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Guide to Collection

Campbell, Bruce A.
Bruce A. Campbell Alaska Road Commission Collection, 1952-1960 (bulk)
PCA 547

255 35mm color slides
255 Photographic Prints
3 binders of color images and paper documents

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES

From donor's notes: I was born in Kirkwood N.Y. in 1931 on a small family farm and graduated as a Civil Engineer from Union College in Schenectady N.Y. in 1952. About 10 days after graduation I crawled on a Northwest Airlines Stratocruiser and arrived in

Anchorage in mid-June. I obtained employment with the Alaska Road Commission (ARC) and my first assignment was as a surveyor at the village of Kenai. The ARC had completed the Sterling Highway to Homer with a spur road to Kenai in 1950 and in accordance with its enabling act of 1905 switched its Kenai efforts to constructing "Farm Roads" on the Peninsula in order to enhance economical development in the area.

It was an interesting time in-as-much as soon as a Farm Road was cleared; homesteaders staked out their allotment on each side of the cleared area before an actual road was constructed. Our survey crew was tasked with locating various farm roads and staking them for construction. Included in 1952 were the North Kenai Farm road, Miller loop Road, Beaver Creek Loop Road, Small Tracks Road, Robinson Loop Road, Skilak Lake Road, and Homer-Kachamac Bay Road.

Our survey crew was based in the main ARC camp about 112 miles +/- East of the Kenai Airport. The construction superintendent was Ralph Solberg and he and his wife and two daughters lived in the ARC furnished house across the creek from the main camp. Gene Evancoe was the Resident Engineer the boss of the survey crew.

My camera was a CIRO 35mm and I used Kodak film. The film spool came in a plastic can and the spool had a slot that was light-proof out of which the end of the film projected. The spool had an internal shaft with an exterior tab that fit into the camera's wind and rewind wheel. The can came with a cloth bag with a Kodiak mailing tag attached and when you finished the 20 shot film you mailed it to Kodiak and they mailed the mounted transparencies back in a neat little box.

Late in 1952 and in 1953 I was assigned as a project engineer on roads in the Anchorage area until December when I was transferred to the Bridge Design section in Juneau. I was assigned to Cantwell in the spring of 1954 as Project Engineer on Denali Highway Bridge Construction. I wintered in Juneau and summered in Cantwell until late 1956. From 1956 to 1959 I worked in Juneau in the road design section.

--Bruce A. Campbell, November 1, 2011

SCOPE

History of the Alaska Road Commission and related organizations: Alaska Railroad Commission, Bureau of Public Roads, and Department of Transportation, as well as documentation of selected road building projects in Alaska, circa 1952-1970s.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Road Commission
Bureau of Public Roads

INVENTORY

(Album 1) Color prints from slides

Box 1

Folder 1

1-40 Kenai, 1952. Kenai area buildings, cannery, Alaska Road Commission camp, Mt. Redoubt, road building, covered bridge, landscape, and crew working, hunting, swimming.

- K1 Kenai airport
- K2 New Kenai school
- K3 Russian church
- K4 Old Russian school
- K5 Main Street
- K6 Only store in Kenai
- K7 Mt. Redoubt and Kenai Village
- K8 Laura Savage, camp cook, ARC camp
- K9 Kenai Joe's Bar
- K10 Daubenspec cannery
- K11 Fish cannery
- K12 ARC Kenai camp
- K13 ARC main camp, about one mile South of Airport
- K14 ARC main camp, about one mile South of Airport
- K15 Charlie Lewis's 1951 Ford station wagon
- K16 Kenai Spur Road Mt. Redoubt
- K17 Sunset at ARC main camp
- K18 North Kenai Road Near Salamatof
- K19 ARC Catskinner [tractor] "Junior" Ericson
- K20 ARC Catskinner [tractor] Benny Bowers
- K21 About mile 7, N. kenai Rd.
- K22 About mile 8
- K23 About mile 10
- K24 15 mile
- K25 Homesteader's cabin
- K26 Homesteader's cabin
- K27 Robinson Farm
- K28 Robinson Farm, Robinson Loop Rd.
- K29 Homesteader Farm, Sterling Highway
- K30 Alcatraz Lake
- K31 Covered Bridge

- K32 Ken Branch
- K33 John O. Wiggins, Surveyor
- K34 Chuck Raymond, Surveyor, Beaver Loop Rd.
- K35 John Donnely, Surveyor
- K36 Kendall Branch, John Donnely, Surveyors. Sm. Lake, Miller Loop Rd.
- K37 Kendall Branch, John Donnely, Surveyors. Sm. Lake, Miller Loop Rd.
- K38 Kendall Branch, Kenai
- K39 Gene Evancoe and Coyote, N. Kenai Rd.
- K40 Gene Evancoe and Coyote, N. Kenai Rd.

