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# Jacob Sudermann Photograph Collection

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Mennonite Heritage Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Jacob Sudermann Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	725
<b>Date:</b>	1918-1920 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	55 photographs: b&w in an album.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Accession No. 2018-049

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Jacob Suderman (Oct 23, 1895-Mar 28, 1945) was born to Johann Suderman (1868-1950) and Susanna Giesbrecht (1873-1948) in the village of Neuhoffnung, near Altona, Manitoba. He was the fourth of fourteen children. The family was part of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church and later joined the Mennonite Brethren denomination. Some Mennonites were concerned that their young men would be conscripted in the Canadian military as World War One began. For this reason, the Sudermann's sold their fixed assets and followed Mennonite Brethren evangelist Heinrich Voth to a remote region of British Columbia to begin a new Mennonite settlement near Vanderhoof, BC.

The families began arriving in April 1918 bringing with them tents, food, animals, and machinery including a steam engine to help clear the land of trees and till to soil. Jacob Sudermann took with him a camera and captured scenes of the pioneering efforts in Vanderhoof. In November 1918, three of the young men died from the Spanish Flu. After two years the settlement was abandoned and the Sudermann family returned to Manitoba in 1920.

Back in Manitoba Jacob married Maria Toews (1901- 1995) on October 5, 1920 and they had three children: Harold, Margaret and Irma. Jacob found work as a school teacher and labourer. He died unexpectedly in 1945.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of a leather-covered "Snap Shot Album" featuring the face and headdress of an indigenous man burned into the leather. Photographer, J.E. Suderman's name appears at the top left and the name of his son, H.J. Suderman at the bottom left. Inside are fifty-five (55) black and white photos taken by Jacob Sudermann. Son Harold has supplied photo descriptions which were used as a guide.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Harold Suderman, son of Jacob, became the owner of the album after Jacob's death. The album was sent by Harold's daughter Jane Suderman, to Aileen Friesen of the Plett Foundation to be used in an article in *Preservings* by Harold about the Vanderhoof story. Jane Suderman gave instructions that the album be donated to the Mennonite Heritage Archives.

### Related material

Related materials: See Allan Labun, *The Family Story of John & Susan Suderman*, Howard Dyck, "Tragedy in Vanderhoof," in *Mennonite Historian* September 2015, Harold Suderman, "The Vanderhoof Expedition," in "Preservings," 2018, Peter Neufeld, "Personal diary of Peter Neufeld 1917-1918," Lyn Hancock, "Vanderhoof: the town that wouldn't wait."

Associated material: Margaret Suderman fonds, at the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies and Allan Labun, "Margaret Suderman, Missionary Nurse."

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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## Access points

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- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### Item: 725-001 - Totem pole

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Totem pole

ID: 725-001

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a totem pole in front of several buildings. There are trees and mountains in the background.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 14 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Indigenous art - Canada (subject)
  - Totem poles - British Columbia (subject)
- 

### **Item: 725-002 - Putative Suderman farmstead on the Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Putative Suderman farmstead on the Nechako River

ID: 725-002

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the assumed farmstead of the Suderman family on the Nechako River, Braeside community west of Vanderhoof. On the left there is a pile of lumber and a grindstone. On the right is a log building with two horses hitched to a wagon beside it. In the background is the Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Farm buildings (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-003 - John Suderman and Jake Suderman**

Creator: Unknown

Title: John Suderman and Jake Suderman

ID: 725-003

Date: 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of (left to right): Jake Suderman and John Suderman standing on a rock beside the turbulent Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Johann, 1893-1918 (subject)
  - Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (subject)
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### **Item: 725-004 - Bridge across the Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Bridge across the Nechako River

ID: 725-004

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the bridge across the Nechako River at the N. E. corner of Vanderhoof. On the bridge are two horses pulling a wagon and a buggy with two horses. In the foreground on the right is a cone shaped structure made of logs. The bridge was built in 1916 and replaced in 1948.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Bridges (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-005 - Vanderhoof bridge**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Vanderhoof bridge

