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Guide to Collection

Griffin, Warren B., photographer

Warren B. Griffin Photograph Collection, 1959-1964

PCA 298

3 Folders  
325 color slides (35mm)  
1.5 inches

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**ACQUISITION:** The slides were donated by Warren Griffin in 1988. Warren Griffin came to Alaska in 1959 to serve as Director of the Alaska Sanitation Aide Program. In 1963, he accepted a position with the U.S. Public Health Service in Anchorage as the Health Mobilization Consultant for Alaska and later served as chief until 1971. Griffin took most of the photos while traveling to the rural and bush communities.  
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**PROCESSING:** The slides were numbered and placed in archival sleeves and boxes.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mr. Warren Griffin arrived in Alaska in 1959, to serve as Director of the Alaska Sanitation Aide Program. In 1963, Mr. Griffin accepted a position with the U.S. Public Health Service in Anchorage as the Health Mobilization Consultant for Alaska. He later served as Chief of the unit until 1971. Mr. Griffin's job duties required him to travel extensively throughout Alaska; specifically to small villages. According to a biographical note, Mr. Griffin states that his most memorable experiences surrounded his close relationship with the Natives of the villages of Alaska and his duties in Anchorage during the 1964 Alaska earthquake as Health Mobilization Consultant. Mr. Griffin has written numerous articles and reports regarding public health and the Sanitation Aide Health Program in Alaska. In 1972, Mr. Griffin donated an unpublished manuscript to the Alaska Historical Library entitled, "Medicine on Ice; a story of medical progress in Alaska." (MS 72, Box 2) and provides a medical overview of early public health programs in Alaska. Mr. Griffin retired to Port Angeles, Washington with his wife Eileen.

## INVENTORY

The Collection is arranged geographically (by town). Each folder is listed with contents and each slide is described:

### Folder 1      Akiachak to Chevak

- 1-[1-4] Barrow
- 1-5 Barrow Aug-1960
- 1-[6-7] Barrow
- 1-8 Barrow Aug-1960
- 1-9 Barrow
- 1-10 Barrow Aug-1960
- 1-11 Barrow
- 1-12 Barrow Aug-1960
- 1-13 Barrow (probably)
- 1-[14-20] Barrow
- 1-21 Joe Lomack - Akiachak 8/57. Low place in front of village for which Joe sought Bulldozer from RDB.
- 1-22 Brooks Range
- 1-23 Cook Inlet
- 1-24 Child Eskimo
- 1-25 Steam bath house Akiachak 8/57
- 1-26 Brooks Range
- 1-27 Cook Inlet Redoubt Volcano

- 1-28 Main path from beach to Akiachak
- 1-29 Brooks Range
- 1-30 Browerville Aug-1960
- 1-31 Akiachuk [Akiachak] 9/54
- 1-32 Brooks Range
- 1-33 School at Awathiuk
- 1-34 Brooks Range
- 1-35 Cook Inlet Redoubt Volcano
- 1-[36-37] Barrow
- 1-[38-39] Barrow 1960
- 1-[40-42] Barrow
- 1-43 Barrow Aug-1960
- 1-44 Barrow
- 1-45 Bethel 8/57
- 1-46 Bet [Bethel] Oct 54
- 1-47 Bethel area school
- 1-48 Mt. Iliamna Anchorage-Bethel 8/57
- 1-49 Bethel area village well
- 1-50 Bet [Bethel] salmon
- 1-51 Bet [Bethel] sunset
- 1-52 Mairairpak fish camp
- 1-53 Bethel area Russian Orthodox Church
- 1-54 Bet [Bethel] pilot bt.
- 1-55 Bet [Bethel]
- 1-56 Mairairpak fish camp
- 1-57 Bethel
- 1-58 Bethel area
- 1-59 Mairairpak fish camp fish cleaning set up near Bethel
- 1-60 Bethel 8/57 announcement re- village incorporation
- 1-61 Bet [Bethel] 2/55
- 1-62 Bet [Bethel] flood 55
- 1-63 Inactive volcanic crater Bet. Bethel & HPR Bay
- 1-64 Inactive volcano near HPR Bay 8/57 via air about ½ hour. Terrain Bethel area
- 1-65 Bethel area fish camp 8/57 - general terrain
- 1-66 Bethel from Anchorage 8/57
- 1-67 Napakiak 8/57 Bethel general terrain
- 1-68 8/57 en route Bethel from Anchorage
- 1-69 En route Bethel from Anc 8/57
- 1-70 Bethel sunset on tundra
- 1-71 Bristol Bay village
- 1-72 Ekuk Spit Bristol Bay area
- 1-73 Clark's Point Br [Bristol] Bay
- 1-[74-75] Bristol Bay village

