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Biographical Note

In 1956, Patterson (Pat) Keller was first resident vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Mission in Huslia, Alaska, after he spent the summer of 1955 in Tetlin as a seminarian. Several years later he met and married Connie Godfrey who was a Bible School teacher for the Diocese of Alaska under Bishop Gordon. They were married in Vermont before returning to Huslia where they lived until May 1963. They also traveled to Hughes as part of Pat's ministry and also to Hog River. They visited and supplied in Allakaket and Bettles Field. Daughters Kathryn and Christina were born in Fairbanks in 1959 and 1961.

Scope and Content Note

The collection reflects the Keller family and their experiences while living in Huslia and traveling through the interior regions of Alaska. Descriptions, written by Mrs. Keller, capture the residents of the villages and their daily activities and contain much historical information. The collection includes views of Huslia, Tetlin, Minto, Tanana, Alaskan villages on the Koyukuk River, Koyukon families and members of the Episcopal church, 1956-1963.

Included in the collection are members of the Sydney Huntington family and the George Attla family. Pat Keller, Connie Keller, Edward Bergman, Milton Swan, Mary Cox, Rowland Cox, Tom Osgood, Randy Mendelsohn, Fr. Dick Simmonds, Coleman Inge, Lee Stratman, Abraham Oldman, Mr. and Mrs. Les James, Rv. Norman Elliott, Rev. William J. Gordon, Clover Jean Ward, Marvin Werbelow, James "Andy" Anderson, George Attla, Sr., George Attla, Jr., Eliza Attla, Steven Attla, Shirley Attla, Richard Derendoff, Annie Vent, Agnes Huntington, Roger Huntington, Betty Huntington, Angela Huntington, Tony and Emily Sam, Edwin and Lydia Simon, Willy and Annie Vent, Freddy and Lorna Vent, George and Marie Yaska.

Inventory

1. View of the Koyokuk [Koyukuk] River from the air. Gives a good sense of the distance in that part of the interior. Places are miles away by river in the summer are very near cross country. Also, the presence of many sloughs, and dry old river beds, are a strong feature of that river.
2. March 1963. A view of Huslia as we were approaching it from the air. The large body of water at the top is the lake behind town. This lake was a great source of ice for melting in the winter time. On the far side of the lake there were many "wood yards" which supplied the town with fire wood.

3. Huslia. Summer 1957 as seen from the hill in back of town. The red roof is the old school/church/town hall. The white building is the "new" school hidden in the trees to right of red roof.
4. Huslia, March 1958. The school is a pre-fab building clearly visible. Old school/town hall/church to left of it.
5. Huslia, March 1958. View from hill behind Edwin Simon's and Billy Sam's.
6. Spring break [breakup] - 1959. The point of land on the left-with cut bank was the site of the old cemetery. It was being radically eroded away by spring waters and gravesites were being exposed.
7. Cemetery, June 1957. In a site which I assume is gone now after years of cut bank damage.
8. June 1957. I suspect this was the last year that a stern wheeler was used to move barges upriver with supplies for Huslia, Hughes, Hog River (the U.S. Smelting and Refining gold dredge site) and Allakaket. We were not in Huslia in 1958 when the barges arrived. By 1959 the tugboat the TAKU CHIEF was the power behind the barges.
9. Lucy Sackett's store. March 1958. Within 2-3 years this store was moved further back from the river as the bank kept cutting in more and more during spring break-up. Lucy's husband John Sackett, a white man, had been a longtime trader here and in Cutoff. He died in 1957. The store was also the post office. Lucy was post mistress. She also had an emergency radio for contacting the hospital in Tanana.
10. Huslia original school building. The "old town" had been located at Cutoff which was near the mouth of the Huslia River. Old town used to flood regularly. Bishop Gordon of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska worked . with the town council in procuring materials for this building, so the new town could have a school and church, neither of which were present in Old Town. This would have been in the early 1950's. The teachers lived in part of the buildings and held classes in the rest, and the Episcopal Church was to be used for services whenever a missionary happened into town. When the new prefab school was erected, the building became the town hall as well as the church. It was the site of dances, potlaches, elections, Bible schools, work space for various research groups, etc.
11. The new school built in 1955 or 1956. It had 2 classrooms [and] 3 teachers. The small building to the right contained a generator that supplied electricity to the school and to the teacherage, a duplex which housed the teachers in a "bed-sitter" apartment and a 2 bedroom apartment. The school also had a well, but no running water. The building was not earthquake proof and the roof leaked. This was the central focal point of the community. Grades 1-8. Until 1962 no one had gone to high school. That year the first group of students completed 8th grade and many of them chose to go onto Mt. Edgecumbe. John Sackett Jr. (Lucy's son) aka [also known as] Barney went to Sheldon Jackson.

