Burgess Cogill, daughter of Captain Albert Sorenson, loaned 1 photograph album, 1 page from a separate album, and 4 photographic prints to the San Francisco Maritime Museum for copying. Copies of 30 images were made. The loaned items were returned, but Mrs. Cogill later donated them to SFMM. They are cataloged as P85-016 (SAFR 13867).
SAFR-00001 is a blanket accession that was transferred from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in September 1988. GGNRA had previously acquired the collection from the San Francisco Maritime Museum when it became a unit of the National Park Service in 1977.
GOGA-00789 was transferred from the J. Porter Shaw Library to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) in February 1985.

Historical or Biographical Note
Captain Albert Henry Sorensen (1869-1938) was born Anton Holmgaard Sorensen in Denmark. He served as master aboard REAPER (built 1876; ship, 3m), SNOW & BURGESS (built 1878; schooner, 5m), HESPERIAN (built 1918; barkentine, 4m), ROLPH (built 1919; barkentine, 4m), ROSE MAHONY (built 1918; schooner, 5m), and others. His wife, Marie, and daughters,
Burgess (born aboard SNOW & BURGESS on September 5, 1902) and Dagmar, sometimes joined him on voyages.

**Collection Scope and Content**

The Burgess Cogill photograph collection, circa 1901-1927, (SAFR 24823, P77-035) is comprised of family photographs of Captain Albert Sorensen. The collection has been processed to the Item level and is open for use.

Contains photographs of Captain Albert Sorensen, his daughters Burgess and Dagmar, and his wife Marie ashore and aboard vessels on which he served as master, circa 1901-1927. There are 30 unique photographic images in 38 physical forms (black-and-white negatives and black-and-white photographic prints).

The photographs document family life at sea and the Pacific Coast lumber trade. Primarily photographs of SNOW & BURGESS (built 1878; schooner, 5m), but also includes photographs of HESPERIAN (built 1918; barkentine, 4m), ROLPH (built 1919; barkentine, 4m), ROSE MAHONY (built 1918; schooner, 5m), and STORM KING (tugboat) in various locations. Some photographs were taken outside the Sorensen family home in Alameda, California.

**Collection Arrangement**

Arranged into two File Units: File Unit 1. Classified collection items; File Unit 2. Photo collection items.

**Related Materials**

Related photograph and media collections: Burgess Cogill photo collection, 1900-1912. SFMNHP, (SAFR 17803, P84-010). Photographs of Captain Albert Sorensen and SNOW & BURGESS (built 1878; schooner, 5m).

Burgess Cogill photo collection, 1901-1939. SFMNHP, (SAFR 13867, P85-016). Consists of a photograph album, loose photograph album leaves, and individual photographic prints documenting the life of Captain Albert Sorensen and his family at sea and ashore.

Burgess Cogill photograph collection, 1903-1905. SFMNHP, (SAFR 24826, P77-039). Consists of a photograph of Captain Albert Sorenson and his family in the cabin of Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) at Christmas time.

Related manuscript collections: Captain A.H. Sorensen papers, 1924-1981. SFMNHP, (SAFR 17608, HDC 37). Comprised of correspondence, letters of reference, news clippings and other papers regarding the Captain's career from 1924 to 1938.

God Was an Atheist Sailor manuscript (SAFR 20138, HDC 1245). Manuscript for a book Burgess Cogill wrote about her experiences sailing with her father, Captain Albert Sorensen, titled "When God was an Atheist Sailor: Memories of a Childhood at Sea, 1902-1910" (published by W.W. Norton & Company, New York, 1990).

This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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Cogill, Burgess
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Snow & Burgess (Schooner)
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Black-and-white prints (photographs)

**Classified collection storage**

File Unit 1. **Classified collection items, 1926-1927**

- **Extent:** 2 photographs (3 physical forms).
- **Physical Description:** 3 black-and-white safety negatives, 5 x 7 in.

**Scope and Content Note**

Consists of photographs separated from the original P77-035 donation and assigned item numbers according to a classification scheme developed by the San Francisco Maritime Museum.
Item No. I01.35421. Rose Mahony (built 1918; schooner, 5m) etching showing her ashore at Miami, Florida, 1927

Creator/Collector: Metour, E. P.
Extent: 1 photograph (2 physical forms).
Physical Description: 2 black-and-white safety negatives, 5 x 7 in., n (5 x 7 in.), n (5 x 7 in.)
Scope and Content Note
Copy of the front page of Miami Herald magazine, July 10, 1927, featuring a drawing of ROSE MAHONY by E. P. Metour titled "King of the Windjammers." The text above the images reads, "Conquered and alone, as master of her own fate." Credit: Miami Herald.

Item No. I20.35422. Miami, Florida, waterfront, 1926 May

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 5 x 7 in., n (5 x 7 in.)
Scope and Content Note
ROSE MAHONY (built 1918; schooner, 5m) (second from left) and ALVENA (built 1901; schooner, 4m) (first on left) and other unidentified vessels at dock.

File Unit 2. Photo collection items, circa 1901-1926
Extent: 30 photographs (35 physical forms).
Physical Description: 32 black-and-white safety negatives, 5 x 7 in.; 3 black-and-white photographic prints, 8 x 10 in.
Scope and Content Note
Consists of photographs from the original P77-035 donation that were processed as part of the Park's regular photograph collection. They were not assigned a Classified Photograph Collection item number.

