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Guide to Collection

Walther, Arthur

Arthur Walther Collection, ca. 1914-1940s

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25 b&w photographs
papers (6 items)

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ACQUISITION: The Juneau Douglas City Museum donated the items in 1996. They received the collection from Sue and Vern Hirsch. (Acc. No. 1996-049)

ACCESS: The photos may be viewed. However they may not be photocopied.

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Biographical Note

Art Walther was raised in Nevada and moved to Alaska in 1935 to work in the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine (AJ) and was seriously injured in a mine blast after only 20 days of employment. He spent the next year and a half in Seattle and Juneau hospitals before returning to the AJ mine to work. While in the hospital, he met and married a public service nurse, Lola, and they had three daughters. He held a variety of jobs including dispatcher for the Juneau Police Department, captain at the state jail and Juneau's civil defense director. In 1973, he retired from his position as manager of Juneau's City Shop (maintenance department). He served as city councilman for two one-year terms, 1950-53 and as secretary of the Juneau Mine and Mill Workers labor union for 23 years. He died in Juneau September 2, 1985.

Scope and Content Note

Includes views around the city of Juneau, unidentified individuals and group portraits. The few papers include notes envelopes, identification cards, and receipts, some from labor unions. Some of the items belonged to Victor Grimm.

No inventory