12. The original rectory (manse, parsonage) for the Episcopal Church. The Episcopalians in Cutoff and Huslia were by itinerant clergy. In 1954, Arlene Chatterton, a nurse-evangelist with an Episcopalian organization known as the Church Army, was assigned to Huslia and this cabin was built for her. She was followed in the summer of 1956 by the Rev. Patterson Keller, who was then a deacon in the Episcopal Church and was the first resident Episcopal clergy person. He was ordained a priest in the community hall/church in 1957.
13. In the background is the newly built Church of Good Shepherd (Episcopal) built the summer of 1960. Next to it is the two story rectory built in the summer of 1958 following the marriage of Father Keller to Connie Godfrey of Bennington, Vermont. Sidney Huntington (now of Galena) owned the house to the right of the rectory. The rectory very often functioned as a road house for visitors to Huslia. In the foreground a foot race is taking place on the school grounds.
14. Spring 1961. The day of the dedication of the new church building. Bishop William J. Gordon, Jr., of Fairbanks dedicated the building. He now lives in Midland, Michigan. His wife Shirley is standing next to him. On her right is Mary Ann Munroe of Texas, who had come to Fairbanks to be with her cousin Judy Edwards who had been seriously burned in a tragic fire in Tanana that had killed Judy's husband, the Rev. Curtis Edwards, as well as their three children. (Judy later married the Rev. Bob Jones who was rector of All Saints Church, Anchorage for a number of years before becoming the Episcopal bishop of Wyoming.) Bishop Gordon brought Mary Ann with him to Huslia for this occasion. To the Bishop's left are Rhoda and Angeline Derendoff and Emily Sam.

The following photos are of family groups around Huslia in September of 1962. The young people who were the first group of students to go to high school were getting ready to leave town and we wanted pictures of them with their families so everyone could have a copy of the photos. This was a very traumatic as well as exciting time for the families. Life would never be the same for any of them and they knew it. It was a time of mourning for many parents. I have arranged the families alphabetically as the most useful way to organize them.

15. This is George Attla Sr. with his wife Eliza and youngest son Barney. George was almost blind but still very proud and capable of running an excellent trap line in winter, fishing in summer, still handling his own dog team. Eliza was a remarkably tough able woman. She did wonderful beadwork and made the best parkas in town.
16. The family of Steven Attla. Steven was gone, he worked as a river boat pilot for the river freighters all summer. Catherine was a daughter of Mary Vent, sister to Flora Huntington, Little Sophie Sam. The young man on the left was actually her uncle Jossilin Olin who lived with Steven and Catherine after his father, Olin the medicine man, died in 1960. Jossilin was a half brother to Mary Vent. The others are all Catherine and Steven's children. Catherine and Steven still live in Huslia. Steven has been school janitor for 11 years now. Catherine is prominent in the series, Make Prayers to the Raven.
17. George Attla Jr. with his wife Shirley and their children. They were later divorced and I believe Shirley remarried Herbie Vent. George Jr. had already won several major dog