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41-65 Homer, BLM office, Katchamak Bay, Ninilchik, Kenai River, Soldotna, Soldotna Creek, Soldotna camp and crew, Silver Salmon, 1952-1956.

- H1 Homer
- H2 View from Homer Hill
- H3 Home of BLM, Homer
- H4 Looking across Katchemak Bay
- H5 ARC camp, Homer – intesection of E. End Rd. and Spit Rd.
- H6 Ninilchik
- H7 Ninilchik
- H8 Ninilchik school
- H9 Ninilchik
- H10 Ninilchik airport on the beach
- H11 Original Bridge over Kenai River
- H12 Kenai River at Soldotna
- H13 Kenai River at Soldotna Creek
- H14 Kenai River Soldotna Creek
- H15 Alaska Road Commission camp at Soldotna Creek and Kenai River
- H16 ARC camp at Soldotna Creek and Kenai R.
- H17 Lloyd? Camp cook.
- H18 ARC survey crew
- H19 Survey crew at Kenai R. camp: Kendall Branch, Gene Evancoe, John Wiggins, John Donnally. Bruce Campbell, photographer.
- H20 John Donnally/ Silver salmon
- H21 John Donnally at Soldotna camp. Girls-local-names unknown
- H22 Kendall Branch, Soldotna camp
- H23 Bruce Campbell with Silver at Soldotna camp
- H24 Kids fishing at Soldotna Creek

(Album 1) Color prints from slides**Box 1****Folder 2**

66-102 Anchorage, 1953: 3rd, 4th, and 5th ave., Alaska Railroad yard, Alaska Native hospital, 4th of July, Pacific NW Airlines, Airport, Girdwood, Matanuska Glacier, Alaska Highway, camp, Contact Creek, AK RR club car, camp at Susitna River, Snowslide Seward Hwy, Ed Gibson and Bruce Campbell, Indian graves at Montana Creek & Norm Smith, Matanuska Glacier, Trapper's Den near Tazlina Glenn Hwy.

- A1 Anchorage, Pomeroy Construction Post Ro & 4th Ave
- A2 ARR yards
- A3 ALK RR Terminal Bldng
- A4 J.H. Pomeroy office & shop, 3rd & 4th Ave
- A5 Alaska Native service hospital, just opened
- A6 4th Ave looking West from 4th and Gambel
- A7 4th Ave, looking W. from about Eagle St.
- A8 5th Ave Looking E. from about Barrow St. Sign: La Bow Haines Insurance
- A9 5th Ave looking East – dusty!
- A10 ARC offices – East end of 4th at Post Rd. Location of State Pre-trial prison in 2011
- A11 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
- A12 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St. Piggly Wiggly, Sears (all items were ordered from catalogs at this location)
- A13 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
- A14 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
- A15 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St. Keith and Clara's restaurant at Mile 8 on Potter Rd. (now Seward Hwy)
- A16 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
- A17 Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
- A18 Sunset
- A19 Airport, Pacific NW Airlines (PNWA)
- A20 Airport MK Construction Co. converted
- A21 Airport MK Construction Co
- A22 Airport PNWA Widgen, goose
- A23 Airport PNWA Taking off
- A24 Airport. Loss of dust! No pavement yet.
- A25 Airport. No pavement yet.
- A26 Girdwood. Little Dipper was a favorite watering hole.
- A27 Matanuska Glacier, Mile 102, Glenn
- A28 Construction camp site, Mile 118, Glenn Hwy, used for 1952 paving and 1953 bridge construction at Caribou Creek and Little Nelchina River
- A29 Contact Creek
- A30 Alaska RR Commission

- A31 ARC camp at Susitna River on Denali Hwy. Camp was portable and was there for foundation drilling at the proposed Susitna River Bridge.
- A32 Snow slide, Turnagain Arm, 1953
- A33 Ed Gibson, Bruce Campbell, 1948 Ford. Seward Hwy Near Turnagain Pass, Spring, 1953
- A34 [Alaska Native Graves], Norm Smith, Montana Creek, Mile 95
- A35 Matanuska Glacier, Mile 102 Glenn Hwy
- A36 Trapper's Den, Glenn Hwy, Mile 150?

