

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

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Knowles Family Postcards, ca. 1960

PCA 496

70 chrome postcards
2 linen postcards
1 photo postcard

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ACQUISITION: Acc. # 2008-038

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PROCESSING: Postcards arrived in sleeves. Original arrangement maintained. Donor's inventory arrived with collection.

HISTORICAL NOTE

About 13-1/2 years ago, we inherited an extensive postcard collection from my husband's mother who collected the cards with both her mother and grandmother. Just a few years ago, I decided to donate all the cards to public libraries, colleges, museums, and historical societies all over the country. In 2006, we donated over 6,500 cards and last year another 1,400. There are still about 5,000 left and that includes about 100 from Hawaii.

As I do with every card for every state or collection, I have attached my "inventory" spreadsheet for your review of the Alaska collection. All the cards have been boxed and well maintained in protective sleeves throughout the years. Now I just need to find a new, good home. As you can see, this is a great collection with 73 chromes which are all pre-1980; and 3 that I call "Early" which are two Linens and one Real Photo. [--- Catherine Knowles, donor, 2008.]

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

73 scenic postcards of travels in Alaska in the 1960s. Postcards by the following publishers: C.P. Johnston, J & H Sales Co, J. H. Bell, Mike Roberts Studio, I.A.A.C. Inc., Dedman's Photo Shop, Alaskan Postcards, H.S. Crocker Company.

SUBJECTS

Alaska, travel, scenery

INVENTORY

General

- 1 "Scenic Seward Highway - Alaska". Rugged mountains loom along this scenic drive between Anchorage and Seward at a point about 12 miles above Seward.
- 2 A typical Eskimo scene in the Arctic region of Alaska. Walrus tusks in front of their hut.
- 3 Eskimo Umniak stored on Whalebone platform -- Arctic Region, Alaska
- 4 Peace River Bridge on the Alaska Hiway. This famous bridge collapsed in October 1957.
- 5 "Travel in the Arctic". Eskimo Sled and Dogs – Alaska.
- 6 "Alaskan Trapper's Cabin" - Typical Trapper's Cabin in the 49th State. Colorful view of a rustic but richly picturesque cabin in the primitive interior of Alaska, as seen in late summer.

- 7 "Southeast Alaska". 4 Views. Primary Stops for the cruise ships and State Ferries include Ketchikan, Juneau (the state capital) Skagway (Gateway to the Klondike) and Sitka (old Russian capital).
- 8 1398: - Reindeer Herd Grazing on Tundra, Alaska.
- 9 No. 1400 Eskimo and his Kyak, Alaska.

Anchorage

- 10 "Anchorage Alaska". A view of this modern city at dusk shows the Chugach Mountains in the distance.
- 11 "Visitors Information Center". Winter scene of downtown Anchorage, Alaska.
- 12 "International Airport". Anchorage, Alaska is one of the busiest airports of the United States taking care of the air traffic to and from the U.S.A., the Orient, and Europe. This is the reason why Anchorage Airport is known as the "Crossroads of the World."
- 13 "Anchorage - The All-American City". Spectacular dusk view of the busy 4th Avenue in Alaska's largest city. The huge modern McKinley Apartments Building is prominent against the rugged backdrop of the snow capped Chugach Mountain Range. *Written & Mailed 4/5/1967; Canceled 4 Cent Lincoln Stamp.*
- 14 673 Court House – Anchorage, Alaska.

Near Anchorage

- 15 Mt. Alyeska in moonlight as seen from Girdwood Valley. Here is where skiers find an ideal skiing area near Anchorage, Alaska.
- 16 "Eklutna Russian Church on Anchorage-Palmer Highway"

Auke Bay

- 17 "Mendenhall Through The Trees". From the far shore, magnificent Mendenhall Glacier is beautifully mirrored in Auk Lake.
- 18 World-famous Chapel By The Lake at Auke Bay, Alaska. *Written & Mailed 7/1975; Canceled 11 Cent Air Mail Stamp.*

Fairbanks

- 19 "Greetings from Fairbanks". Two Views: Left: Icefog obscures thermometer at -54°. Right: +53° at midnight and still daylight. 2nd and Cushman.
- 20 "Centennial Exposition, Fairbanks, Alaska". This historic Steamer *Nenana*, last of the great sternwheelers, sits at the Alaska 67 Centennial Exposition held in 1967 at Fairbanks on the occasion of 100 years since the purchase of the 49th State by the U.S.A. from Russia. Old buildings in the background date from the time gold-hungry prospectors stormed into the North country.
- 21 "Centennial Exposition, Fairbanks, Alaska". Alaska 67 Centennial Exposition, Fairbanks, Alaska. Stepping up the gangplank of the Steamer *Nenana*, costumed Alaskans relive the fabulous, exciting days of Alaska's gold rush period. An entire Gold Rush town has been recreated here. -- The A67 Exposition is part of the celebration of the Alaska Purchase Centennial.

