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Guide to Collection

Alaska Territorial Governors Photograph Collection

PCA 274

26 images

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Historical Note

Before territorial status was conferred on Alaska, Aug. 24, 1912, it came under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Treasury Dept. and the U.S. Navy, respectively. As a territory, Alaska governors were appointed by the incumbent U.S. president and they tended to be of the same political party. Strong, the first governor, was Canadian. Gruening served the longest time in office. [From: *Alaska Almanac*, 24th ed., Rosanne Pagano, ed., c. 2000, and *Alaska's Heritage*, by Jo Antonson, Wm. Hanable, c. 1992.]

Scope and Contents Note

The collection contains photographs of Strong, Bone and Gruening, 3 of the 15 Alaska Territorial governors listed as follows. Other territorial governors' portraits may be found in PCA 14.

<u>GOVERNOR</u>	<u>APPOINTED BY</u>	<u>TERM</u>
John H. Kinkead	President Arthur	7/4/1884-5/7/1885
Alfred P. Swineford	President Cleveland	5/7/1885-4/20/1889
Lyman E. Knapp	President Harrison	4/20/1889-6/18/1893
James Sheakley	President Cleveland	6/18/1893-6/23/1897
John G. Brady	President Roosevelt	6/23/1897-3/2/1906
Wilford B. Hoggatt	President Roosevelt	3/2/1906-5/20/1909
Walter E. Clark	President Taft	5/20/1909-4/18/1913
John F. A. Strong	President Wilson	4/18/1913-4/12/1918
Thomas Riggs, Jr.	President Wilson	4/12/1918-6/16/1921
Scott C. Bone	President Harding	6/21/1921-8/16/1925
George A. Parks	President Coolidge	8/16/1925-4/19/1933
John W. Troy	President Roosevelt	4/19/1933-12/6/1939
Ernest Gruening	President Roosevelt	12/6/1939-4/10/1953
B. Frank Heintzleman	President Eisenhower	4/10/1953-1/3/1957
Mike Stepovich*	President Eisenhower	4/8/1957-8/9/1958

* Stepovich resigned and Waino E. Hendrickson, Secretary of Alaska, served as acting governor until William Egan took office after statehood, 1/3/59

Inventory *(most images are unidentified)***Folder 1** Ernest Gruening; 1939-1953 (17 images)

- 1 [Gov. Gruening signing the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945. (l. to r.) Stanley McCutcheon, Ernest Gruening, Fred Hanford, J.A. Lander.] Photo by Amy Lou Blood (Barney)
- 2 [Gov. Gruening signing the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945. (l. to r.) O. D. Cochran, Elizabeth Peratrovich, Edward Anderson [?], Norman Walker, Roy Peratrovich.] Photo by Amy Lou Blood (Barney)
- 3 [Portrait, dressed in Army hat & sheepskin bomber (flight) jacket]
- 4 [Receiving Official Ballot]
- 5 [Standing on rocks on Mt. Roberts with view of Juneau and Gastineau Channel below]
- 6 Lt. Jack Conway and E. Gruening on Amchitka, April 28, 1933. [Information taken from negative sleeve]
- 7 Jim Ryan, Tony Dimond, "Dot" and Julius Edelskin at Juneau Airport, Sept. 1941. [Information taken from negative sleeve]
- 8 Father Baud, Indian woman with moose hide, E. Gruening. Nulato, Sept 1942. [Information taken from negative sleeve]
- 9 E. Gruening and some of the fish caught by Hopkins-McCulchson on Sklak L. 8/16/46. [Information taken from negative sleeve]
- 10 E. Gruening and 2 Eskimo boys at Gambell. No date. [Information taken from negative sleeve]
- 11 Man on left unidentified [Information taken from negative sleeve][Gruening standing with Alaska Native]
- 12 Dr. Ernest Henry Gruening, Director, Division Territories and Insular Possessions, Lester N. Troast, and Governor John W. Troy of Alaska, on steamer bridge enroute to Seward on recent tour of Territory by Dr. Gruening, on which Governor Troy accompanied him.
- 13 [Standing under airplane wing, 4 men standing by car in background]
- 14 [Ernest Gruening and Gov. John W. Troy ready to start trip to Anchorage on Alaska Railroad inspection car...]
- 15 [Gruening, with John F. Kennedy and 2 other men at the White House (?)]

- 16 [Gruening and crowd on White House (?) lawn?]
- 17 To "Brownie" with best wishes, Ernest Gruening [portrait of Gruening at desk]

Folder 2. John Franklin Alexander Strong; 1913-1918 (7 images)

- 1 [verso] Gov. Strong taking oath of office, administered by Grover C. Winn, U.S. Commissioner
- 2 Gov. Strong taking oath of office, Courthouse, Juneau, 1913.
- 3-5 [portraits, J.F.A. Strong]
- 6 [portrait] J.F.A. Strong, c. 1913, Mercer, Juneau. [*Original portrait transferred to PCA 461-2*]
- 7 [portrait] Strong. Rie Munoz [b&w ink drawing of Gov. Strong, by Rie Munoz, n.d.]

Folder 3. Scott C. Bone; 1921-1925 (2 images)

- 1 [portrait; caption handlettered on mount:] To Captain and Mrs. Victor Enquist with the cordial regards of Scott C. Bone, Juneau Sept. 9, 1921.
- 2 [portrait; caption handlettered on mount:] To my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Garfield - With all good wishes for their future. Scott C. Bone. Juneau, May 24, 1922. Photographer - Harris V. Ewing (*Filed in PCA Oversize*)