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Folder 3

103-124 Cantwell, 1954-1957 (bulk 1956)

- C1 Jack West, store owner, 1956
- C2 Jack West, store owner
- C3 Jack West's store
- C4 [Alaska Native] Graves, Valdez Creek, Denali Hwy, & Howard Copeland.
- C5 Placer Face, Valdez Creek Mine [opening]
- C7 Miner's cabin, Valdez Creek Mine. Howard Copeland
- C8 [Alaska Native] Cabin, Valdez Creek Mine
- C9 Cookshack and bunk house, Valdez Creek Mine
- C10 Wickersham cabin, Valdez Creek
- C11 Howard Copeland. Miners Cabin, Valdez Creek Mine.
- C12 ohn Kimbel – only resident, Valdez Creek Mine.
- C13 Kendall Branch, Willie Denisewich – near Cantwell
- C14 Susitna River Bridge Road from Paxson about to be connected, 1957
- C15 Deep Snow, Denali Hwy
- C16 Harry Bowers, Iron Worker, Forman, Susitna Bridge
- C17 Susitna Bridge, Denali Hwy
- C18 ARR passenger train, "Aurora" in Cantwell, 1954
- C19 ARC camp, Cantwell
- C20 George Weatheral, Susitna River near Talkeetna
- C21 Moose Creek Bridge, Glenn Hwy, Mile 54

125-130 Nome, 1959

- N1 Working dredge
- N2 Working gold dredge
- N3 Nome Main St, looking East
- N4 Nome Main St, looking West
- N5 Nome harbor

131-146 Sitka, 1954, bulk 1958

- S1 Sitka, 1954
- S2 Sitka Pioneers Home
- S3 Sheldon Jackson Museum, July 1958. Ellen Gurnett McCurdie & Marl McCurdie Campbell
- S4 Sheldon Jackson School, 1958
- S5 Sitka, 1958. [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy. Photo print duplicate]
- S6 Russian cathedral (original), 1958
- S7 Russian grave
- S8 Sitka Pioneers Home
- S9 [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy]
- S10 Sitka, Aerial view
- S11 [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy.]
- S12 Trader Legend Totem, with beaver. See *The Most Striking of Objects: The Totem Poles of Sitka National Historical Park*, by Andrew Patrick for NPS, 2002.
- S13 Wrangell, 1960. Waterfront
- S14 Ketchikan. Bob Sharp, City Manager & Fred Langsdale, Engineering Consultant
- S15 Ketchikan, 1960

147-158 Kodiak

- KD1 Pasagshak Point, Kodiak, August, 1956
- KD2 Pasagshak Point
- KD3 Kodiak, 1956
- KD4 Kodiak
- KD5 Kodiak naval base dry dock
- KD6 Kodiak [islands]
- KD7 Kodiak naval air station
- KD8 Kodiak [shore]
- KD9 Scottish highlander cattle, Kalsin Bay
- KD10 Kodiak harbor
- KD11 Smokey Stover, Main T. forman, Don Bolton, Bridge engineer

(Album 1) Color prints from slides**Box 1****Folder 4**159-219 Juneau: Statehood parade, July 4th, 1959; City buildings, 1953-1959

- J1 Statehood parade, July 4th, 1959, Main St.
- J2 Statehood parade, July 4th, Main St.

- J3 Statehood parade, July 4th, Main St. Rt. Linda Callahan
- J4 [49th State float]
- J5 Dee Poss [float]
- J6 [Crowd in front of library, now city musuem]
- J7 [Chilcat robes, traditional Tlingit regalia. Juneau Hotel in background]
- J8 [Float and Big Dipper House crest, Auk Kwaan robe.]
- J9 Tom Shanley, "Alaska v. Visitors" [float]
- J10 "Toast" [float], Juneau Hotel
- J11 4-H Club float
- J12 [Marching band]
- J13 "Old Age Club?" [Float]
- J14 [Antique auto]
- J15 Bob Haas [with fire truck]
- J16 [Military marching band]
- J17 Fireman on rt. is John Lowell
- J18 [Girl in miner's hat]
- J19 [Military marching band]
- J20 Mary Joyce [with sled and dogs]
- J21 Governor Egan and Neva Egan [in car]
- J22 "Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California" [on horseback: 1]
- J23 "Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California" [on horseback: 2]
- J24 "Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California" [on horseback: 3]
- J25 "Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California" [on horseback: 4]
- J26 "Education route" [safari hats, brooms]
- J27 [Egan car]
- J28 [Alaska Office Building]
- J29 [City Library, now City Museum]
- J30 Auk Bay
- J31 From Wings Dings [Juneau shore at night, from Douglas], 1953
- J32 Capitol School, 1955
- J33 St. Ann's Hospital, 1955
- J34 St. Ann's Hospital, 6th Ave [Street]
- J35 Looking down Willoughby Way [Ave]
- J36 Looking up South Franklin St.
- J37 [Court building, now State Office Building, Telephone Hill]
- J38 Totem by library [Moved to former City Library]
- J39 View from our apartment, 1202, in the Mendenhall Apartments [Russian Orthodox church, St. Ann's]
- J40 Airport--Waiting for the arrival of Secretary of Interior Seaton, 1957
- J41 Secretary of Interior Seaton's visit, Juneau Airport, 1957
- J42 [Secretary of Interior] Seaton's visit, Juneau Airport , 1957
- J43 Juneau, 1955
- J44 Douglas, 1959 [Juneau-Douglas Bridge]

