

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Steffa, Don Bennett

Don Steffa Photograph Collection, ca. 1958-1977

PCA 283

3 boxes photographs, b&w (1.25 linear ft.)
2 boxes negatives (0.8 linear ft.)

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ACQUISITION: The photographs were received from the estate of Donald B. Steffa, by the executor of his will, Joan Buck (St. Ann's Nursing Home administrator.) (Acc. No. 1987-011.)

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

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PROCESSING: The photographs are sorted and sleeved in Mylar. A preliminary inventory is available.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Donald Bennett Steffa was a professional photographer whose aerial photos were used in tourism promotions and brochures about Alaska. He died October 16, 1987, in Juneau. He lived in southeast Alaska for 35 years and worked with the municipality on an aerial mapping project for state land selection. He had two daughters Carole [Van Lerberge] and Dinah [Dobbys] and one son, Larry. [*From Alaska Magazine, Feb. 1987, p. 90.*]

Notes on Collection compiled by Kay Shelton May 23, 2003:

Few prints in this collection; some proofs; negatives are in no order. The list that follows is not in order either, but is merely to reflect subjects noted on negative envelopes and folders so that they can be searched. Suggested plan of action:

- Check envelopes to see whether what is listed on outside is really what is inside envelope
- Sort negatives into Anchorage and Juneau and then in general categories
- Arrange proofs in similar fashion
- Match negs to proofs in collection
- Review negatives for contact prints
- Number negatives
- Make prints / interfile with existing prints/proofs as necessary
- Compile inventory

3 - 5" boxes of prints and negatives plus two boxes of unprocessed negatives

This is a *VERY* preliminary inventory:

Box 1 [some images numbered]

Prints in folders (some curled)

- Arrival of Gov. Walter Hickel and Family, Reception at Gov. House, Alaska Purchase Centennial Celebration: "Kick-off" celebration aboard ferry Malaspina on December 31, 1966, Juneau, with Governor Walter J. Hickel aboard.
- 1967- Centennial Celebration; Gov. Hickel, Lt. Gov. Keith Miller; Politics
- 1967-1968: Gov Hickel, Howard Pollack, Keith Miller, Shirley Temple Black, Millie Banfield, Joe and Thelma George.
- 1966 Legislature
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- 1966 Legislature
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- 1966 Legislature
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- 1967 Legislature

- 1967 & 1968 Legislature
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- Governor Bill Egan, Neva Egan, 1965-1972
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- Governor Wally Hickel, Ermalee & family
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- Sen. Robert Kennedy visits Juneau; Governors Egan and Hickel; Ernest Gruening

Box 2

- Juneau State Museum building 1966-1967

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Foreign Dignitaries at the Alaska State Museum, Juneau

(Bottom Row L to R)

1. Rosita Rodrigez Worl (Guide)
2. Alfredo Ramos - 1st Secretary (Peru)
3. Valentina Tarchov - 3rd Secretary (Venezuela)
4. David Louw - 1st Secretary (South Africa)
5. Resat Arim - Counsellor (Turkey)
6. Ricardo Cortes - 1st Secretary (Spain)
7. Chief Linchwe II - Ambassador (Botswana)
8. A. Abby Farah - Ambassador (Somalia)
9. Pete
10. Don Dickey
11. Abdallah El-Attrash - 1st Secretary (Syria)
12. Francis D. Tothill - 2nd Secretary (South Africa)
13. Bernt Stangholm - 1st Secretary (Norway)
14. Anton Prohaska - 2nd Secretary (Austria)
15. H.S. Amerasinghe - Ambassador (Ceylon)
16. Brian Crowe (United Kingdom)

(Top Row L to R)

17. Matti Cawen - Counsellor (Finland)
18. Mostafa Abdel-Wahab - Counsellor (United Republic)
19. Charalambos Christoforou - 2nd Secretary (Cyprus)
20. M. Anwar Anwarzai - 2nd Secretary (Afghanistan)
21. Carlos Fernandez-Espeso - 1st Secretary (Spain)
22. Adamou Mayaki - Ambassador (Niger)
23. Mirko Bruner - Minister (Yugoslavia)
24. Hugo Gobbi - Minister (Argentina)
25. Kiyoomars Vazeen - Minister (Iran)
26. Jan Muzik - Minister (Czechoslovakia)

27. N.W. Mbekeani - Ambassador (Malawi)
28. Kandi Ismail - 1st Secretary-(Maidive Islands)
29. Henrik Schmiegelow - 2nd Secretary (Denmark)
30. Andre Philippe - Ambassador (Luxembourg)
31. Jean Max Bouchand - Counsellor (France)
32. Carlos Mantilla-Ortega - Ambassador (Ecuador)

Photo taken at ALASKA STATE MUSEUM 1969

From photo verso:
Photographed May 20, 1969
By D. Steffa
P.O. Box 1283, Juneau, Alaska
Photo # 5208

Box 2

- 1972 – Juneau Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Mike Gravel, Bill Wally
- Juneau: AJ fire (1965)
- Juneau - Buildings
- Juneau –People: Including “Hootchinoo and Hot Cakes,” Kiwanis Club (Gruening in background), Charlotte Rudolph (negs), Al Woodrow, fishing, Vern Metcalf & Ralph Rivers
- Juneau – Businesses 1960s
- Juneau – B.M. Behrends Store
- Juneau - Business - May and Co. (stocks), 1965 or 1966
- Juneau - Government Buildings
- Juneau - City Council
- Aviation – Ernie Bauman crash April 1960
- Anchorage Theatre productions
- Anchorage – People
- Anchorage - Dock Construction, Storage Tanks, 1960
- Anchorage - Earthquake, 1964