- 22 "Centennial Exposition, Fairbanks, Alaska". Alaska 67 Centennial Exposition, Fairbanks, Alaska. Main Street scene in Gold Rush town at the Exposition, where the fabulous, exciting days of rush-era Fairbanks have been recreated in true fashion.
- 23 "Fairbanks, Alaska" log cabin information booth at end of the Alaska Highway. In foreground a model fishwheel on Chena River.
- 24 "Railroad Station, Fairbanks, Alaska". One of the first engines used on the railroad completed in 1923 which enabled large-scale gold mining to be carried on and gave new life and riches to Fairbanks.

Near Fairbanks

- 25 Reindeer team and sled on CHENA at Fairbanks.
- 26 "Alaska Homesteader's Cabin". On Tanana River near Fairbanks.
- 27 "Riverboat *Discovery*" cruises on the Chena and Tanana Rivers from Fairbanks, Alaska, piloted by Jim Binkley and crew. *Written & Mailed 7/1979; Canceled 10 Cent People's Right to Petition for Redress Stamp.*
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Glacier Bay

- 29 "Glacier Bay National Monument" offers some of Alaska's most spectacular glacier scenery. Pictured here are seals on icebergs floating in front of John Hopkins Glacier. A cruise in Glacier Bay affords one views of whales, eagles, and other species of wildlife. Often one can observe ice caving from the glaciers. *Written & Mailed 4/14/1980; Canceled 10 Cent People's Right to Petition for Redress Stamp.* Oversized Card.

Haines

- 30 "Haines, Alaska". Start of the Haines Cutoff to the Alaska Highway.
- 31 "Haines, Alaska". The Yendistucky Indian Cemetery on the Haines Highway is in an old village which was wiped out in 1920 during a flu epidemic and has been uninhabited since. Most of the gravestones date from that time.
- 32 "Hotel Halsingland -- Port Chilkoot". Haines, Alaska.

Homer

- 33 "Homer, Alaska" the terminus of the Sterling Highway from Anchorage, Kenai, and Soldatna, is well-known for its fishing and King Crab industry.

Juneau

- 34 "Juneau, Alaska's Capital". New Federal Building rises majestically in Downtown Juneau. The stately governor's mansion is shown in the foreground. *Written & Mailed 4/1967; Canceled 5 Cent Washington Stamp*

- 35 "State House Juneau". Juneau - the capitol of Alaska. This building houses Federal and State Offices, the Museum and is also the place where the State Legislature meets.
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- 37 "Alaska State Capitol Building Juneau". A spectacular building, completed early in 1931, that originally housed the territorial government. Using ornate marble, some of which was supplied from quarries at Tokeen, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, the building is a must stop for visitors.
- 38 "Governor's Mansion Juneau". Governor's Mansion at Juneau, Alaska -- The State Capital.
- 39 "Juneau, Alaska" original old Russian church.
- 40 "Greetings from Juneau, Alaska". Top View shows Mendenhall Glacier which is 17 miles long and from 2 to 3 miles wide at its face. Boat Harbor and Residential District is shown below.
- 41 "State Capitol Building". Juneau, Alaska.

Near Juneau

- 42 "Mendenhall Glacier Near Juneau, Alaska". This is one of the few glaciers in the world accessible by automobile road. It is 17 miles long and from 2 to 3 miles wide at its face. Swift streams are forced from under its mountain weight and the sides of the valleys along its course are cut and scarred by pressure of the ice.
- 43 "The Beautiful Mendenhall Glacier". The beautiful Mendenhall Glacier located near Juneau, Alaska. *Written & Mailed 12/31/1977; Canceled 9 Cent Right of People Peaceably To Assemble Stamp.*

Kenai

- 44 "Kenai, Alaska". Kenai, Alaska was established in 1791 by Russian fur traders. In 1846 the first mission was built with hand-hewn logs by a Russian monk. The oil lands of Kenai and Cook Inlet are fast becoming Alaska's major industry in dollar values. Alaska's first commercial oil refinery is in operation here.
- 45 "Early Russian Church in Kenai, Alaska". This town on Kenai Peninsula known as a busy center of commercial and sport fishing is located along the Sterling Highway between Anchorage and Homer.
- 46 "Early Russian Church in Kenai, Alaska". This town on Kenai Peninsula known as a busy center of commercial and sport fishing is located along the Sterling Highway between Anchorage and Homer.
- 47 "Portage Glacier". Portage Glacier on Kenai Peninsula is located 60 miles south of Anchorage, Alaska. A spectacular view of the floating ice after separating from the glacier can be seen. A good road leads right up to the edge of the lake.

Ketchikan

- 48 "Ketchikan - 'Alaska's First City'". In front at the water's edge can be seen the air service terminal of Webber Air, Inc.
- 49 "Creek St. - Ketchikan, Alaska". Creek Street, Ketchikan, Alaska attained its reputation from the colorful past as the Red Light District of Ketchikan. It is the location of Dolly's house.

