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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey *Topographic*  
Field No. \_\_\_\_\_ Office No. *2179*

LOCALITY  
State *Alaska*  
General locality *Chilkat &*  
Locality *Childsfoot Inlets*  
*1890*  
*194*

CHIEF OF PARTY  
*E. F. Perkins*

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CHILKAT & CHILKOOT INLETSALASKA

Reconnaissance of 1894

By E. F. Dickins, Assistant C. &amp; G. Survey.

The triangulation points shown on this sheet were determined by the parties of Lieutenant Commander Mansfield, U. S. Navy, in 1890, and Assistant Pratt in 1894.

This work was executed with the plane table, the shore-line being carefully run, and the positions of all rocks, buildings, wharves &c. accurately determined; the mountain peaks, knobs, points of ridges, and other prominent topographical features were cut in by intersections and their heights determined by vertical angles. All the intermediate topography was freely sketched.

The shores of both inlets are densely covered with timber and underbrush, which extends up the slopes to an elevation of about 2500 feet; the mountains are extremely rough and rugged and their summits generally covered with snow.

The Davidson Glacier.

This is the largest of the many glaciers in this vicinity and is on the west side of the entrance to Chilkat

Inlet.

It fills the bed of a deep gorge coming down from the White Mountains and extends to within about half a mile of the waters edge. The moraine pushed out in front of the glacier is semi-circular in form, with a length upon its water face of nearly five miles, and is now covered with a belt of timber about half a mile in width. The moraine has encroached upon and locally diminished the width of the Chilkat Inlet as much as two miles, leaving the channel only one third of its original width.

Gamegastaki Village.

Is a small Indian hamlet consisting of about a dozen houses, and situated at the head of the Chilkat Inlet.

Chilkat Village.

Is quite a large and important Indian settlement, situated on the east side of the Inlet opposite Pyramid Island and extends along the beach for over a mile. There are two general merchandise stores at this place, also a large salmon cannery, but the latter was closed during the past season.

Pyramid Harbor.

On the west side of the Inlet affords the best anchorage and shelter for vessels in this vicinity; here there is

located a salmon cannery belonging to the Alaska Packers Association of San Francisco, during the past season they employed about seventy-five white men and sixty Chinamen, and put up about 40,000 cases, or 960,000 cans of salmon.

Haines Mission.

Is situated in Portage Cove on the west side of the Chilkoot Inlet; it was established by the Presbyterian Board of Missions for the purpose of educating the Indian children. It is now in charge of the Rev. Mr. Warne and wife, and they have about twenty-five Indian children under their care. Adjoining the mission there is a small Indian settlement, and there is a good trail across the peninsula to the Chilkat Village.

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