ID: 725-005

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the Vanderhoof bridge to the north side of the Nechako River, where a rough road to the west led to the Braeside community some eight miles away.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Bridges (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-006 - Ferry and boat on the Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Ferry and boat on the Nechako River

ID: 725-006

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a ferry and a boat on the Nechako River, presumably near the ferry crossing site which led to Engen, some miles to the south.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Ferry (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-007 - Log house under construction**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945

Title: Log house under construction

ID: 725-007

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a two-story log house under construction. The four men on the second level could be (left to right): John Suderman, Johann Suderman, Jake Suderman and Abe Suderman. In the foreground is a neat picket fence and behind the house under construction are two completed houses.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-008 - Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945

Title: Nechako River

ID: 725-008

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the ferry on the Nechako River, supposedly at the ferry crossing.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-009 - Sunday church service**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Sunday church service

ID: 725-009

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the congregation gathered outside the tent used for Sunday service. This tent was provided by Johann P. Suderman for this purpose and was located on the Suderman property. There is the front end of an automobile visible on the left.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Church Building (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-010 - Homesteaders arrive at Vanderhoof**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Homesteaders arrive at Vanderhoof

ID: 725-010

Date: 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the chartered passenger rail car and homesteaders presumably having arrived at Vanderhoof for their new frontier experience. The group consists of men, women, children and dogs. The cluster of women on the left includes Dora Suderman (10 years of age) in the light dress, her older sister Margaret Suderman (16 years old) in dark coat and hat and next to her Annie Suderman (age 12) in a light dress.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Enns, Dora (Sudermann), 1908- (subject)
  - Suderman, Margaret, 1902-1991 (subject)
  - Labun, Anna (Sudermann), 1906-1994 (subject)
  - Trains (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (place)
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### **Item: 725-011 - A haying scene**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: A haying scene

ID: 725-011

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of three men, possibly Sudermans, loading a horse-drawn wagon with hay.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Hay - Harvesting (subject)
  - Horse and Wagon - British Columbia (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-012 - Jake Suderman**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Jake Suderman

ID: 725-012

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Jake Suderman, wearing his signature battered fedora, sitting on the ground with his back against a large tree root. He is holding a pick axe.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use) (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-013 - Paddling on the Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Paddling on the Nechako River

ID: 725-013

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Ernest Suderman and Henry Suderman in a rowboat on a sheltered, calm area of the Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 6 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Sudermann, Ernest, 1907-1967
  - Sudermann, Henry, 1904- (subject)
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### **Item: 725-014 - Haying scene**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Haying scene

ID: 725-014

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a hay field with trees in the background. Two large white tents are beneath the trees. On the right of the photo are a horse, grazing, a wagon and several piles of hay. In the book "Personal Diary of Peter Neufeld 1917 - 1918 this photo is described as a hay meadow near Engen rented by Warketin-Voth-Neufeld.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Harvesting - British Columbia (subject)
  - Hay - Harvesting (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-015 - Grand Trunk Pacific freight car #311461**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Grand Trunk Pacific freight car #311461

ID: 725-015

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Grand Trunk Pacific freight car #311461 sitting on its tracks alongside of which have been unloaded a variety of unidentified articles. A man dressed in dark pants, jacket and cap is standing with his hand on some waist -high contrivance. There are several more cars on the track and hydro poles running along side.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Railroad stations (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-016 - Large group of people**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Large group of people

ID: 725-016

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a large, presumably, church group gathered on sloping ground in front of a log building with two stovepipe chimneys. It may have been a wedding of the seated couple. The peak of a large tent and the roof of a larger building can be seen behind the cabin. This photo is of the same group as in #36, from a different angle.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-017 - Ferry on the Nechako River**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Ferry on the Nechako River

ID: 725-017

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the ferry carrying two people and a horse and wagon across the Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 7.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Ferry (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-018 - Large tent among trees**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Large tent among trees

ID: 725-018

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a large tent set up among trees. It is one of the two tents belonging to Johann P. Suderman. This one appears to be used as accommodation during construction of more permanent wooden structures.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-019 - Tractor pulling tree roots**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Tractor pulling tree roots

