

Alaska State Library
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Guide to Collection

Miller, Keith Harvey, 1925-

Governor Keith H. Miller Photographs and Papers, 1949-1978 (bulk ca. 1970)

MS 178

6 boxes
Photographs and papers
Plaques
1 Alaskan Flag (4'x6')

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ACQUISITION: The papers in 4 folders were transferred from the Alaska Collection at the Z. J. Loussac Public Library, Anchorage, to the Alaska State Library. Folder 1 Series I in Box 1 was originally folder 4 of this first accession. Folders 1, 2, and 3 became folders 11, 12 and 13 in Series II Box 3. The rest of the collection was purchased by the Alaska State Library Historical Collections. Acc. # 2012-061.

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PROCESSING: The papers include financial records, campaign literature, contribution and thank you letters and personal documents related to Keith H. Miller's gubernatorial campaign in 1970, arranged topically. Inventory control is to the folder level. The material has been divided between private life and professional and political activities. A painting was offered to the Alaska State Museum.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Keith H. Miller was elected as Secretary of State on 11/8/66 and served in that capacity until 1/29/69 when he succeeded Walter J. Hickel as the Governor of Alaska. Hickel left office due to his appointment by President Richard Nixon to the office of Secretary of the Interior. Miller ran unsuccessfully for Governor in 1970 and was unseated by William A. Egan. For further information, see *Prudhoe Bay Governor : Alaska's Keith Miller* / by Keith Harvey Miller as told to Joseph Edward Maynard (1997).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection includes records and photographs from Keith Miller's private and public life. The Gov. Keith H. Miller papers contain records related to his gubernatorial campaign in 1970. Thank-you letters in response to campaign donations are in one folder. Financial records such as receipts, bank records and lists of contributions are in another. There are several copies of a newspaper ad and sheet music of a song titled "All Hail to Keith Miller" written by George V. Beck. A personal letter to and photograph of Diane Miller do not seem to be linked to the campaign materials and are included in a separate folder. The collection also includes drafts of Keith Miller's biography of his father, Arthur Henry Miller.

The collection was originally contained within a file folder labeled "Campaign Funds". The collection was in no particular order and was rearranged topically.

INVENTORY

Series I: Personal Life

Box 1

Folder 1-Personal papers, correspondence and photograph

Reminiscences of Alaska by Lydia Justice Edwards, ca. 1966-1970

Folder 2-Family History

Handwritten family history notes

William (Bob) Miller Summary of genealogical research report

Folder 3-Homestead

Plats, planning zone commission paperwork

Folder 4

Benka Lake Property paperwork

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands

Folder 5

Unidentified Handwritten Data

Ice Window (Letters from a Bering Strait Village: 1892-1902) Edited and annotated by Kathleen Lopp Smith and Verbeck Smith, 2001 [mix of handwritten and typed]

Alaska Natives and American Laws, Second Edition, 2002 U. of A. Press By David S. Case and David A. Voluck [mix of handwritten and typed]

Folder 6-Photographs

Portrait of unidentified man, Surry's Studio

[Two people sitting with unfinished walls and Christmas tree in the background]
[Talkeetna homestead 1960?]

[Boy sitting with arm on piano keyboard]

Lillian Weaver Harvey 90th Birthday June 28, 1963

Alberta Lillian Harvey Boardman 90th Birthday September 9, 1997

[Man walking down street]

Grandpa with Sandy, Grandma with Janis, Christmas 1957 – 16 month, Warm Beach,
Displaying our Alaska dolls and Grandpa's Alaska slippers

[Group photo of seated older woman with two girls and two men]

[Two couples standing together]

8 months, Tricia Beardsley

[Examining overgrown yard]

Sept. 1971 [A girl and two women standing by a fence]

Sept. 1971 [Blue Star Memorial Highway]

Sept. 1971 [Two seated men]

With Keith at Talkeetna near their * (*Keith & Diana's) homestead, May 1961

Sept. 1971 [Three people standing on a balcony overlooking a beach]

Sept. 1971 [A couple standing in front of hanging bear skins]

[Man sitting on a brick wall]

5-30-79 [Group of men outside on patio]

Sept. 1971 Sorry about the shadow. [Two women and Governor Miller]

[Postcard: Government School sign tacked to wall map, animal pelts, and other wall art]

[Woman standing outside a house]

[View of a back of a house]

[Side view of house]

“The Maples” July 5, 1936

[Professional photograph of couple]

Christmas 1979

[Couple seated in front of a piano]

[Portrait of woman with glasses]

Tanana Tower House

Anchorage Alaska Postcard

6 prints of photographed Anchorage Alaska Postcard

[Governor Miller walking with another man]

[Photo of Governor Miller and wife? Looking backwards while seated in crowd]

