

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

**Johnson, Hank 1890-1979**

**Hank Johnson Photograph Collection, ca. 1940**

**PCA 525-21**

1 folder  
3 b&w photographs

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**ACQUISITION:** Jim Mackovjak donated the prints, December 2012. The original photographs belonged to Hank Johnson. Accession #2013-003.

**ACCESS:** The collection is unrestricted.

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**PROCESSING:** The photographs were described by Jim Mackovjak. The collection has been described at the item level, and the photographs were flattened, placed in mylar, and then into a pH-neutral folder.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Hank Johnson was born in Cleveland in 1906 and raised in Chicago. Hank and his two brothers, after losing both of their parents and unable to find work during the depression, decided to leave Chicago in 1930 to look for work and homestead land in Alaska. Edward immediately caught a boat returning to the lower 48, but Hank and Carl found jobs on a mink ranch at Katlian Bay. Then they sailed around on a wooden 16 foot skiff they bought, until they ended up settling in Gustavus. The brothers built their cabin with help from Lester Rink, raised cattle, and did an assortment of jobs. Carl died before his homestead was patented, but Hank's patent was granted in 1940. Hank died in 1979. [Paraphrased from the entry on Hank Johnson, pages 69-71 in *Hope and Hard Work: The Early Settlers at Gustavus, Alaska*, by James R. Mackovjak, 1988. The book is in the Historical Collections library at: F914.G87.M33].

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Three black and white photographs of Icy Strait fish traps, one with an off-loading boat, and one with fish trap watchman Hank Johnson.

## INVENTORY

### Folder 1 of 1

1. Hank Johnson working as a fish trap watchman, Icy Strait.
2. Fish traps, Icy Strait.
3. Unloading fish traps, Icy Strait.