ID: 725-019

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a man on a heavy tractor pulling up a large tree root.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 11 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Steam Engines (subject)
  - Agricultural equipment (subject)
  - Tractors (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-020 - People in front of tents**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: People in front of tents

ID: 725-020

Date: [between 1918-1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of four unidentified men and a woman, possibly Lena Dyck (Suderman), standing in front of two tents. The tents, one with a stove pipe, are set up at the edge of the forest, with open field stretching out in front.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8 x 6 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-021 - Four men in a garden**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Four men in a garden

ID: 725-021

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of four young men, wearing suits and hats, standing in a garden. There are several log buildings in the background, with trees behind them, and a lagoon on the right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-022 - Nulki Lake, Vanderhoof**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Nulki Lake, Vanderhoof

ID: 725-022

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Nulki Lake, Vandrehooof, with mostly-leafless trees in the foreground and hills and mountains in the distance beyond the lake.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Lakes - British Columbia - Nulki Lake (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-023 - Nulki Lake, Vanderhoof**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Nulki Lake, Vanderhoof

ID: 725-023

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Nulki Lake, taken somewhat back from the waterfront. On the shore, near the centre, is a log structure and on the right is an oval rail fence. In the fore ground is a dirt wagon/car road. On the far shore are hills and mountains.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Lakes - British Columbia - Nulki Lake (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-024 - Mountains**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Mountains

ID: 725-024

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a jagged mountain range with snow in the upper valleys. The photo is taken from a vantage point near a telephone line.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- British Columbia (place)
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**Item: 725-025 - Buggies, wagons and tent in a cleared area**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Buggies, wagons and tent in a cleared area

ID: 725-025

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a cleared area alongside the Nechako River. A work group appears to be discussing the next moves in front of a large white tent, with two buggies and two wagons in front and more behind. There is part of a log building on the left and another in in the upper right, as well as crude zig-zagging log fencing, perhaps a corral.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Wagons (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-026 - Freight train**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Freight train

ID: 725-026

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a freight train winding past a pile of gravel. There are telephone poles to the right and possibly a lake.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Trains (subject)
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**Item: 725-027 - Log home in Vanderhoof**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Log home in Vanderhoof

ID: 725-027

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of one of the nicer log homes at the south-east corner of Vanderhoof (still in existence in 1992), near the totem pole seen in # 725-001. There is another log building on the left and higher ground behind the home.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-028 - Steam-powered saw mill**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Steam-powered saw mill

ID: 725-028

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of four men working at a steam-powered sawmill in Braeside. The mill is set up among trees, with piles of sawdust on either side and cut boards on the left.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 7.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Steam Mills (subject)
  - Sawmills - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
- 

**Item: 725-029 - Mountains**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Mountains

ID: 725-029

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a mountain range with snow in the upper reaches. There are telephone lines visible in the foreground.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 10.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- British Columbia (place)
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**Item: 725-030 - Abe Suderman and Jake Suderman**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Abe Suderman and Jake Suderman

ID: 725-030

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of (left to right): Abe Suderman and Jake Suderman standing on the end of a long pole that they are using as leverage to remove a tree root. There are two log buildings in the background. There is an axe in a tree stump on the right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Abraham, 1898-1988 (subject)
  - Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use) (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-031 - Jake Suderman standing on up-rooted tree stump**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Jake Suderman standing on up-rooted tree stump

ID: 725-031

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Jake Suderman standing on a tree stump up-rooted with the steam-powered tractor on the right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use) (subject)
  - Tractors (subject)
  - Steam Engines (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-032 - Log building and hay piles**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Log building and hay piles

ID: 725-032

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a neat log building with a single door opening on the gable end. The gable has vertical boards. Two large piles of hay are stacked behind three men, in suits and hats, conversing over a rail fence. There is a field in the foreground and trees in the background.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Hay - Harvesting (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-033 - A-shaped branch shelter**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: A-shaped branch shelter

ID: 725-033

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of an A-shaped shelter made of branches set among trees. There is an alarm clock hanging from the ridge pole and a foot driven round grindstone in front of the shelter.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-034 - Three men in Sunday clothes by the Nechako**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Three men in Sunday clothes by the Nechako