- J45 Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
- J46 Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
- J47 Tramway to Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
- J48 Larry Brusech, Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
- J49 Bridge design office, ARC, 2nd Floor Foss Building – 4th & Harris. Greg Novak,
Vern Cusack
- J50 Pan American World Airways Stewardess, Mendenhall Glacier, 1955
- J51 Mary Joyce's Top Hat bar in Senate Apt.s, S. Franklin, 1955. Bruce Campbell,
Mary Joyce, Vern Cusack
- J52 Mendenhall Glacier, August, 1955
- J53 Dredging the channel, 1959
- J54 Burned Hixson Building, 2nd & Seward, April, 1959 [Downtown]
- J55 Mendenhall Glacier, 1959
- J56 Alaska Steamship Baranoff arriving in Juneau, 1954. Note trestle from AJ Mine to
Rock Dump
- J57 Princess Louise – Canadian Pacific tour boat, 1958
- J58 Princess Louis, approaching Juneau in Gastineau Channel
- J59 Pan Am plane crash, April 1959
- J60 Pan Am plane crash

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Folder 4, Continued

220-255 Juneau, 1953-1956

- J1A Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts [Winter 1953-4, channel, Douglas]
- J2A Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts, 1953-4, [channel, Douglas]
- J3A Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts, Winter, 1953-4 [channel, Douglas]
- J4A Alaska Steamship, Denali, coming in to Juneau
- J5A Juneau, Winter 1953-4, from Mendenhall Apts.
- J6A Juneau, Winter 1953-4, from 705 Mendenhall Apt.s
- J7A Juneau, Winter 1953-4 [Gastineau, S. Franklin]
- J8A Juneau, winter 1953-4 [harbor]
- J9A Juneau, Feb. 1954 [Mendenhall Apt.s]
- J10A Juneau, Jan. 1954 [from bridge]
- J11A Alaska Juneau Gold Mine
- J12A [Mount Juneau]
- J13A Juneau boat harbor from bridge

- J14A Juneau [boat harbor]
- J15A Juneau winter [Mt. Juneau in snow]
- 16A Territorial Capitol, 1953
- 17A 4th & Harris. White building on red foundation belonged to Mary Joyce
- 18A Alaska Road Commission (ARC) headquarters. 4th & Harris
- 19A Forest Service gardens, Auk Bay
- J20A Pacific Northern Airlines DC-4
- J21A Juneau Cold Storage, Jan. 1956
- J22A Juneau Cold Storage fire, Jan. 1956
- J23A Fire, Juneau Cold Storage, Jan. 1956
- J24A Juneau Cold Storage fire, cutter Storis
- J25A Juneau Cold Storage fire, 1956

(Album 2) Color slides, matches to prints from album 1

Box 1

Folder 5

Kenai-Homer (K1-140; H1-H22)

Folder 6

Anchorage-Cantwell (A1-A36; C1-C20)

Folder 7

Cantwell Continued, Nome, Sitka, Kodiak, Juneau (C21; N1-N5; S1-S15; KD1-KD11, J1-J28)

Folder 8

Juneau 1959 4th of July parade, buildings and downtown, including Gastineau Channel (J29-J60; JA1-JA25)

Binder 1

History of Alaska Road Commission: Papers and photos bound by binder ring (from binder).

Binder 2

Photos taken in McKinley Park by Bruce A. Campbell, Alaska Road Commission resident engineer, 1954-1956. Donated to Denali Park August, 2010.

Box 2 Denali Park

Folder 1 (Binder 1)

Photos taken in McKinley Park by Bruce A. Campbell, ARC resident engineer, 1954-1956.
Donated to Denali Park, August 2010.

Binder 2

Commentary to accompany photo donation to Denali Park by W. S. Tilton and Bruce Campbell, August 2010.

Binder 3

Exhibit D: To accompany the commentary for the photo donation to Denali Park by W. S. Tilton and Bruce A. Campbell, August 2010.