1-76 Ekok Spit Bristol Bay area  
1-77 Village near Aleknagik- Bristol Bay  
1-78 Kaleganik Bristol Bay  
1-79 Ekwok village Bristol Bay area  
1-80 Dillingham area, Bristol Bay  
1-81 Kanakanak village, Bristol Bay area  
1-82 Clark's Point, Bristol Bay  
1-83 My pilot & plane, Bristol Bay area  
1-84 Kanakanak, Br [Bristol] Bay area  
1-85 Clark's Point, Bristol Bay  
1-86 Bristol Bay area village  
1-87 Chevak 10/54  
1-88 Chevak 7/55  
1-[89-94] Chevak 2/55  
1-95 Chevak 10/54  
1-[96-97] Chevak 2/55  
1-98 Chevak probably  
1-99 Chevak Council  
1-[100-103] Chevak 2/55  
1-104 Chevak 10/54  
1-[105-113] Chevak 2/55  
1-114 Chevak 10/54  
1-[115-116] Chevak 2/55  
1-117 no slide  
1-118 Chevak 10/54  
1-119 Chevak 2/55  
1-120 Chevak 2/55 Clara  
1-121 Chevak 2/55  
1-122 Chevak 10/54  
1-[123-129] Chevak 2/55  
1-130 Chevak 10/54  
1-[131-136] Chevak 2/55

Folder 2      Cook Inlet to Kwigilnook [Kwigillingok]

2-1 Cook Inlet Iliamna Volcano  
2-2 Ekok Village, Bristol Bay area  
2-3 Fairbanks Aug-1960  
2-4 Hy. [highway] to Fairbanks  
2-5 Eagle  
2-6 Near Fairbanks  
2-7 Gold mining- Fairbanks  
2-8 Fairbanks

2-9 Eagle  
2-10 Gold dredge near Fairbanks  
2-11 Hy [highway] to Fairbanks  
2-12 Exposition Fairbanks  
2-13 Eagle  
2-14 Gold dredge- Fbk [Fairbanks]  
2-15 Hw [highway] to Fairbanks  
2-16 AG7  
2-17 Eagle  
2-18 Gold dredge Fairbanks  
2-19 Fairbanks "AG7"  
2-[20-21] AG7  
2-22 AG7 Exposition  
2-[23-24] Yukon River  
2-25 "AG7"  
2-26 V/A  
2-[27-28] Fort Yukon  
2-29 AG7 Exposition  
2-30 V/A 3/52 Winter  
2-31 Fort Yukon  
2-32 Old village site near Ramble  
2-33 AG7  
2-34 Ft. Yukon  
2-35 Yukon River house  
2-36 Gamble- St.Law[Lawrence]  
2-37 AG7  
2-38 Ft. Yukon roadhouse  
2-39 Ft. Yukon  
2-40 Hauling water - village of Gamble  
2-41 Baby seal at Gamble  
2-42 Icy Bay  
2-43 Slide at Juneau  
2-44 Coast between Anc [Anchorage] & Juneau  
2-45 Mother seal and young - Gamble  
2-46 Slide at Thane  
2-47 City of Juneau  
2-48 Shrine Island  
2-49 Baby walrus taken at Gamble  
2-50 City of Juneau  
2-51 Slide damage - Juneau  
2-52 Juneau  
2-53 Baby walrus - Gamble  
2-54 Slide at Juneau

2-55 Juneau  
2-56 Glacier from end of rd.  
2-57 Beach at Gamble  
2-58 Slide damage at Juneau  
2-59 Slide at Juneau  
2-60 San. [sanitation] Aide's house at Kivulina (?)  
2-61 H. [Hooper] Bay 10/54  
2-[62-63] H. [Hooper] Bay 2/55  
2-64 H. [Hooper] Bay 10/54  
2-65 Hooper Bay 2/55  
2-66 H. [Hooper] Bay 2-55 Bering Sea boat  
2-67 H. [Hooper] Bay 10/54  
2-68 Hooper Bay 2/55 Council  
2-69 H. [Hooper] Bay 2/55 Bering Sea  
2-70 H. [Hooper] Bay 2/55  
2-[71-72] H. [Hooper] Bay 10/54  
2-73 Hooper Bay 10/54  
2-74 Kivalina  
2-75 Kodiak  
2-76 Kodiak Island  
2-77 Kotzebue, Alas.  
2-78 Kivalina, Alaska  
2-79 [scenery]  
2-80 Kodiak Island  
2-81 Airport at Kotzebue  
2-82 Kivalina  
2-83 Kodiak - Alaska  
2-84 Kodiak Island  
2-85 Fish trap - Kwethluk  
2-86 Kivalina  
2-87 Kodiak, Alaska  
2-88 PHS Hospital - Kotzebue  
2-89 Kwethluk 8/57 girl cleaning fish  
2-90 Kodiak Island  
2-91 Hotel - Kodiak  
2-92 OTZ Kotzebue  
2-93 Kwethluk Oct 54  
2-94 Kwigilnook [Kwigillingok]  
2-95 Kwiguk 8/57 Beluga whale meat  
2-96 Lower Kuskokwim  
2-97 Lower Kuskokwim 10/54  
2-98 Kwiguk

