

July 19, Thursday.

Skagway - old gold mining town.

The best part of the day was spent in the U.S. Dept of Interior's Historical monument in Skagway.

We saw a film composed of old photographs spliced together into a 1/2 hr movie depicting early gold mining days in Skagway.

Skagway was settled in 1887 but when Gold was discovered in 1897-8 it became a boom-town overnight. It was the base where people prepared to hike over white pass another pass. A Canadian official had arbitrarily said that each settler coming into the Yukon must bring a year supply of food.

A pioneer, climbing a steep mountain with a heavy pack bending his back will long stay in my memory.

I was disappointed not to get to the local museum.

We went on a highly over-loaded flight to the iceberg ahead Skagway & tried to call my sister. Couldn't get thru. Try again in anchorage.

We were overawed by the power represented by a glacier. Evidence of it's mountain-gauging power is evident everywhere in the valley by the striations on the rocks.

One feels the grandeur & the power of nature and her creator here.