- races by 1962. Shirley was a daughter of Abraham Oldman of Hughes and is a sister to Eleanor Sam (wife of Wilson).
18. Fred and Edith Bifelt and family. Fred is a half brother of Jimmy and Sidney Huntington. Jacob, on the left in the sailor hat, was I believe, Edith's brother. He was not one of their children. Their daughter Lucy had been drowned the summer before and so Fred had stopped going to Hog River to work in the summer. He was a janitor at the school for years.
 19. Cue and Madeline Bifelt and family. Cue is Fred's son. Madeline was the daughter of Edward Bergman of Allakaket. Isabelle, the oldest child on the right, was not Cue's daughter. Their daughter Dolores had drowned the summer before while playing in the river with Lucy Bifelt and Barney [John] Sackett. Cue was also a very successful dog racer.
 20. Larson Charlie right. (Chief Henry on left comes later.) Larson was from Koyukuk but spent some time in Huslia visiting his daughters Catherine Attla and Little Sophie Sam. He had been Mary Vent's first husband.
 21. Richard and Angeline Derendoff and family. Richard was of Russian descent. Angeline was a daughter of old Granma Happy and I believe aunt or half sister of Butch (George) and Patrick Yaska. Their oldest daughter Cecilia is not pictured.
 22. Chief Henry and Bessie. In many ways the family of Huslia as far as seniority and position of respect. I believe Bessie and Eliza Attla were sisters and that Big Sophie Sam was their half sister. Their son, Matthew Henry lived in Huslia, as did their daughter Alda.
 23. Thomas Henry, 1960. Son of Matthew, grandson of Chief Henry. In 1961 or 1962, Thomas participated in a relocation program sponsored I believe by the BIA [Bureau of Indian Affairs]. He went first to Chicago. I do not believe this was a successful program. He had a brother named Silas.
 24. Jimmy and Marion Huntington and family. Marion was not the mother of Jimmy's children. Their mother was Flora, daughter of Mary Vent and sister of Catherine Attla and Little Sophie Sam. Jimmy had older daughters, Virginia and Josephine. Jimmy ran a store in Huslia which had a generator that supplied minimum electricity to the town (one light bulb per house) on a limited schedule. He was a very able man and wrote a book that was included in Reader's Digest, On the Edge of Nowhere. Jimmy's father, Old Man Huntington, was a white man with English roots who married an Athabaskan and lived with her at Cutoff. He trapped and traded. Jimmy, his brother Sidney, and at least one sister lived for awhile at the mission school in Anvik, run by the Rev. Henry Chapman after the death of their mother. Margaret Murie's book, *Two in the Far North*, recalls a glimpse of these children in their doorway at Cutoff as the Murie's traveled downriver. Jimmy died this past winter (1987-88). I believe there will be a big potlach for him in Huslia this fall (1988). He served at least one term in the Alaska Legislature.
 25. Sidney and Angela Huntington who now live in Galena. Angela was from Koyukuk. One of the few Roman Catholics in Huslia. Sidney is a natural engineer, an incredibly

- talented man. He designed the church building in Huslia, hand built the steeple and worked in Anchorage during World War II. He was very forceful in working for improved education for Huslia children. He had several older children from a prior marriage who lived in Galena or Koyukuk.
26. Bill and Lucy Lawrence and John Sackett Jr. (Barney). Lucy had been married to Jack Sackett, a white man who ran the trading post in Cutoff and Huslia. Lucy had some schooling, perhaps even high school. She could read and write and was a very capable storekeeper and post mistress. She married Bill probably in 1961. He was a white man she made contact with thru a "mail order" service of some sort. Lucy died of cancer several years ago. Barney [John Sackett] has been active politically in Alaska I understand. Lucy was a sister of Bobby and Willy Vent.
 27. Eliza Olin, daughter of Olin the medicine man. She moved away in 1959 to Koyukuk we think.
 28. Little Sammy and Big Sophie and family. Actually only Hudson (on the right) was their child in this group. The oldest young woman, Elma Jean was a daughter of Sidney and Angela Huntington who had been "given" to them as an infant when Angela was very sick. The young boy and the girl in front of Big Sophie were the children of their daughter Julia Wholecheese who had died. The third girl was another granddaughter, daughter of Tony and Emily Sam, who had also been given to them as an infant. Sons, Bergman and Wilson are not pictured.
 29. Tony and Emily Sam and family. Emily was from Hughes originally. This was the largest family in town. Very responsible parents, despite the size of the family. Tony is son to Little Sammy and Big Sophie.
 30. Billy and Little Sophie. Little Sophie was a sister of Catherine Attla. Little Sophie and Big Sophie were always referred to that way to avoid the confusion of two Sophie Sams. Billy is Little Sammy and Big Sophie's son.
 31. Edwin and Lydia (pronounced Lythia) Simon and family. Their oldest son, Franklin was trained at one time to function as a sanitation intern in town.
 32. Mary Vent and her four youngest children. Mary had several grandchildren who were the same ages as these children. Her husband, Bobby was away working. Grandma Mary took in our children several times. Bobby was a good dog racer; might even have won the Iditarod once.
 33. Willy and Annie Vent. Annie was a daughter of Fred Bifelt. Willy, brother to Bobby Vent and Lucy Sackett Lawrence. Willy had a military pension from injuries received during World War II. Sam White, pioneer pilot for the Fish and Wildlife and Wien Airlines, was the custodian for that pension. Willy died several years ago.
 34. Warner and Alberta Vent. Alberta was from Hughes. I believe her maiden name was Beetus and that she had one year of high school before marrying Warner who is the son of Bobby and Mary. Warner was also a dog racer.