- 2-99 Lower Kuskokwim
- 2-100 Kuskokwim 10/54
- 2-101 Kwiguk
- 2-102 Lower Kuskokwim River [salmon drying]
- 2-103 Lower Kuskokwim 10/54
- 2-104 Kwig [Kwiguk] Feb 55
- 2-105 Kwig [Kwiguk] 3/55
- 2-106 Kuskokwim 10/54
- 2-107 Kuskokwim 9/54

Folder 3      Mountain Village to Valdez

- 3-[1-2] Savoonga
- 3-3 Food cache - Selawik village
- 3-[4-5] Savoonga
- 3-6 Shishmaref
- 3-[7-8] Savoonga
- 3-9 Teller
- 3-10 Savoonga
- 3-11 Selawik village
- 3-12 Togiak - Bristol Bay
- 3-13 Savoonga
- 3-14 Selawik village
- 3-15 Sitka [picture of grave site "Here lies the body of Princess Aglaida Ivanova Matsoutoff, wife of the captain of second rank. Born 1834 and passed away on December 18, 1862."
- 3-16 Sitka - dedication stone "Erected by the Territory of Alaska to commemorate the transfer of the Territory from Russia to the United States on October 18, 1867. Dedicated October 18, 1927."
- 3-17 Sitka
- 3-18 Sitka - dedication stone "On this site the first 49 star flag in Alaska was officially raised 4 July 1959 by the color guard of the 9<sup>th</sup> (Manchu) Infantry."
- 3-19 Sitka
- 3-20 Mt. Edgecumbe - Sitka
- 3-[21-23] Sitka
- 3-24 Mt. Edgecumbe - Sitka
- 3-25 Kweth [Kwethluk]
- 3-26 Mendenhall 1961
- 3-27 Mountain Village - cutting of silver salmon 8/57
- 3-28 Gold dredge - Nome
- 3-29 Pilot Herman Ludwigsen at Kwiguk 8/57
- 3-30 Mendenhall Glacier
- 3-31 Mountain Village

- 3-32 Nome
- 3-33 Mend. Gl. [Mendenhall Glacier] across Gastineau Chan. [Channel]
- 3-34 Mountain Village 8/57 children
- 3-35 Mountain Village
- 3-36 Nome
- 3-37 Lake Mendenhall 1960
- 3-38 Garden in Mountain Village 8/57
- 3-39 Gold dredge - Nome
- 3-40 Nome harbor
- 3-41 Juneau - Mendenhall 1960
- 3-42 Mountain Village beach 8/57 - food preparations
- 3-43 OME [Nome?]
- 3-44 Portage 1962
- 3-45 Prince William Sound
- 3-46 Yukon River Russian Mission
- 3-47 St. Paul Island
- 3-48 St. Paul Fur Seal Rookery
- 3-49 Prince William Sound
- 3-50 Church at St. Michael
- 3-[51-52] St. Paul
- 3-53 Prince William Sound
- 3-[54-55] St. Paul
- 3-56 St. Paul church
- 3-57 Prince William Sound
- 3-[58-60] St. Paul
- 3-61 Prince William Sound
- 3-[62-64] St. Paul
- 3-[65-67] Valdez
- 3-68 Yukon River
- 3-69 Valdez
- 3-70 Valdez [head stone]
- 3-71 [scenery]
- 3-72 Village on Yukon River
- 3-[73-74] Valdez
- 3-75 Getting water through ice - Yukon River
- 3-[76-77] Valdez
- 3-78 S.A.P. riverboat 8/57
- 3-[79-80] Valdez
- 3-81 Tundra
- 3-82 Sanitation aide - one of my aides