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Guide to Collection

Martin, D. Joan (Greany)

Joan Martin, Photographs and Papers, 1938-1953, (bulk 1951-1953)

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95 color slides
23 black and white prints
Articles and reports

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

From an account written by D. Joan (Greany) Martin on August 4, 2002

During 1948-50, I was in Mannheim, Germany, as a Dependent School Detachment teacher, an exceptionally mind-opening and emotionally charged two years. Returning to Detroit in 1950, I had taught again for nearly a year when Irene (J. Malcolm Greany's wife) came with her two small sons, Michael and Dennis, to visit her parents and ours. (She and Malcolm had lived in Juneau since shortly after their marriage in 1938.) When the time came for Irene and the boys to return home, I went with them.

Years earlier Mal [Malcolm Greany] had worked in the laundry of the Hospital of St. Ann; Irene had her stint there as well. So it was in near family tradition that I begin there, too. At first, I worked with the Indian women "doing" sheets, then came ironing and a promotion to the various pieces of the nuns' habits and items of Father Robert Whelan's wardrobe. When, one day, I was asked if I would be interested in working in the children's ward, the answer was an emphatic "yes"!

I would arrive in the early evening in time to collect the children's dinner trays and send them below via a primitive dumb waiter. I helped restore order, cleaned bedside tables and floors, emptied the trash, and made a raid on the comic books strewn by the hundreds on a dolly in the hallway. Although whatever I did was wholly distinct from child care, I was none-the-less continually becoming more acquainted with the children.

One day I overheard the head nurse, Mrs. McGowan, mention to a doctor that the Juneau School would be sending a teacher "over again" for the coming school year. Armed with credentials, I headed for the office of Mr. Sears, then Superintendent of Schools, to apply for the job. Thus, I returned to the children as their teacher. I taught them through the school year, 1951-52; then, as an Alaska Department of Health employee, remained through the summer as their occupational therapist. It was serendipitous fun for Malcolm and me when, at the request of the ADH, he came to photograph the school and therapy program in the Chronic Disease Ward.

For the first year or so of this time, I lived with my brother and his family up on Evergreen, between Reynalds and Bergens, with Shattucks and Ann Coleman nearby. Malcolm had literally dug into the mountainside to build a small room for me off the Greany kitchen. When my room was needed for a nursery (Ronald was arriving), I moved to 423 Harris Street, when I remained until I returned to Germany in 1954.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The color slides in the first folder of this collection are attributed to both "djm" (D. Joan Martin) and to "JMG" (J. Malcolm Greany); in addition, some photographs may be by Anthony Thomas, possibly those stamped with the label Alaska Color Slides, Box 711, Juneau, Alaska. The photographs in the third folder, showing the therapy program in the Children's Disease Ward of

the Hospital of St. Ann, Juneau, are all by J. Malcolm Greany. Joan Martin's notes, accompanying the photographs, describe the images and identify the children and staff. The bulk of the photographs in this collection are from the years Joan Martin was in Juneau, 1951-1953; however, the photographs attributed to J. Malcolm Greany go back as far as 1938.

INVENTORY

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Folder 1, Photographs: color slides

- 1 [Waterfront pier and boats] Kodiak, ca. 1945, JMG
- 2 [Dock, buildings, and boats] Kodiak, ca. 1945, JMG
- 3 Father Hubbard [in a skiff], Tracy Arm, ca. 1938? JMG
- 4 Lodge at St. Therese, Catholic Daughters "campout," ca. 1953, djm
- 5 Shrine Island, ca. 1950, JMG
- 6 Shrine [of St. Therese], 1953, djm
- 7 Shrine Island, 1953, djm
- 8 Shrine [of St. Therese], djm
- 9 Shrine, Herberts? [log cabin] 1953, djm
- 10 Shrine [of St. Therese] causeway, 1953, djm
- 11 Shrine [of St. Therese] chapel, 1953, djm
- 12 Juneau Dairy corner, ca. 1951, djm
- 13 Eagle River [Juneau], JMG
- 14 Eagle River near Juneau, JMG
- 15 Douglas, Treadwell Mine, 12/51
- 16 Auke Bay resident, "Brownie," the barber? [on dock near boat]
- 17 Wrecked and beached near Juneau, ca. 1951, djm

- 18 [Woman] hiking the old trestle near Juneau, ca. 1950, djm
- 19 Small boat harbor ramp, Juneau, 195, djm
- 20 Pussy willow, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 21 Geum (Old Man's Whiskers), Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 22 Wild geranium, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 23 Tall fireweed, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 24 Black pea [flowers], Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 25 Wild flowers, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 26 Water lilies, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 27 Iris, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 28 Dandelion, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 29 Lupine, July 1951, djm
- 30 Sitka spruce, ca. 1951, djm
- 31 Skunk cabbage, 6-1-52, djm
- 32 Buttercups, ca. 1951, djm
- 33 Skunk cabbage and J. Malcolm Greany, Montana Creek, photo by Anthony Thomas?
- 34 Forget-me-not, 1951, djm
- 35 Yarrow, 1951, djm
- 36 Cormorant rookery, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 37 Sparrow, S. E. Alaska, March 1941, JMG
- 38 Seagulls, S. E. Alaska, March 1941, JMG
- 39 Golden eagle nest, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 40 Holboell's grebe, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska

