

APPENDIX B:

SELECTIONS FROM EDWARD BARRILL'S MOUNT MCKINLEY AFFIDAVIT

The following excerpts from Edward Barrill's Mount McKinley affidavit detail the portions of his diary that Dr. Cook instructed he change.

Hereunto attached, and marked "Exhibit A" in red ink upon the inside of the front cover, is a pocket diary kept by me during all the time that Dr. Cook and I were together near Mount McKinley, and the same is a truthful record, with the exception of the entries and changes made by me therein under the orders of Dr. Cook, which entries and changes are hereinafter referred to.

Dr. Cook first told me to stop my diary on Sept. 12th, when we were in our 5th camp going up the glacier, and at or near the point which Dr. Cook claimed as the top of Mt. McKinley. This point was within sight of us at this time. Dr. Cook stated at this time and place that the same conditions existed there as did exist on the top of Mt. McKinley, and directed me to stop my diary until further orders. At this time we had been to the top of the point claimed by the doctor as the top of the mountain, and the doctor had taken a photograph of the point with me standing on the top thereof with the American flag in my hand. The photograph to which I refer is shown opposite page 227 of the doctor's book, entitled "To the Top of the Continent," before mentioned. The jagged marks on the apex of the stone in that picture as shown from the bottom of the picture up in the granite rock forming the top of the point, are my foot marks and those of Dr. Cook.

I then came down with the flag to where Dr. Cook was standing with his camera, and I made the remark that the eight peaks on the other side of this point where I had been photographed would probably show in the picture, and he said that he had taken the picture at such an angle that those peaks would not show. The peaks to which I refer are sketched by me in my diary and are marked 1 to 8, inclusive, and are shown in said diary on the page just preceding the date appearing therein as Sept. 9th and on the pages following Sept. 12th. These peaks were so sketched and numbered by me when I was in the camp opposite them, where I could

have a fine view of them. The camps where I so sketched the peaks are the camps marked upon my drawing, "Exhibit C," herewith attached as the 6th and 8th camps when we were going up the glacier.

When we were in the saddle near the point where I was photographed I made a drawing of what I named "Glacier Point." At the same time and point I made a drawing of Mt. McKinley, as I could see the top of Mt. McKinley off to the northwest, and, I should say, at least twenty miles away. This drawing of Glacier Point and Mt. McKinley is shown in my diary, on the 4th and 5th pages of the sketches therein, and represents conditions as they appeared to me upon the ground.

When I came down from the point and handed the doctor the flag, in addition to what I stated above he made several other remarks; and there was more or less talking dense, which I do not now recall; but whether at that time and place or thereafter and between the 12th and the 16th of the month; when my diary was dictated to fit the conditions in order to prove that this point was the top he stated to me as follows: "That point would make a good top of Mt. McKinley. It looks just about like the gunsight peak would look on Mt. McKinley," which we had been looking at from the saddle.

In about half an hour after the picture was taken we fixed up our packs, and at about 10:30 or 11:00 o'clock on Sept. 13th we started down and around to the place designated on "Exhibit C" as the 6th camp, the doctor saying that he wanted to go around there in order to get farther up on the main glacier, so as to get a good view of the N.E. Ridge leading up to the summit of Mt. McKinley, so as to ascertain if that ridge was connected solid to the top of the mountain, so that it would have an appearance similar to the description that he would have to give in his writings; as the doctor had seen the mountain from all sides excepting this side, and as this was the side where he proposed to claim that he had climbed it, he wished to know the nature of the ridge leading up to the top of the mountain, so that he could write about it as it appeared. In doing this we put in the balance of the 13th and all of the 14th and 15th day of Sept.

I have attached herewith as "Exhibit D" the United States geological map of the Mt. McKinley region as surveyed in 1902. Upon this "Exhibit D" Walter Miller has drawn in red ink our exact route toward the mountain and back therefrom. In black ink Miller has drawn the outlines of Ruth Glacier. This drawing has been done under my direction, and the same is correct. The red writing on "Exhibit D" is by Miller and under my direction, and the same is correct. "Exhibit C" is a rough drawing made by me for the purpose of showing in detail where different camps were, with the dates thereof, and for the purpose of showing the variances between the changes or writings in my diary, made under the direction of Dr. Cook, and the actual facts of his movements and mine, which facts are shown from "Exhibits C" and "D."

The photograph opposite page 171, in Dr. Cook's book above mentioned, and described therein as "The Eastern Cliffs of Mt. McKinley," are not such cliffs, but are a part of the eastern slope of the Suh peak of the peaks above mentioned, and drawn by me in my diary attached hereto.

The photograph opposite page 192 in Dr. Cook's book was taken the evening of the same day that he took me with the flag at what he claims as the top of McKinley and was taken at camp 6, shown on attached exhibits "C" and "D." The camp in this picture is noted thereon to be 5,000 ft. This being so the point where my picture was taken with the flag should not exceed 7,000 ft. as the 5,000 ft. camp was established only 6 to 8 hours after my picture was so taken.

The drawing opposite page 204 of Dr. Cook's book above mentioned is entirely false, as we never built a snow house on the trip, although the diary as dictated by the doctor says so; nor did we shake hands or have any other similar ceremonies as stated in the diary.

The drawing opposite page 209 of the doctor's book is also false. We never climbed anything half as steep as there shown, and we never established any camp, nor slept as there shown. We slept every night upon comparatively level spots.

The photograph opposite page 226 in the doctor's book, entitled "In the silent glory and mazy wonder of the upper world, 15,400 ft.," was taken two or three hours before the taking of my picture with the flag, and was taken in the amphitheater about one mile North-easterly of the point where it was so photographed.