Selma Simonson Asst. Secretary-Compliments of [?]Palmer May 19, 1918

Welcome Class of '43 Bothell High School 50 Year Reunion, 24 July 1993

Panoramic family photo with 50th anniversary letter from Dick & Alice on the back

Scanned Anchorage photograph & Selma Simonson Asst. Secretary-Compliments of [?]Palmer May 19, 1918 photo printed on printer paper

Card: Celebration of Life for Alberta Lillian (Harvey) Boardman

Lecture invitation: Vietnam and Beyond

Newspaper clippings:

Hickel planned 2-year tenure in '66—Thomas

Robert A. LaBissioniere

Talkeetna, A Bit of Vanishing Old Alaska

Folder 7-Personal Correspondence

To Keith & Diana, From Everett W. Buness [Family, Traveling, Job prospects]

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller, From A. H. Miller [Family, moving]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Reischl Motor Co. [68 Chev Wagon]

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller, From Newt and Thelma (Newt Cutler Insurance) [Personal letter]

To Governor Keith H. Miller, From M. J. Nusbaum [Foss Launch & Tug, Resume]

To Governor Keith Miller, From Northern Television, Inc., A. G. Hiebert

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Howard Brod

20 letters to Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller from H. Keith Miller, Keith's father

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller, From A. H. Miller

4 letters to Mr. Keith H. Miller, From Dr. Helen A. Shenitz

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miller, From W. Ralph Breiehl

To Mr. Keith H. Miller, From Bert Braudt [card, article]

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miller, From Thelma D. Harvey [card, In Remembrance, Milton M. Harvey]

To Governor Keith H. Miller, From B. B. Talley [Fishing, salmon]

Card to Keith from Helen [Personal & politics]

Series I: Personal Life

Box 2

Album 1	<i>Leather bound cover: Illustrated with Road House, Anchorage Alaska</i>
Pg. 1	[Photos of H. Keith Miller from Hartline and Tacoma, Washington]
Pg. 2, 3:	[Children in Chelan, Washington]
Pg. 4, 5:	[Family and Automobile in Seattle and Chelan, Washington]
Pg. 6, 7:	Keith & Gov't. Dog Team, Copper Center, Alaska
Pg. 8:	[Copper River Indians, including Tanana Jack]
Pg. 9:	[Anchorage, Alaska 1918-1919, Y.M.C.A. Building and Sunday School faculty]
Pg. 10, 11:	[School class, graduation, portraits]
Pg. 12, 13:	[Family with baby Keith Jr.]
Pg. 14, 15:	[Boys, Family at Mt. Vernon, WN.]
Pg. 16, 17:	Arthur, Keith, Bobby
Pg. 17, 18:	[Children, Olympia, WA and Medford, OR]
Pg. 19, 20:	[Children, Medford, Mud Bay, Cottage Grove, Ore.]
Pg. 21, 22:	[Medford, Lake Chelan, Wa. July 1936]
Pg. 23, 24:	"The Maples" July 5, 1936; Don; Ben Whorton-Bob, Medford; Seattle, Cottage Grove
Pg. 25:	Portrait of unidentified boy
Pg. 27, 28:	Mrs. (Beverly) Bailey; sailors; Copper Center Government School [Native Crafts]; McCrary's Roadhouse

Pg. 32: [Portrait]
 Pg. 34: Main Street, Rockway, Oregon
 Pg. 39: Fish Trap watchmen Annette Island; Keith and Nick- Annette Island

Album 2 *[Green] Photographs*

Kotzebue, Alaska; Cordova, Alaska; Kasaan, Alaska; Auke Lake; Columbia Glacier; Spencer Glacier; Anchorage; Eklutna; Wasilla; Nenana; Chulitna River; Tanana; Seward; Gov't Ry; Alitak; Bristol Bay; Kakanak; Akiak; Unalaska; Yukon; Cook Inlet; Iliamna; Atka; St. Lawrence Island; Chitina; Juneau; Annette Island; Mt. McKinley;

[Sinnek?] Mary Nulato, Joe Crossen, Sir Hubert Wilkins, Dr. Will H. Chase; Harold Culver; Margaret Culver; Captain Newland; S. S. Admiral Watson; U.S. Cutter Algonquin; S.S. Dora; U.S.S. Boxer

Brown Bear Hunting; Birds; Animals; Eskimos; Totems; Tyonek Natives; Orphanage; Alaska Rail Road; Susitna Indian; Cannery; Fishtrap; Government Schools;

Album 3 *[Brown/Red] Photo Album*

Ashland, Oregon 1947; Hwy. 199 Oregon 1947; Jackson Country '47; Reedsport, Oregon 1947; Deception Pass Bridges 1947; Oak Harbor, Washington 1947; Port Townsend; Sequim; Whitefish Lake Montana; Moraine Lake; Columbia River, B.C. 1956; Kinbasket Lake, B.C. 1956; Chatanika, Alaska; Seward, Alaska 1957; Goldstream, Alaska; Homestead 1959; Anchorage; Talkeetna 1960; Resurrection Bay 1957; Portage Glacier; Kenai River 1958; Bootlegger Cove 1957; Mt. McKinley; Talkeetna 1960; Broad Pass; Fort Yukon; Juneau

Neva Egan, Mamie Jensen, Howie Corner, Vicky Corner, Phyllis Corner, etc.