35. Freddy and Lorna Vent. Freddy, son of Bobby and Mary. Lorna, daughter of Little Sammy and Big Sophie. Young man (boy) on the right is Lorna's nephew Percy (I think?) Wholecheese, son of Peter and Julia Wholecheese. I believe this young man was murdered in Huslia in July 1986 by Little Edwin Henry. If not him, then his brother who is in the group with Big Sophie and Little Sammy. (Our daughter Mary Keller was in Huslia at the time, staying with Wilson and Eleanor Sam, while doing some work as a Mellon fellow.)
36. George and Marie Yaska. Marie was the daughter of George Sr. and Eliza Attla. I believe they were later divorced. Their oldest son, Wilbur, was deaf and at one time was attending a school in the West (Utah or Arizona?) for children with disabilities. Marie was a very serious young mother; hard working and somewhat distanced from other young women her age in town.
37. Joe Yaska. Brother of George and Patrick and half brother of Angeline Derendoff. Wonderful sense of humor.
38. George Yatlin and Alda Henry. George had several children not pictured. In foreground Little Edwin (her step son from a prior marriage?) and her son Roger.

**The school had a very central place in the life of Huslia and it was in many ways the social as well as educational center and the teachers were quite important to the life of the community.*

39. Ley and Bea Kahl from Fosston, Minnesota taught in Huslia for at least three years. It has been 11 years since we last had contact with them. At that time, they stopped by our house in Cody, Wyoming. Bea was having a struggle with cancer and I have been told has since died. They lived in Huslia for nine months of the year; going home to Minnesota each summer and were a great addition to the village.
40. The three Kahl girls; Darlene, Arla and Margaret (Muggy), playing with Kathryn Keller in the teacherage.
41. Weldon and Cathy Morgan. Weldon is now (1988) a school superintendent somewhere in Teller, Alaska. They succeeded the Kahl's as teachers.
42. Spring play day at the school. A shaggy track meet which drew everyone in the vicinity. A great day of fun for onlookers as well as participants. Bea Kahl standing at the right. People are sitting on the steps of the teacherage.
43. Jossilin Olin doing the long jump; teacherage in background. The woman in the red jacket is Harriet Amundson who was the third teacher in the system with Kahl's (two years) and Morgan's (one year).
44. Town cleanup day organized in the spring by the Kahls. The house in the background was owned by Steven and Catherine Attla.

Dogs were a very important part of the town economy. Huslia's racers, starting with Jimmy Huntington became a real force in Alaska dog racing both in Fairbanks and Anchorage. Fishing for dog food in the summer was a serious business with the families and they moved out of town to fish camp when the fish were running.

