

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Werner, Joseph R., 1910-1972, Collector

Joseph R. Werner Photograph Collection, 1936-1972

PCA 3

7 boxes  
2 linear feet  
252 views (b&w, col.),  
~1000 color slides (2 3/4" square),  
scrapbook, clippings

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1970s & 1995  
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**ACQUISITION:** The photographs were donated in two parts. Volumes 1-3 were donated in the 1970s by Joseph R. Werner. Mrs. Jennie Werner, Seattle, WA, donated additional photographs in 1995 (Acc. No. 1995-051). A donation of color slides was received in 2002, from the estate of Karen Werner Ellis (Acc. No. 2002-32).

**ACCESS:** The collection is available for viewing; however, the images may not be photocopied.

**COPYRIGHT:** Request for permission to publish material from the collection must be discussed with the Librarian.

**PROCESSING:** The photos have been numbered and placed in Mylar sleeves. A folder level inventory of the collection is available.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Gleeds, Washington in 1909, Joseph Werner came to Alaska to work for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in 1936. He started an accounting business after working ten years for the USFS. Mr. Werner helped develop sport activities like the Juneau Ski Club and baseball leagues; he organized the first Juneau Rescue Council and started the "million dollar golf course" (south of Juneau on crushed ore from the A.J. Mine, "the rock dump"). He was president of the Juneau Ski Club for two years, volunteer fireman, member of the Elks, and Pioneers of Alaska. He married Jennie Berg in Juneau in 1938 and they made Juneau their home until his death, May 8, 1972.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Images of the Juneau Ski Club, activities and members are shown in the Juneau and Douglas areas, and other skiing locations outside of Alaska. Contains a folder of information gathered during the planning and construction of Juneau's golf course, "the Million Dollar Golf Course," or "Sandblasters Club" first envisioned by Werner. Images of the wreck of the *Princess Kathleen* are included. Additional unidentified photographs of people, hunting and boating activities ("Ourluk") were added in 1995. A collection of color slides, donated in 2002, has not been processed.

## SUBJECTS

Golf - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
 Golf courses - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
 Shipwrecks - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
 Skis and Skiing - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
 Hunting - Alaska  
 Juneau Ski Club (Juneau, Alaska) - Photographs  
 Princess Kathleen (Steamboat) - Photographs

## INVENTORY

### Box 1

Album      Skiing With Joe Werner:      Photos of skiing activities in the Juneau and Seward areas, including the ski trails and cabin on Douglas Island. Pictures of Juneau, Alaska friends labeled - Christie, Moreau, Werner, Stewart, Lundell, Rhodes, Banfield, Hientzleman, Benedict, Parsons, MacNaughton, Noble, Vanderleest, Whittier, Munson, Burford, Caro,

Wirt, Winn, Clark, Liston, Simpkins and Blanton, Colonel Reigel,  
Governor Greening[Gruening], Ternone, Erickson, Jeffreys.

Folder

1. 1942-1943 report of the Outdoor Committee of the Juneau Ski Club.
2. Newspaper clippings and photos of the Juneau Golf Club ("Million Dollar Golf Club," "Sandblasters Golf Club") and the golf course on the A-J mine tailings.
3. 24 photos of the Canadian ship *Princess Kathleen* when she sank off Lena Point, 18 miles north of Juneau, in September 1952.
4. 1995 additions donated by Jennie Werner. Miscellaneous unidentified photos of people, hunting and boating activities ("Ourluk").