Series II: Professional and Political Activities

Box 3

Folder 1-Handwritten drafts of *Arthur Miller of Alaska : the story of a pioneer Alaskan and the history of the Bureau of Education in the far north from 1885 to 1935, including the Bureau's development of the reindeer industry* by Keith Harvey Miller

U.S. Bureau of Education in Alaska [Handwritten history of Education in Alaska]

Arthur Miller of Alaska – The Story of a Pioneer Alaskan and the Bureau of Education in the Territory, 1885-1935 [handwritten timeline]

Arthur Miller of Alaska – The Story of a Pioneer Alaskan and the History of the Bureau of Education in the Far North 1884-1934 By Keith Harvey Miller (Consolidation of First, Second and Third Rough Drafts) [photocopy of handwritten pages and title page]

Page one of Rough Draft

Second Rough Draft

Third Rough Draft

Consolidation of First, Second and Third Rough Drafts

Folder 2 Arthur H. Miller Department of the Interior appointment paperwork, Signal Corps, United State Army telegram, This Week in History news clippings

Folders 3-6: Handwritten drafts of Keith H. Miller Speeches

Folder 3 Speech to Republican Women's Club, Anchorage, Alaska Aug. 19, 1971
Talk to "Support Your Local Police" Group, Anchorage, Alaska, November 4, 1971

Chugach Gem & Mineral Society, Anchorage Historical Museum, November 10, 1971

Talk to Alaska Miner's Association, Anchorage, Alaska, December 6, 1971
Republican Tuskers Luncheon, Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 27, 1972, Legislative Reapportionment

Republican Tuskers Luncheon, September 26, 1972 [and Copy]

"Profiles in Courage" 10th Annual Laymen's Conference- United Churchmen of Alaska, Alaska Methodist University – March 5 and 6, 1971

Folder 4 Rotary Luncheon, Jacksonville, Florida, , August 28, 1972

Why Not Nixon?

Susitna Business Women's Club, Anchorage, Alaska 9/27/72

Chugach Gem & Mineral Society, Anchorage Historical Museum, November 10, 1971

Management in State Government, Data Processing Management Association, April 7, 1971

Alaska Forum, May 5, 1971

Republican State Central Committee, Fairbanks, Alaska, May 16, 1971

Commencement Address Seward High School, May 26, 1971

Folder 5 Southcentral G.O.P. Convention, Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 26, 1972

Lincoln Day Dinner, Wasilla, Alaska, February 17, 1972

G.O.P. Campaign Kick-Off Dinner, Fairbanks, Alaska, April 29, 1972 [and copy]

Alaska Republican State Convention, Sunday, May 14, 1972

Kenai Chamber of Commerce, Kenai, Alaska July 12, 1972 [and copy]

Folder 6 Rotary Club of Jacksonville, Florida Spokesman pamphlet: Keith H. Miller, August 28, 1972

Building Alaska, Alaska State Housing Authority publication, August 1969

Proposed Text of Address by the Honorable Keith Miller, Secretary of State of Alaska

GOP Team Leader No. 72-1, Jan. 12

Supplement to Glenn Bowersox's Alaska Memories Which Were Published in the September, 2004, Issue of "The Sea Chest."

Folder 7 Bell Ringer Award, The Salvation Army

Governor Keith H. Miller official photograph

[Crowd with Governor Miller and man with pipe at the front]

[Alaska State Republican Convention – Governor Miller and three men, one with a Delegate name tag]

[Governor Miller walking with another man] [Duplicate]

[Keith Miller and unidentified man with boat and old Douglas bridge in background]

[Keith Miller and unidentified man on a boat]

[Four young men and an older couple pose for a photograph]

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Honorary Membership certificate

Handwritten drafts of "Future Shock" Keith H. Miller, Commencement Exercises, Kenai Central High School, Alaska, May 24, 1972

Folder 8-Correspondence

[Poor] photocopy of December 9, 1933 Farewell Dinner, U. S. M. S. North Star

To The Honorable Keith H. Miller, From Ted Stevens, U. S. S. [Housing conference, Alaska Federation of Natives]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Jeannette Tegeler, Senior Class Secretary Glennallen High School [Thank you for speaking at graduation]

To Honorable Keith Miller, From Don Samuelson [Department of Transportation – Seattle Regional Representative]

To Honorable Keith H. Miller, From John M. Haydon, Governor of American Samoa [Thank you, Environmental Concern, Inc.]