45. Dogs being lined up for loading in mail plane as a first step to the North American dog race.
46. George Attla Jr. with dogs and sleds piled in Wien's Pilatus Porter aircraft. Madeline Attla, his sister, sits in front of him. She was on her way to Hughes to be married to ? Williams.
47. A racer, Bergman Sam I think, finished during the Huslia New Year's race.
48. A frosty George Attla Jr. having just finished the Huslia race. It was so cold we had to place our cameras inside our jackets.
49. Cue Bifelt with his trophy after winning in Anchorage. He had just returned a few months earlier from treatment for tuberculosis, which included the removal of one lung so this was a real triumph. He had also won the seal parka he is wearing.
50. Richard Derendoff with a load of winter wood. Dogs were very utilitarian and necessary as well as used in racing. Within a few years snowmobiles replaced dogs for many people as working vehicles.

Pat Keller took the next twelve slides while visiting Sidney Huntington and family at a beaver trapping camp in February or March 1958.

51. Sidney and Carl Huntington "parked" at a beaver set. Sidney is digging and chopping down to the set itself.
52. Having retrieved a set with beaver, Sidney removed his gloves to work on retrieving beaver. The parka Sidney is wearing was made for him by his wife, Angela from wolf skins he had acquired in a poker game with several white wolf hunters who were weathered in at Huslia.
53. Sidney "wipes" the beaver in the snow to clear ice and water from the pelt.
54. Sidney clowning with a good sized beaver.
55. Sidney at rest in his sled as he moves to the next trap.
56. Sidney retrieving a blackfish trap. The homemade traps were placed in lakes.
57. A good view of the blackfish trap as it was removed from the hole. You could clearly see the piece of canvas which had been turned back from its covering place over the trap.
58. Unloading the trap of its catch which will be cooked up for dog food back at the beaver camp.
59. Betty, Agnes and Roger Huntington at the camp doing chores, i.e., cutting wood for cooking. The warm dog food will be cooked on the outdoor Yukon woodstove. Note the half log house below and the canvas above that was home for beaver season.

60. Inside, Angela Huntington cooks dinner for the family over another woodstove.
61. Sidney Huntington skinning a beaver. He stretched it on a wooden board.
62. The family assembled for a picture. Roger, Carl and Sidney in front. Angela, Gil, Tommy, Betty and Agnes on the bed.
63. In 1961, the first Polaris Snow-Go was used for trapping by Jimmy Huntington. Here he is in 1962 about to head out for beaver camp with his family. The building in the background is his home and store built in 1959 after his original building burned to the ground.
64. The river in the summer was also an important means of transportation. People in town had traditional fish camp sites to travel to as well as traveling the river (as far up as Bettles and down to Galena). Here a young hot-shot, Wilson Sam was cruising the river the same way young people elsewhere might drag Main Street.
65. George Attla Jr., working on his boat as the river was still breaking up. Boats were kept on high ground until the river cleared of ice and then they were hopefully ready to go, sometimes to retrieve good driftwood from the high water, much like cowboys rounding up cattle.
66. Willy Vent at his fish camp. I think the date was August 10, 1962 since that was Kathryn Keller's (born 1959) and Hazel Vent's birthday and we always had a joint celebration. The smudge pot was critical to keep flies away from the people and fish. The main fish run was over, which is why the racks seem so empty. The fish was for dogs and human consumption.
67. Granma Mary Vent at the same fish camp. Her husband was Willy's brother. Bobby was gone most summers working so Mary would go with Willy's family to fish camp.
68. Most fishing on the Koyukuk was done with nets since the river is too slow for fish wheels. George Attla Sr. had a fish wheel near his fish camp.
69. The river was also the highway for hunters. Here a female moose is crossing the river just in front of our boat.
70. Richard Derendoff heading for moose hunting in the fall. There are three boats lashed together, the dog, Tetlin, is sitting in Pat Keller's boat, to which Richard's is tied. These two boats are pushing a third boat which is covered with a tent and contains a stove which served as a "river camper".
71. Moose hunting camp, fall 1957.
72. Richard Derendoff at Moose Camp. Moose that was caught the day before was spread out in pieces to cool out.
73. William Derendoff with his father, Richard and a boat of freshly shot moose.