ID: 725-034

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Jake Suderman, John Suderman and an unidentified man at the edge of the churning Nechako River. The men are in Sunday dress, ties and hats, and are clean shaven.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
- Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use) (subject)
- Sudermann, Johann, 1893-1918 (subject)
- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)

### **Item: 725-035 - John Suderman and Jake Suderman with hay mower**

Creator: Unknown

Title: John Suderman and Jake Suderman with hay mower

ID: 725-035

Date: 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of (left to right); John Suderman and Jake Suderman posing with a hay mower on a wagon. Both men are wearing overalls and ties. John is wearing a cap and Jake is wearing his signature work hat.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (subject)
- Sudermann, Johann, 1893-1918 (subject)
- Agricultural equipment (subject)
- Hay - Harvesting (subject)
- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)

### **Item: 725-036 - Large group of people**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Large group of people

ID: 725-036

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a large group of people gathered in front of a log building. On the right, behind the building are two tents. This is the same group of people as in 725-016, but from a different angle.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)

### **Item: 725-037 - Congregation outside a large tent**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Congregation outside a large tent

ID: 725-037

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Sunday morning church congregation gathered in front of a large tent. Several members of the Suderman family have been identified by Harold Suderman with some certainty. Approximately in the centre left is Annie Suderman wearing a lace-collar white shirt under a dark jacket open at the front. Margaret Suderman, with shadowed face, is on Annie's left and Susan Suderman well to Margaret's left. Dora Suderman, 10 years of age at the time, could be the girl in a dress with white buttons and black stripe on sleeve standing in front of and to Susan's right. Dora's face is largely obscured by a hand and cap. Harry Suderman, aged 14, is probably the teenager in grey suit and cap standing behind the last youngster squatting on the ground in front. The dog had to get into the picture too. On the far right stands a bearded and mustachioed man in a suit and felt hat who could be Johann P. Suderman.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-038 - "Altar of Indian Church" near Vanderhoof**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: "Altar of Indian Church" near Vanderhoof

ID: 725-038

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the altar area of an Indigenous church near Vanderhoof.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-039 - Street scene in early Vanderhoof**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Street scene in early Vanderhoof

ID: 725-039

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of, apparently, a street scene in early Vanderhoof. Assorted log buildings on the higher ground, including a large church with a tall steeple occupy a barren stretch of land close to the Nechako River, barely visible in the upper right side. There is a footbridge across a shallow inlet from the river on the right. A wagon trail winds down the embankment in the foreground.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-040 - Hunter with three dead bears**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Hunter with three dead bears

ID: 725-040

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a hunter, holding a rifle, with his trophy of a mother bear and her two cubs on the ground in front of him. There is a dog sitting on a chair beside the hunter. This dog had been blinded in a previous encounter with bears, but was still able to assist in subsequent kills. There is a log building on the left with split-log roofing and a shed with wood shake or large shingle roof on the right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Hunting (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-041 - Meal time among the trees**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Meal time among the trees

ID: 725-041

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of seven men and a woman during meal time outdoors among the trees. Jake Suderman appears to be transferring contents from a legged campfire pan to a plate, while his father, Johann Suderman watches. A team of horses is feeding from the back of a wagon box.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sudermann, Johann P., 1868-1950 (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-042 - Lunch time for the hay makers**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Lunch time for the hay makers

ID: 725-042

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of teams of horses and three men having a meal during haying. There are several hay wagons behind the men. On the right is the corner of a log building and a fenced area. In the distance is a building.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Horse and Wagon - British Columbia (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Agricultural equipment (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-043 - "Fraser Lake Indians"**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: "Fraser Lake Indians"

ID: 725-043

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of an aboriginal woman and two children. The woman and older child are standing behind a wheelbarrow in which the younger child is sitting. Behind them on the left is log house with a gable of siding boards and adorned with elk (?) antlers and possibly a cowbell. Outside, beside the

door, is a bookcase with cooking utensils. There is a chopping block on the right with a crude tower and rope-operated contraption behind that. In the background is another building.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Indigenous children (subject)
  - Indigenous women (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-044 - Rapids on the Nechako**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Rapids on the Nechako