- 50 "Ketchikan, Alaska". The Ketchikan Centennial Building, designed with native materials and utilizing Ketchikan Creek in the landscaping, houses the Tongass Historical Society Museum and the Ketchikan Public Library.
- 51 "Ketchikan General Hospital 3100 Tongass Ave. Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 Tel. CA 5-5171". A 65 bed general hospital with 10 long term beds. Built in 1963 the hospital is owned by the City of Ketchikan and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark.
- 52 "Pulp Mills in Alaska". supplants Mining of early century and Fishing of recent times in annual income. This new modern \$65,000,000 Pulp Plant is at Ketchikan.

Kotzebue

- 53 "St. George's-In-The-Arctic Episcopal Church Kotzebue, Alaska 99752". Located 30 miles above the Arctic Circle. An Episcopal Mission in a multi- racial community providing services in both English and Eskimo.

Moose Pass

- 54 "Moose Pass, Alaska". Situated on the Anchorage-Seward Highway near the cutoff to the Kenai Peninsula, Soldatna, Kenai and Homer.

Mt. McKinley

- 55 "Mt. McKinley Park Route". The Alaska Railroad - shown here at Mt. McKinley Park Station - makes daily trips to the Park from Anchorage and Fairbanks. Tourists can stop overnight at the McKinley Park Hotel.
- 56 "Mount McKinley - Highest Point in the United States Alaska's Magnificent Mt. McKinley". Now the highest point in the United States (Elevation - 20,300 feet). This rugged peak located in Mt. McKinley National Park is two-thirds covered with snow the year round.
- 57 "Mt. McKinley National Park". Husky dogsled demonstrations are given daily for visitors near the McKinley Park Hotel. Park Rangers explain the use of the equipment and the training of the dogs.
- 58 "Alaska's Magnificent Mt. McKinley". Mt. McKinley, Alaska, ranking second only to Mt. Everest, thrusts itself 20,320 feet skyward, a dramatic rise that surpasses any other.

Point Hope

- 59 "Eskimos at Church". Church at Point Hope – Alaska.

Sitka

- 60 "Sitka, Alaska". Alaska Pioneer Home, former site of Russian Parade grounds.
- 61 "St. Michael's Cathedral". An old Russian church in the center of Sitka and undoubtedly the most interesting relic of the Russian period in Alaska history. It was dedicated Nov. 20, 1848. Its priceless pictures and embroidered robes were brought over the long land and sea road from St. Petersburg.
- 62 Sitka, Alaska. Main Street toward St. Michael Cathedral, founded by Russia in 1799.

Skagway

- 63 "Klondike". The Klondike is the newest and most luxurious hotel in Skagway, the Goldrush Gateway City. Built in 1967, the Klondike is owned and operated by Westours, Inc., Alaska's largest travel organization. Skagway is the northern terminus of the Inside Passage run made by Westour's cruise ships, and the Alaska State Ferry System.
- 64 "Skagway, Alaska" [Two views]. a. Historic gold rush boom town and northern terminus of the Inside Passage. b. Alaskan "Sourdough" demonstrates his method of panning for gold. *Written & Postmarked 7/21/1976; Canceled 7 Cent "Signor of the Declaration and the Constitution . . . Minister to France. . . Ben Franklin Stamp & 2 Cent Frank Lloyd Wright Stamp.*
- 65 "Air View of Skagway, Alaska" with one of the Alaska State Ferry Ships. The freighter, C. J. Rogers, is unloading at right.
- 66 "Skagway Alaska". A horse-drawn hack is the tour of choice in this historic gold town.
- 67 "Skagway, Alaska" is the terminal of the White Pass and Yukon Railway which has been running since 1898 between Skagway, Lake Bennett, and Whitehorse, Yukon. The Golden North Hotel on Main Street is seen on the right and the beautiful Chilkoot Mountains in the distance.
- 68 "The Arctic Brotherhood Hall" in Skagway, Alaska was built during the goldrush in 1899. The entire front of the building is made of local driftwood.
- 69 "Alaska White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad Alaska". Runing from Skagway through the White Pass, this train is the scenic railroad of the world.

Ukivok

- 70 Hunters from the village of Ukivok, King Island, Bering Sea, Alaska, pull their skin boat or "oomiak" across the shore ice. During the spring, the men hunt walrus and seal. In the background is the cliff-hanging village. In the foreground is a walrus hide taken the previous day.
- 71 The cliff-hanging Eskimo village of Ukivok is situated on King Island, a sea mountain which rises over a thousand feet out of the Bering Sea, forty miles west of Alaska's western-most Seward Peninsula. The village is the home of 25 Eskimo families, who live by walrus and seal hunting, as well as ivory carving.

Valdez

- 72 "Valdez, Alaska", with Hotel Valdez in the foreground. This town suffered badly during the tidal wave in March 1964. The location on Prince William Sound provides excellent sport fishing opportunities. Valdez can be reached over the Richardson Highway from Anchorage and Fairbanks.