74. Richard Derendoff's meat cache behind his house in Huslia. The meat was hung skin side up in order to help keep it from drying out too much. It would freeze this way, then a section would be taken in and pieces cut off as needed since there was no deep freeze available.
75. A by-product of moose hunting was the moose skin which was highly valued by many women in town. Here, Annie Vent is working on a full skin, with Laura Mark helping her in return for a share of the skin. The skin is frozen, stretched tight and the frozen hair scraped off as a preliminary to tanning it.
76. Other game besides fish, moose and beaver were valued in the diet. Here, a ptarmigan was caught in a spring pole snare. Duck hunting was also a source of food.
77. The mail plane was the main means of traffic and trade. There were no roads to travel on. Wien Airlines had a regular weekly schedule of service which ultimately led to Fairbanks. Here Sam White stands by his plane which was based in Hughes. The plane was a Cessna 180.
78. The winter of 1963. Wien introduced the Pilatus Porter to its bush service. Andy Anderson, Wien pilot stationed at Bettles Field, flew it. Prior to this he had on occasion flown a Norseman on his run, particularly when transporting dog teams, loads of beaver skins, or larger loads of people.
79. The whole village would greet each plane to check out who had arrived or what freight had come. Here Christine Vent, Annie Vent, Herbie Vent and Winkler Bifelt peer into the newly arrived plane.
80. Part of the ritual was turning the plane for its takeoff. In the winter, the plane landed most often on the river, although it also would land on the field behind town if the snow depth was not prohibitive.
81. The crowd moving back up the hill. The next stop was Lucy's store where she would sort the mail and packages and distribute them.
82. Wien pilot James "Andy" Anderson from Bettles Field with Edwin Simon of Huslia.
83. Tetlin. These Tetlin pictures were mainly taken by Pat Keller when he was living in Tetlin for the summer of 1955. This is a view of the village from the air.
84. Main Street. Tetlin, Alaska 1955.
85. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Tetlin, Alaska 1955.
86. Roy David.
87. Wilfred Adams.
88. David Paul.

89. Donald Joe.
90. Jimmie Joe on Tetlin Creek enroute to Steel Bridge on the Tanana River.
91. Jimmie Joe and Herman Gene, 1955.
92. Ida and her dogs.
93. Donald Joe and Titus David, painting a boat.
94. Ferrying Bishop Gordon from airfield across the creek to the town.
95. Car and pickup truck at Steel Bridge. The pickup was owned by Donald Joe. People would take their boats to Steel Bridge, then drive to Valdez for gas, to Copper River for fish, to Delta Junction or Fairbanks and then return to their boats and ferry materials back at Tetlin.
96. Jimmie Joe (left), unidentified person and David Paul.
97. "Big Boat" which was used to transport larger loads to Tetlin from Steel Bridge.
98. Marvin Werbelow, teacher at Tetlin, 1955. He worked for the BIA [Bureau of Indian Affairs] on a year-round contract. He had a tractor for gardening, a pickup, etc.
99. The Werbelow family, 1955.
100. Jim King, warden for the Fish and Game Department. We are not sure if he worked for the Territorial or Federal Government. He spent several weeks in Tetlin in 1955 to trap and band flightless ducks in a lake near Tetlin.
101. Duck trap strung across lake. People in "rat boats" would chase the ducks down the lake to the traps.
102. Jim King and his canoe working his "trap line".
103. A trap that has been pulled from the lake to be emptied.
104. Duck trap with ducks.
105. Jim King removing a duck.
106. Jim King and Donald Joe banding a duck.
107. Potlatch. Tetlin, Alaska 1955.
108. Shooting competition, Tetlin 1955, in conjunction with a potlatch.
109. Unidentified (left), Mark and Cathy Titus. Tetlin, Alaska 1955.

