

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

**Patton, Charlie J., Collector**

**Charlie J. Patton Collection, ca. 1915-1957**

**PCA 195**

313 photographs (b&w)  
1 oversize scrapbook (106 photographs, b&w, plus clippings)  
1 photograph album (256 photographs, b&w, cyanotype)  
7 folders (newspaper clippings) (0.21 linear ft.)

**ACQUISITION:** The collection was purchased in January, 1982, from Shorey Book Company in Seattle. Acc. No. 1982-002.

**ACCESS:** The photographs may be viewed, however, they may not be photocopied.

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**PROCESSING:** The loose photographs are sleeved in Mylar. Vol. II album is intact and the pages (containing cyanotype photographs) are interleaved with tissue. Vol. III album is stored in oversize; it is intact. The clippings are filed in folders, arranged by subject; no conservation measures have been taken.

### **Biographical Note**

Mr. Patton was born in Vader, Washington. He worked at the Pacific Coast Steel Co. in Seattle from 1903-1910, went to Alaska in 1911 and served in the Army in World War I. He lived in Cordova from 1915 to 1936 and in Fairbanks from 1936-1957. During his life he was a soldier, truck driver, cannery and steel worker, and was in the hardware and grocery business.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection includes Alaska photographs of the Yukon River area, Tanana, Ruby, Fort Gibbon, Fort Liscum, Cordova, Tonsina. Also included are images of road houses, Valdez-Fairbanks Trail, Copper River and Northwestern Railroad, Alaskan Native culture, and portraits. An album (Vol. II) contains snapshots of family and activities. Many of the photographs are captioned in ink.

An oversize scrapbook contains both clippings and photographs from around Alaska, various subject. The collection also includes articles and newspaper clippings on Alaska and the Pacific Northwest-related events. In addition to the photographs, the collection includes articles and newspaper clippings on Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. These items were transferred to file folders arranged by subject.

### **Inventory**

VOLUME I -- 313 photographs, mostly postcard size:

1. Animals and Birds #1-16
2. Communities #17-147
  - Anchorage
  - Chitina
  - Cordova
  - Fairbanks
  - Ft. Gibbon
  - Ft. Liscum
  - Ft. Yukon
  - Goose City
  - Holy Cross
  - Kaltag
  - Kassan
  - Katalla
  - Nome
  - Ruby
  - Russian Mission
  - St. Michael
  - Tanana

- Tonsina
- Valdez
- 3. Dogs and Dog Teams #148-169
- 4. Earthquakes #170-172
- 5. Freighting #173-177
- 6. Glaciers #178-187
- 7. Industry
  - Mining #188-196
  - Whaling #197-199
- 8. People and Native Culture #200-217A
  - President Harding's Alaska visit -- see Cordova
  - Miners -- see Industry
- 9. Railroads
  - Copper River and Northwest Railway #218-232
  - Alaska Railroad #233-234
- 10. Roadhouses #235-250
- 11. Scenics #251-259
- 12. Ships #260-303
- 13. Miscellaneous #304-313

VOLUME II -- 1 photograph album. Photographs of Charlie Patton, his family and friends and their various activities including amateur theater. Includes non-Alaskan locations. #314-579

VOLUME III -- [*Located in PCA Oversized*] 1 scrapbook (41 x 47 cm.), 54 pages of newspaper clippings of Alaska, Seattle, Yukon Territory and British Columbia and miscellaneous subjects. Also contains 106 photographs (postcard size) of Alaskan communities, railroads, gold dredges, dog teams, floods, hunting and fishing. #580-684

VOLUME IV -- 7 folders (0.21 linear ft.) of Alaska-related newspaper clippings.

- Folder 1 : Animals
- Folder 2 : Communities
- Folder 3 : Earthquakes (Fairbanks earthquake)
- Folder 4 : Gold related towns and areas
- Folder 5 : Miscellaneous
- Folder 6 : People
- Folder 7 : Transportation
  - Railroads
  - Ships
  - Alcan Highway