

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Johnson, George A., Jr., Collector/Photographer

George Albert Johnson, Jr. Photograph Collection, 1943-44
Alaska Highway Construction, World War II

PCA 376

1 album (566 photographs, b&w)
33 x 26 cm.

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ACQUISITION: Mr. Johnson's daughter, Loretta Edwards of Irwin, PA, donated the album in December of 1996 (Acc. No. 1997-6).

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

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PROCESSING: The images are numbered however there is no inventory.

BIOGRAPHY: George A. Johnson was born in 1918 in Pittsburgh and reared in Oakmont and Wilkesburg, PA. As a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, he toured Europe and was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. He married May Elizabeth Cornman while in the service and they had four children. He also helped build the ALCAN Highway in 1943 as a member of the 872 Ordnance H.A.M. Co. and was stationed in Alaska and Dawson Creek, B.C. in 1943-44. While he was there, he sent these photos home to his wife. He returned to Pennsylvania after the war and died in 1996.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Images of Alaska Highway construction, bridges, bridge construction along the Alaska Highway, soldiers, tanks, military equipment, road building equipment, Quonset huts, Fort St. John Trading Co. (#281), Headquarters Alaska Highway, Dawson Creek, Whitehorse.