Item No. 01. Burgess and Dagmar Sorensen aboard Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m), circa 1910-1915

Extent: 1 photograph (4 physical forms).
Physical Description: 2 black-and-white safety negatives, 4 x 5 in.; 2 black-and-white photographic prints, 8 x 10 in.
Scope and Content Note
They are seated on the steps leading up to the poop deck. Burgess is on the left. Both girls are holding cats in their lap.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 2 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 02. Captain Albert Sorensen and family in Alameda, California, circa 1915-1920

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Scope and Content Note
From left to right: daughter Burgess, Albert, daughter Dagmar, and wife Marie. They are standing in front of an automobile.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 23 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.
Item No. 03. **Captain Albert Sorensen, Marie Sorensen, and an unidentified man aboard Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m), 1917**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
A four-masted barkentine is in the stream in the distance.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 23 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 04. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) deck view while loaded with lumber at San Francisco, California, 1917**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
A four-masted barkentine is in the stream in the distance.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 25 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 05. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) leaving San Francisco, California, 1917**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View as seen from aboard an unidentified steamship.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 25 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 06. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) underway, starboard broadside view, on South African trip, 1917**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View as seen from aboard another vessel.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 25 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 07. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) underway with sails set, starboard broadside view, outside the Golden Gate, San Francisco Bay, California, 1917**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 25 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.
Item No. 08. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) docked, circa 1901-1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
Unidentified activity on board.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 26 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 09. **Burgess and Dagmar Sorensen with friends aboard Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m), 1909**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
Back row, left to right: Allen Boyle, Andrew Lorentzen, and Bob Wakamea. Front row, left to right: Dagmar, Burgess, and Kathleen Lorentzen. Dagmar and Burgess are holding dogs. Bob served as the cabin boy aboard the vessel. Andrew and Kathleen are the children of Captain A.P. Lorentzen, owner of SNOW & BURGESS.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 29 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 10. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) docked for lumber loading at the Long Wharf, Oakland, California, 1901-1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View from aboard the vessel looking toward a pile of lumber stacked on the dock.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 30 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 11. **Burgess and Dagmar Sorensen with friends seated on the steps of a hotel at Port Gamble, Washington, 1906**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
The children are not identified.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 32 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 12. **Burgess Sorensen aboard Rose Mahony (built 1918; schooner, 5m), 1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
She is standing on top of the deckload of lumber.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 33 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.
Item No. 13. **Dagmar, Captain Albert, and Burgess Sorensen in Alameda, California, 1919 March 16**

Extent: 1 photograph (2 physical forms).

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.; 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

Captain Albert Sorensen and his two daughters.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 40 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 14. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) deck view while underway off Cape Horn, 1901-1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 55 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 15. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) forecastle head view while underway off Cape Horn, 1901-1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View forward with two men in view.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 58 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 16. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) poop deck view while underway off Cape Horn, 1901-1918**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View aft of two men, one of which is at the wheel.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 58 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 17. **Storm King (tugboat), circa 1915-1925**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.

Scope and Content Note
View from alongside the vessel of four men on board.

Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 62 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.
Item No. 18. **Burgess, Dagmar, Marie, and Captain Albert Sorensen aboard Rolph (built 1919; barkentine, 4m), 1919 July 20**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 63 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 19. **Burgess Sorensen aboard Rolph (built 1919; barkentine, 4m), 1919 July 20**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Scope and Content Note
Photograph of her reflection in a mirror.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 65 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 20. **Rolph (built 1919; barkentine, 4m) docked, port bow view, 1919 July 20**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 70 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 21. **Burgess Sorensen aboard an unidentified vessel, 1923 May**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Scope and Content Note
She is standing on the railing and holding onto the rigging.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 101 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 22. **Hesperian (built 1918; barkentine, 4m) docked at New Zealand, bow view, 1924**

Extent: 1 photograph (2 physical forms).
Physical Description: 2 black-and-white safety negatives, 4 x 5 in.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 110 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 23. **Eric Cogill diving off the stern of West Grama (built 1918; freighter), circa 1918-1920**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
Scope and Content Note
Husband of Burgess (Sorensen) Cogill.
Related Material
Copy negative made from the print on page 113 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.
Item No. 24. **Two unidentified men, 1922 June**
   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   One of the men could possibly be Eric Cogill during the construction of the Hetch Hetchy dam.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from the print on page 118 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 25. **Dagmar and Burgess Sorensen, likely aboard Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m), circa 1906**
   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from the print on page 122 of the photograph album cataloged as P85-016.

Item No. 26. **Rolph (built 1919; barkentine, 4m) and other unidentified sailing vessels anchored in the Thames River, England, 1919-1920**
   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   ROLPH is second from the left. Her bow is damaged from being rammed by a Belgian tramp steamer.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from a print in P85-016, Item 07.

Item No. 27. **Pope and Talbot Lumber Company mills at Port Gamble, Washington, circa 1915-1920**
   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   Several sailing vessels are docked. Logs are floating in the water.
   Caption: The Old Mills and Shipping at Gamble.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from a print in P85-016, Item 17.

Item No. 28. **Pope and Talbot Lumber Company mills at Port Gamble, Washington, circa 1915-1920**
   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   Several sailing vessels are docked.
   Caption: Old Mills and Shipping at Gamble, Wash.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from a print in P85-016, Item 18.
Item No. 29. **Snow & Burgess (built 1878; schooner, 5m) docked at San Francisco, California, port broadside view, 1901-1918**

   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   Haslett Warehouse and South End Warehouse are among the buildings along the waterfront. In the far right distance is the Ferry Building tower.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from a print in P85-016, Item 19.

Item No. 30. **Rose Mahony (built 1918; schooner, 5m) poop deck view while stranded on a beach in Miami, Florida, circa 1926**

   Extent: 1 photograph.
   Physical Description: 1 black-and-white safety negative, 4 x 5 in.
   Scope and Content Note
   Four men are in view. Captain Albert Sorensen is third from the left.
   Related Material
   Copy negative made from a print in P85-016, Item 33.