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller, From Bob Miller [Jack Roderick, Borough Mayor in Anchorage, candidacy]

To Gov. Keith H. Miller, From McMurtey [job reference]

To The Honorable Keith Miller, From Citizens' committee to Safeguard America [Ordnance Magazine, "The Communist Objective" by Hon. Foy D. Kohler]

To Honorable (Senator) Robert J. Dole, From Republican National Committee, for Alaska [President Nixon, Emperor Hirohito, Walter J. Hickel]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Alvin O. Bramstedt, Republican Party of Alaska [Strategy Committee]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Republican Party of Alaska [Republican Party of Alaska State Convention Minutes]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Republican Party of Alaska [Strategy Committee]

To The Honorable Keith H. Miller, From Chambers of Chief Justice Supreme Court [Magistrate Supervisor position, Jack Simpson]

To The Honorable Keith H. Miller, From State of Alaska Office of the Governor, William A. Egan [Luncheon Invitation, Silver Anniversary of the Alaska Command]

To Governor Keith H. Miller, From Ben B. Talley [Anchor Point plaque]

To Mr. Keith H. Miller, From Mr. Paul D. Weiner, Principal Senior Class of Glennallen High [Graduation]

To Keith H. Miller, From O'neill Investigations Collection & Audit Division [SO C. D. Mims, "centralizing"]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From Alexander Sisson [Oil Company Geologist asking for apology for statement made in Anchorage Daily News]

To The Editor Anchorage Daily Times, From Homer L. Burrell [Facts for published letter writer]

To Keith H. Miller, From Republican Party of Alaska Convention Coordinators [Thank you, convention]

To Mr. Keith Miller, From University of Alaska Dept. of Engineering Management [Thank you, guest speaker]

To Keith H. Miller, From Harley R. McKibben [Campaign ideas]

To The Hon. Keith H. Miller, From R. (Bob) L. Cloud [personal, politics]

To Keith H. Miller, From Robert L. Cloud [Politics]

To The Honorable Keith H. Miller, From Robert L. Cloud [campaign management services]

To Keith H. Miller, From Robert L. Cloud [Ted Stevens article]

To Mr. Keith H. Miller, From Dawson & Co., Inc., William C. Nelson; Bob Cloud [Miller's Trailer Park; Campaign]

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Miller, From Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum [Art Donations]

To Mr. Keith H. Miller, From J. M. Sweet [Anchorage Daily News oil company statement]

To Mr. Keith H. Miller, From Delacorte Press Editors [Manuscript rejection]

To Mr. & Mrs. K. Miller, From [Marilee Geiermaan?] [Annual Archbishop's Dinner Dance]

Folder 9 Campaign Seminars: Opposition Research Instructors' Manual

Folder 10 Handwritten Alaska Districts data
Organizing Alaskan's for Stevens
Organizing Alaskans for Keith Miller

Folder 11 Campaign financial records

Folder 12 Campaign literature

Folder 13 Campaign contribution and thank you letters

Series II: Professional and Political Activities

Box 4

Album 4 *1970 Bartlett Earth Station, Alaska*

Photographs

[Keith Miller head shot] (Color Separation)

[Wally Hickel; Keith Miller swearing with hand on Bible] [Photographs are glued together]

[Keith Miller meeting with Richard Nixon]

[Keith Miller cabinet meeting?]

The only picture of Governor Hickel's full cabinet last meeting, December 1968. [Board-backed photograph]

Happy Father's Day 1969, Keith Miller, Governor of Alaska [mat framed photograph of Keith Miller sitting with his hand over two books.]

[Keith Miller Cabinet Meeting? b/w print]

[Headshot painting, with the oversize photographs]

[Governor and Mrs. Keith Miller waving from a parade car]

[Russian Orthodox Ceremony]
[Russian Orthodox Ceremony]

Certificate Civil Air Patrol: Keith H. Miller Governor of Alaska is Hereby Appointed Honorary Member, 18 July, 1969 [mat framed]

Series II: Professional and Political Activities

Box 5

Plaques

Secretary of State Keith H. Miller Sustaining Membership Alaska Jaycees, Exemplifying the Spirit of Young Men and Progress

Boy Scout Week 1969

Presented to Governor Keith H. Miller by RADM E.G. FAIRFAX, USN, 27 August, 1969, Alaskan Sea Frontier

Official Alaska Purchase Centennial Medallion

To Governor Keith H. Miller State of Alaska in Appreciation Commander Western Area U. S. Coast Guard

Series II: Professional and Political Activities

Box 6

Flag

Alaskan Flag which hung in the Anchorage campaign office of Keith Miller. 1970.
4' x 6'