ID: 725-044

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of rapids on the Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
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### **Item: 725-045 - Rapids on the Nechako**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Rapids on the Nechako

ID: 725-045

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of rapids on the Nechako River.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
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### **Item: 725-046 - Log buildings**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Log buildings

ID: 725-046

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of log lean-to sheds and log houses. Crude log fences presumably define property boundaries and enable some control of animal wandering, although cattle are not part of any scene, only horses. There is a water-filled ditch in the lower right corner.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-047 - Jake Suderman with heavy tractor**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Jake Suderman with heavy tractor

ID: 725-047

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of Johann P. Suderman's steam-powered heavy tractor [steam engine] mired in the swampy low area adjoining the Nechako River. Jake Suderman is using a log to raise the front wheel out of the muck.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Agricultural equipment (subject)
  - Tractors (subject)
  - Steam Engines (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-048 - Men outside a large tent**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Men outside a large tent

ID: 725-048

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of four men standing outside a large tent. Two men on the left are wearing suits. One of the men is wearing a hat and the other a cap. The man with his back to the camera is wearing light-coloured pants, dark jacket, cap and a white cloth around his neck. The man standing on a stump is in overalls and jacket and is scratching his head. There are two wagons on the right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Wagons (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-049 - Suderman farm ?**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Suderman farm ?

ID: 725-049

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of what may have been the Suderman farm. It is a good general view of the foregrounds, with several residential and other log buildings. There are two tents on the left, with two automobiles in front of them. A large area in the foreground has been cleared of trees.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x.8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-050 - Flooded area along the Nechako**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Flooded area along the Nechako

ID: 725-050

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a flooded "back yard" of the presumed Suderman property during high levels of the surging Nechako River. A fenced area is partly under water and a thatched roof building is in the foreground, lower right.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Nechako River (subject)
  - Log buildings - British Columbia - Vanderhoof (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-051 - Tent and annex**

Creator: Unknown

Title: Tent and annex

ID: 725-051

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a tent and annex fitted with a stovepipe . It may have served as a summer kitchen. There is a buggy on the left and wagon on the right. Jake Suderman is standing in front of the tent and presumably one of his younger sisters, either Annie Suderman (12) or Dora Suderman (10). A dog (out of focus) is walking left to right. There are three unidentified men in the photo, two standing by the tent and one sitting on the back of a wagon on the right. In the book "Personal Diary of Peter Neufeld 1917 - 1918" this photo is described as being J. H. Wiens and his wife, Hulda. They lived in a tent on his homestead. They left before building a house.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 6 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Wagons (subject)
  - Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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### **Item: 725-052 - The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's Engen station**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's Engen station

ID: 725-052

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's Engen station. There are nine men sitting outside the station and one man standing near the doorway. There is a telephone pole on the right in the foreground. The GTPR became part of the Canadian National Railway's system in 1923.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Railway stations - British Columbia (subject)

- Engen (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-053 - Congregation outside a large tent**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Congregation outside a large tent

ID: 725-053

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of the congregation in front of the Suderman church tent. The tent is in a cleared area with many trees in the background. There is an automobile on the left.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tents (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-054 - Threshing scene**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Threshing scene

ID: 725-054

Date: [between 1918 and 1920] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of a threshing scene. On the lower, right is part of a rail fence. (Left to right): a man wearing a long, dark coat and a hat, a man in a dark suit, hat and white shirt, several men working on the thresher and the grain they are threshing. There are sacks of grain on the ground behind the man in the coat.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Threshing (subject)
  - Agricultural equipment (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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**Item: 725-055 - Man wearing a suit standing in a field**

Creator: Sudermann, Jacob E., 1895-1945 (use)

Title: Man wearing a suit standing in a field

ID: 725-055

Scope and content:

This is a photo of an unidentified man wearing a suit and tie, standing in a field. Behind him is a fenced area. Inside the fence is a huge hay pile. In the distance there are several buildings with the forest behind them.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 7.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Hay - Harvesting (subject)
  - Vanderhoof (British Columbia) (place)
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