Box 3

Unsorted prints and negatives (1960s?); following notes on some files and envelopes, not yet checked for accuracy:

- Millie Banfield and Phyllis DeMuth [Centennial Committee??]
- Federal Building, Juneau, 1966?
- 20th Century Theatre
- Proofs: Miss Alaska, Alansa Carr
- Anchorage docks 1960-1961
- International airport (Aniak), 1960
- Chuck Keen
- Aerial Survey (1960-1961?): Big Lake, Campbell Creek pass, Hope, Yukon, Eagle River, Girdwood

Box 4 Safety negatives – some in color:

1. Anchorage Community Theater: 1959 - ? 1 box 4" x 5" negatives: all in original sleeves with notes
2. Negs: 2 boxes (Anch. Negs. Misc) plus loose 4" x 5" negs: 1958 – 1981 negatives in original sleeves of miscellaneous images [work for hire??], including "Miss Alaska, Alansa Carr," Juneau and Anchorage businesses.
3. Two boxes of proofs (8" x10" prints) of various subjects, most unidentified; not matched with negatives.

Box 5 Safety negatives – some in color:

5 Boxes of 4" x 5" negs:

1958-1959 Commerce Anch.;
 Aerial negs of Wasilla & Palmer
 Northern Commercial Co. - Anchorage
 1958-1959 Anchorage
 Anchorage - VP Nixon, 1959 Parade

1 open box of negs in envelopes (*PCA 283 Steffa Safety Negs* written on box)

General Subjects of negatives

Legislators – Politics
 Aerials
 People - Families
 Baranof
 Juneau – Prinsendam – Docks – Steamship wharf
 Businesses – Jail – Airport – Federal building – Hospital
 Social
 Graphics

Specific Subjects of some of the negatives

Mike Bradner, C. S. Lewis
 Federal Building (Juneau) – interior and exterior

Baranof Hotel, Baranof Gift Shop
 ASL-P283-5-Baranof_Hotel
 1-2: Baranof Coffee Shop 7-20-69 (4x5 color transparencies)
 06: Cruise ship in lobby. Double exposure – lobby and harbor
 (4x5 color transparency)
 07: Baranof Entertainers. (4x5 color negative)
 08: Steffa at Baranof, 1966 (Lael Morgan) (4x5 black & white
 negative)
 09: Baranof Hotel Boiler Room, 1-29-67 (4x5 black & white
 negative)
 10-13: Baranof Hotel, Ext. views (day and night) (Allen Woodrow)
 (4x5 black & white negatives)
 14-24: Baranof Hotel interior photos for KINY slides. 10-9-68 (4x5
 black & white negatives)
 25-28: Baranof Kitchen Fire 3-23-69 (4x5 black and white
 negatives)
 29: Baranof Kitchen Crew. July 1969 (4x5 color transparency)
 30 – 31: Elsie Ketchen, Baranof Coffee Shop Manager. 7-21-69 (4x5
 black & white negatives)
 32: Registration Desk. 7-26-69 (4x5 color transparency)
 33: Baranof Lobby. 7-26-69 (4x5 color transparency)
 34-36: Latchstring [Lounge] Aug. 1969 (2 cameras synchronized
 with 36 flash bulbs)
 (4x5 Color transparencies)

 37-40: Baranof Exteriors Aug. 1969. (2 color transparencies, 1 black
 & white negative, 1 color negative)
 41-43: Baranof hotel Exterior – night, 8-8-69. (4x5 color
 transparencies)
 44: Baranof Hotel Gift Shop, exterior-night. Nov. 4, 1969 (4x5 color
 transparency)

Cheryl Holloway wedding
 Elks Convention
 Elton Engstrom
 Juneau Dock
 Douglas Street paving
 Governor Christmas Party 1975 – Jay Hammond
 Safeway Cab
 Mike Gravel Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 1972
 Bartlett Memorial Hospital 1969
 Steffa at Baranof (by Lael Morgan??)
 Aerial of downtown Juneau – Princendam
 Juneau
 Jack Briggs
 Nick Begich
 Ted Stevens (1972)

Karen Doty
Church dinner with Mark Boesser
Capitol Theater – Jack Abbott
Terry Miller 1967
Centennial Seal, 1966
Governor Egan and Democratic Picnic, 1972
Sackett & Hammond
Governor Egan
A-J Mine Fire
Pat Wellington
Anchorage Earthquake
Howard Pollack
Douglas Aerials
Hickel supporters with signs
Republican victory celebration 1966 at Baranof: Pollock, Banfield,
Engstrom, Peter Kline, M.C.
Sharon Abbott wedding
Percy's
Karen Johnson
Blackie Lafferty
Roland Lane
Massage parlor
Penny Storkel
Seguine
Champion Paper and Fiber 1970
Ray and Mae Hagerup
Rudy Ripley
Al Kuchta, 4th of July Parade '76
Herb Adams
Alaska State Chamber of Commerce at State Museum; Don Dickey and
Japanese Ambassador
Bill Williams, KJNO
Bethel Church "Breakwater" Dinner, Don Anderson
Governor Miller and Henry Pratt
Mark Carr
Flicker, Percy's
Mary with Bud Emil, Percy's
Press Club "Harpoon" 1969
Alaska State Jail
"Little Theater" Jack Quisenberry
Elsie Ketchen, Baranof Coffee Shop Mgr.
Alaska Steamship Co. 1964 (docks, downtown)

In sleeve

Miscellaneous negatives (*Family, C.R. Lewis, House of Representatives*) and written information.

