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Guide to Collection

Edwards, James, Photographer

James Edwards Photograph Collection, 1964

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HISTORICAL NOTE

McCarthy was a mining camp 150 miles northeast of Cordova, established in 1908 when the copper mines were operating at nearby Kennecott [Kennicott]. James Edwards and his wife, Maxine, lived in the area.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The photographs were taken in 1964, when many of the houses and commercial buildings were deteriorating. Includes buildings, bridges and activities in McCarthy, Alaska., 1964. Views of the Golden Bar and O'Neills Store, Edwards' family and activities.

INVENTORY

- 1-2 [Overall view of McCarthy; glacier and mountains beyond.] Similar views
- 3 Saw built by James Edwards for cutting willows [saw, center; wood stack, right].
- 4 Power saw in action [James Edwards (?) running saw; woman picking up cut wood].
- 5 Shushanna Ave. S., McCarthy [houses on either side of street; snow on ground].
- 6-7 [McCarthy buildings, exterior views; snow on ground.] Similar views
- 8-9 [Deteriorating buildings, McCarthy including The Golden Bar.] Similar views
- 10-13 [Interior of Golden Bar, McCarthy.] Similar views
- 14-18 Interior of O'Neill's Store, McCarthy [Similar views]
- 19 Bridge over McCarthy Creek at McCarthy [woman, two children on narrow wooden bridge; buildings beyond].
- 20-21 [Man filling and carrying containers of water from stream; two young children]. Similar views.
- 22 Old barn, snow caved, McCarthy [deteriorating house next to barn].
- 23-27 [Individual houses and buildings in McCarthy during winter; exterior views.]
- 28 [Snow covered foot bridge.]

- 29 [James Edwards' family (?) seated at a table eating a meal.]
- 30 [Woman examining the wheel of a press (?).]
- 31-32 [Light colored car in deep snow.] Similar views.
- 33 [Early model car in doorless garage.]
- 34 Mother Lode Copper Mines Co. [sign of side of building (?)].
- 35 [Remains of mining (?) machinery. *Note added to finding aid by unknown author: "This is a shot of the boilers in the Kennicott Mine power building."*]