

**Alaska State Library
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum

Alaska Railroad Microfiche Project Collection, 1984

PCA 246

44 microfiche (over 2,700 images)

Processed by: Staff

ACQUISITION: This microfiche collection of the Alaska Railroad photographs was funded by a research grant from the Alaska Historical Commission with assistance from the Cook Inlet Historical Society and the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (Acc. No. 1985-011).

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: The microfiche is stored in a 3-ring binder with the photograph collections.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Construction of the railroad began under the Alaska Engineering Commission around 1916 . After construction was completed in 1923, the AEC became the Alaska Railroad Commission and later, The Alaska Railroad. Early construction was of interest to the government in Washington D.C. and professional photographers were employed to document the work in Alaska. Photographers represented in the collection include P.S. Hunt, H.G. Kaiser, A.J. Johnson and The Sydney Laurence Co. Between 1915 and 1923, nearly 2,700 photographs were taken.

This microfiche collection of the Alaska Railroad photographs was funded by the Alaska Historical Commission and directed by M. Diane Brenner of the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum. The Anchorage Museum of History and Art holds the original photographs and reproductions must be ordered from the Museum. [From: *Alaska Railroad Microfiche Project*, Brenner, M. Diane, 1984.]

INVENTORY

A detailed inventory that includes both subject and location access, accompanies the microfiche. The collection of fiche is organized into series:

- AN:** Alaska Northern Railroad from Seward to Turnagain Arm (1916-1917);
- B:** Moose Creek Spur (1923), unknown photographer;
- G and H:** Alaska Railroad from Seward to Nenana (1917) by H.G. Kaiser and P.S. Hunt;
- J:** Nenana area photographs by A.J. Johnson;
- JT and L:** Photographs by Johnson & Tyler, and Sydney Laurence;
- T:** Healy to Nenana (1919 to 1921). Unnamed photographer;
- TT:** Tanana River Bridge at Nenana. Unnamed photographer.