110. St. Matthew's Church (Episcopal) Fairbanks, Alaska June 1957. Connie Godfrey (now Keller) in foreground.
111. The Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, fueling his Cessna 180. The Bishop's headquarters were in Fairbanks and he flew all over the state visiting missions and clergy.
112. The Rev. Norman Elliott, who at this time was the Anchorage deacon to Bishop Gordon and also a pilot. The diocese owned two planes, the one flown by Bishop Gordon and this Piper Cub. He is presently a priest in Anchorage. His wife Stella (Burton) was the Bishop's secretary.
113. Clover Jean Ward (now Yarbrough), who was Bishop Gordon's secretary after Stella Burton, and Nancy Warren, wife of the Rev. William Warren who became rector of St. Matthew's Fairbanks in 1959.
114. February 1960. A view of Hughes, Alaska from the air. The runway/landing ran the length of the village, between the houses and the river.
115. Another view of Hughes, also February 1960. Taken from upriver of town as the plane approached the runway.
116. Fall 1961. View of Hughes, Alaska from the air on the far side of the river.
117. Mr. and Mrs. Les James, longtime Hughes traders and post masters and their adopted son Timmy. We believe Timmy was an Ambrose. He was from Hughes.
118. Abraham Oldman of Hughes and his family at Christmas time of 1962(?). Abraham was a half brother of Edward Bergman of Allakakat, and father of Shirley Attla and Eleanor Sam of Huslia.
119. Sept. 1961, a view of "Sam White's Lake" somewhere northeast of Hughes. Sam had a cache on this lake, and a tent and an inflatable raft. I believe it was his hunting camp. He took Pat and Connie Keller there for a vacation in the fall of 1961; he left us for a week which turned into 10 days. A very shallow lake with hundreds of ducks, moose, etc.
120. Sam's float plane; his own private plane on the Koyukuk River at Hughes.
121. Hughes, Alaska. Sam White's landing for his float plane.
122. Episcopal Church in Nenana, June 1957.
123. Episcopal church and vicarage. Nenana, Alaska, June 1957.
124. View of parish hall in Nenana located across the street from the vicarage.
125. The Lee Stratman family, Nenana 1957. I believe they still live in Alaska. Her name was Ethel.

126. Nenana 1957. A drum of gasoline being unloaded from a barge was dropped onto the dock causing a major fire, which was contained on the dock area.
127. Another view of the Nenana dock fire.
128. Episcopal church in Minto, Alaska 1957.
129. Minto store, 1957.
130. Father Dick Simmonds, Episcopal vicar in Minto. Summer of 1957. I think he still lives in Alaska.
131. Airfield at Tanana. Ana Inge, wife of Episcopal vicar the Rev. Coleman Inge. Summer 1957.
132. Episcopal Church (St. James?), Tanana, summer 1957.
133. Episcopal parish hall, Tanana. The multi-purpose building was used as a community hall and as a church.
134. Coleman Inge, vicar, standing inside doorway of church.
135. Original mission building in Tanana. It was not in the town itself, perhaps at the site of an earlier town? I recall it was on a slough rather than on the main river.
136. Edward Bergman of Allakaket working on a new rector for the vicar in Tanana, summer 1957. This rectory burned down in a tragic fire the winter of 1961. The Rev. Curtis Edwards and his three children died in the fire. Only Judy, his wife survived. She is now Judy Jones, married to the Rt. Rev. Bob Jones who is Bishop of Wyoming and was formerly rector in Anchorage.
137. Milton Swan. Kivalina, March 1958. He was about to become the first Eskimo ordained deacon in Diocese of Alaska.
138. Alaska clergy. Mary and Rowland Cox, Tom Osgood, Randy Mendelsohn, in Kotzebue (in front of Bishop Gordon's airplane, the Blue Box). They were gathered for Milton Swan's ordination.
139. The Rev. Rowland Cox of Point Hope and the Rev. Tom Osgood of Kotzebue, in Kotzebue, March 1958.
140. The Rev. and Mrs. (Dorothy) Randy Mendelsohn with three daughters, at Allakaket in the fall of 1962. Connie Keller of Huslia is seated holding daughters Kathryn and Christina. I have lost track of who the third woman was. Her children were playmates of the Mendlesohn children. In front of vicarage in Allakaket which was a very old historical building.
141. Pat Keller, Episcopal vicar in Huslia 1956-1963. He is wearing a lynx parka made in the spring of 1957 by Eliza Attla. The parka is now at the Alaska State Museum.

142. Connie and Kathryn Keller (and frozen diapers). Huslia, Alaska, March 1961. Connie's muskrat parka was made by Eliza Attla in 1958.