- 41 Geum, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 42 Hawk owl, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 43 Oyster catcher, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 44 [Boat] in front of Taku Glacier, ca. 1945, JMG
- 45 Taku Glacier, ca. 1953, JMG
- 46 Taku River, 1953, JMG
- 47 South Sawyer Glacier, Tracy Arm, ca. 1945, JMG
- 48 By Oliver's Inlet, JMG
- 49 Bldg. materials [Salmon Creek Dam?], ca. 1951 or 1953? djm
- 50 [Gastineau Channel?], ca. 1953, djm
- 51 Anchorage sunset, ca. 1950, JMG
- 52 Cook Inlet, ca. 1950, JMG
- 53 Near Palmer, Glenn Allen, ca. 1950, JMG
- 54 Glenn Allen Hwy, ca. 1950, JMG
- 55 Anchorage sunset, ca. 1950, JMG
- 56 Fur seals, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 57 Sunset Glacier Bay, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 58 Salmon catch, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 59 Giant halibut [on dock scale], Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 60 [Three gulls on the water], JMG
- 61 Sea lion pups, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 62 Auke Lake Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 63 Auke Bay, ca. 1945-50, JMG

- 64 Lemon Glacier, 1941, JMG
- 65 Auke Bay, ca. 1945-50, JMG
- 66 Auke Lake, ice skating, Mt. McGinnis on left, ca. 1945-50, JMG
- 67 Auke Lake, ca. 1945-50, JMG?
- 68 Eklutna Lake, summer 1945, JMG
- 69 Auke Lake, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 70 Tufted puffin, ca. 1945, JMG
- 71 Alaska jay, ca. 1945, JMG
- 72 [Sanak Song Sparrow], Attu, July 23, 1941, JMG
- 73 ALEUTIAN – Seattle, [J. Malcolm Greany]
- 74 Alaska jay, ca. 1945, JMG
- 75 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
- 76 ALEUTIAN – Seattle, [J. Malcolm Greany]
- 77 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
- 78 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
- 79 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
- 80 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
- 81 Mendenhall Glacier, ca. 1953, djm
- 82 Dredge Lake, ca. 1953, djm
- 83 Mendenhall Glacier, djm?
- 84 Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
- 85 Mendenhall River, ca. 1945, JMG
- 86 Mendenhall Glacier, spring 1941, JMG

- 87 Windfall Harbor, Admiralty Island, ca. 1938? JMG
- 88 Active Aleutian Volcano, ca. 1938? JMG
- 89 Devils Paw, Alaska-Canada Line, ca. 1938? JMG
- 90 Chena River, Fairbanks, ca. 1950, JMG
- 91 Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
- 92 Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
- 93 Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
- 94 [Two people on ice], Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
- 95 Eklutna Lake, summer 1945, JMG

Folder 2

- 1 D. Joan (Greany) Martin's biographical account of how she came to live in Juneau and to work in the Children's Chronic Disease Ward of St. Ann's Hospital.
- 2 Photograph of St. Ann's Hospital by Leonard Delano, 1936. On the verso is an newspaper article titled, "Chronic Disease Children Display Work at Hospital to Sister's of St. Ann."
- 3 Articles from *Alaska's Health*, Volume 9, December, 1951, with photographs by Joan Martin's brother: J. Malcolm Greany.
 - "Chronic Disease Unit Works at Health, Hobbies and Books"
 - "Alaskans Work to Control Communicable Diseases"
 - "Alaskan Epidemics Took Heavy Toll Before Immunizations Available"

Folder 3

- 1 Twenty-two black and white photographs of the children and staff of the Children's Chronic Disease Ward of St. Ann's Hospital, ca. 1952; photographs by J. Malcolm Greany.
- 2 Child's crayon drawing by Mary Gabrieloff.

Folder 4

- 1 Joan Greany's report to Juneau Public Schools regarding the Children's Chronic Disease Ward, St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau, Alaska; dated May 22, 1952. This report includes the enrollment statistics and lists the accomplishments of the children and the length of their stay. It concludes with "Comments" by Joan Greany, Teacher.

- 2 1952 Report on the Occupational Therapy Program in the Children's Chronic Disease Ward at St. Ann's Hospital; submitted by J. Greany, August 23, 1952. This report includes lists of activities, a description of "One Friday Afternoon," and one page of "Suggestions."