**Boxes 2 - 7 Acc. #2002-32**

2002 additions, from the estate of Karen Werner Ellis. **Boxes 2 - 6** contain approximately 1000 color slides of Taku River region, "Personal/Juneau", "Hunting Pics", Pelican. Some Non-Alaskana slides: Micronesia, San Francisco, Hawaii, Kauai. **Box 7** contains material related to travel abroad - brochures, pamphlets, and personal letters. 2 magnifying slide viewing lamps [*separated from the collection - refer to master file for location.*]

**Box 2:**

1. Envelope - Rocky Pass 1958
2. Envelope - Bangkok-Hong Kong
3. Envelope - Juno Golf
4. Envelope - Treadwell Foundry
5. Envelope - [Group portraits]
6. Envelope - Personal Juneau
7. Envelope - Am. Pres. Trip
8. Envelope - Ice cap flight
9. Envelope - Slides of Karen & my show at Alaska State Museum
10. Envelope - Sewing club at Grummetts cabin
11. Envelope - Taku fish wheel
12. Envelope - Juneau?
13. Envelope - [Glacier, scenic, Christmas]
14. Envelope - Murton Werners & Grandma W.
15. Envelope - Jennie
16. Envelope - to be mounted [People, road, boat harbor]
17. Envelope - Personal negatives and prints [People]

18. Box – Pelican
19. Box – Pelican
20. Box – Airport views
21. Box – Taku
22. Box – [Unidentified people]
23. Box – Driving trip No. with Karen – Hazelton
24. Box – [Views from ferry and of ferry]
25. Box – Juno golf
26. Box – Cookie
27. Box – Nome
28. Box – [AJ mine from Douglas, rock dump]
29. Box – Old Bull Mine
30. Box – Douglas
31. Box – Wright’s ‘59
32. Box – Family
33. Box – [Church – St. Peters ByThe Sea Episcopal; totem poles]
34. Box – Juneau & Airport
35. Box – Painting
36. Box – [Boat *Yakobi*, views from and on boat]
37. Box – [Totem poles, churches – Pierce Memorial United Church of Canada]
38. Box – Sitka
39. Box – Ketchikan Painting sub.
40. Box – Oct 16, 1971 [Photographs of paintings on display at museum]
41. Box – Juneau Ice Cap
42. Box – [People, running event, man holding fish]
43. Box – Ice Cap
44. Box – [Totem poles, church]
45. Box – [Totems, buildings]
46. Box – [Views from and on ferry]
47. Box – [Views of people and track and field events]
48. Box – Highway with Helen: Haines, Valdez, Whitehorse Y.T., North Pole, Port Chilkoot, Indian Cemetery Y.T.
49. Box – [People, planted field]
50. Box – [Views from ferry, on ferry, Juneau]
51. Box – [People, Juneau, Boxer dog]
52. Box – [Ferry, home, ferry terminal]

### Box 3

53. Box – [People, Boats on river, Fishing/hunting trip, Nome]
  - Box 53a – *Forrester* trip
  - Box 53b – [Ferry trip]
  - Box 53c – [Ferry trip]
54. Box – Hunting pics; Honolulu – Oahu
  - Box (unnumbered) – [People, hunting trip]
  - Box (unnumbered) – [Hunting trip, moose, *Skeet*]
  - 2 Prints of woman – “remember me? I’m the girl \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Box 4**

- 55. Box – Personal Juneau, hunting & fishing
- 56. Box – Taku River

**Box 5**

- 57. Box (Wooden) – [Juneau boat harbor, glacier, rifle range]; Anchorage, Burwash, Fairbanks, Haines, Homer, Kenai Russian church, Kluane Lake, Nanilchek, Nenana, Richardson Hwy., Seward, Taku River 1957 Inklin River

**Box 6**

- 58. Box - Kauai; Merricks [Hunting/Fishing trip, group of men, boats on river, cabin]
- 59. Box - Hawaii; San Francisco
- 60. Box - SF [San Francisco]

**Box 7**

Alaska Line menus with etchings by Eustace Paul Ziegler 1939-1940  
Block prints, ink drawings  
SS *Rotterdam* 1978 World Cruise Jan 17 through April 13, 1978  
Nauru Pacific Line cruise Feb 28 through April 9, 1979  
Negatives

**INVENTORY OF GLASS LANTERN SLIDES**  
Stored in metal cabinet in Vault

**Boxes 2 - 6**