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Guide to Collection

**Hicks, Chandler LaMartine**

**Chandler L. Hicks Photograph Collection, ca. 1928-1933**

**PCA 580**

0.42 linear ft. and 1 cubic ft  
1 box  
6 folders and 1 photo album  
386 b&w photographs

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Chandler LaMartine Hicks was born in Brighton, Michigan, on November 17, 1903, to LaMartine Hicks and Alice Skeman Hicks. Hicks passed away on December 24, 1937, in Seattle, Washington.

After high school, Hicks completed several auto mechanic courses before migrated from Michigan to Seattle, Washington, in 1921. Employed by Alaska Southern Airways, Marine Airways, and Alaska Washington Airways, Hicks worked as an airplane mechanic and later as a pilot between 1927 and 1933. Before marrying Louise Grant on May 19, 1934, Hicks was an aviator in the government service with duties in Alaska. His daughter, Judy Louise (Troll) Orlando was born on February 15, 1936. Prior to his death, he owned and operated an auto repair garage in Seattle.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

**CARL BENJAMIN EIELSON** - Born of Norwegian immigrants on July 20, 1897, Carl Benjamin Eielson was raised in Hatton, North Dakota. After being trained as a military pilot in World War I, Eielson spent two years as a barnstormer in the upper Midwest before completing a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of North Dakota. While enrolled at Georgetown Law School, Eielson met Daniel Sutherland, a territorial delegate to the House of Representatives from Alaska. Persuaded by Sutherland to teach secondary school in Alaska, Eielson moved in the fall of 1922. Recognizing the need for aerial transportation, Eielson flew the first airmail flight under government contract between Fairbanks and McGrath. Additionally, alongside Australian explorer Hubert Wilkins, Eielson flew the first airplane across the Arctic Ocean in April 1928, covering 2,200 miles between Point Barrow and Spitsbergen, Norway. Between 1928 and 1929, Eielson and Wilkins made multiple air explorations of the Antarctic, charting several islands which were previously unknown. On November 9, 1929, Eielson died alongside his mechanic, Earl Borland, in an air crash while attempting to evacuate furs and personnel from the *Nanuk*, a cargo vessel trapped in the ice at the North Cape of Siberia.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

B&W photographs of aircraft, Alaskan geography, boats and ships, towns and cities, and people. Included in the scrapbook are photographs of the recovery efforts related to Carl Ben Eielson's wrecked aircraft in Siberia. According to the donor, the intent of the photo album was to document a young man's Alaskan experience and impress his soon-to-be bride, Louise Grant.

Please note the discrepancy in photograph descriptions. Non-bracketed descriptions for each photograph were taken from the information written on the back of each photograph or underneath the photos in the photo album by Chandler Hicks. Misspelled words and grammatical mistakes have been maintained. Bracketed descriptions for each photograph were written by the collection processor.

## SUBJECTS

Bristol Bay, Alaska; Cordova, Alaska; Hydaburg, Alaska; Iliamna, Alaska; Icy Bay, Alaska; Juneau, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Klawock, Alaska; Nome, Alaska; Petersburg, Alaska; Resurrection Bay, Alaska; Seattle, Washington; Seward, Alaska; Sitka, Alaska; Skagway, Alaska; Tenakee Springs, Alaska;

Aircraft; Air pilots; Airplanes; Airline industry; Bays (Bodies of water); Glaciers; Hangers; Islands; Mountains; Oceans; People; Piers & wharves; Seaplanes; Ships; Snow; Steamboats; Transportation

## INVENTORY

### Folder 1: Forms and Biographical Information

1. [Chandler Hicks standing in cockpit of seaplane]
2. Mechanic's identification card for Chandler Hicks issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautic Branch
3. [Portrait of Chandler Hicks]

### Folder 2: People

1. Taken at 1000 ft. near Sitka [Man holding infant in the cabin of an airplane]
2. Johnnie at Ketchikan [Man standing on dock]
3. First assistant [Man standing on dock with buildings on pylons in background]
4. Girl friend at Hydaburg [Man posed with young Alaska Native girl]

5. Joe Crosson leaving Juneau [Three men standing in the shadows with Mount Jumbo in the background]
6. Ordway [?]
7. Jerry Jones; [?]; Nome div. of P.A.A.
8. [Two men and two women holding racks of fish]
9. [Five individuals including Louise Grant and Chandler Hicks in Seattle, Washington]
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11. Mrs. Simmons [Young woman sitting on float of seaplane in hangar]

### **Folder 3: Planes**

1. Leaving Juneau [Seaplane preparing for take-off]
2. [Seaplane in flight with glaciers and mountains in background]
3. [Debris from airplane wreckage]
4. Joe Crosson's plane [Pacific Alaska Airways seaplane docked in Juneau]
5. Eyak Lake, Cordova [Seaplane partially moored on dock ramp]
6. [Seaplane near pebbled shoreline]
7. Fairchild Pan American Airway [Pacific Alaska Airways seaplane with NC-155W on tail]
8. Ordway. 1930. [Seaplane taking off from Juneau]
9. [Alaska Washington seaplane with NC-103W on the tail docked in downtown Juneau]
10. Lake Spinard [sic], Anchorage & fatal spot for some aeroplanes
11. [Pioneer Airways of Alaska seaplane with NC-991-W on the tail]

12. [Seaplane hangar for Alaska Southern Airways]
13. [Seaplane in Juneau with Alaska-Juneau Mine in background]
14. [Seaplane with NC 657 F on the tail to the right of an iceberg]
15. [Debris from airplane wreckage with river in background]
16. [Seven people surveying the debris from airplane wreckage] Schaller's Photo. Ketchikan, Alaska.
17. [Five people surveying the debris from airplane wreckage] Schaller's Photo. Ketchikan, Alaska.
18. [Debris from airplane wreckage]
19. [Pacific-Alaska Airways seaplane in flight with mountains in background]
20. Fisher Studio. [Four float planes on water]

#### **Folder 4: Scenery**

1. Some place in Alaska [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip on left]
2. Icy Bay  
Showing plenty of icebergs.  
Mount St. Elias in background.  
Malaspina Glacier.  
These bergs are big ones.
3. Iliamna volcano [Mountain covered with snow and framed below aircraft wingtip]
4. Bear.  
Try & find them [Aerial of tidal lands]
5. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
6. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wing tip in upper left corner]
7. Mt. Crillon

8. [Coastal town from viewpoint of aircraft]
9. [Coastal mountains, glacier, and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
10. [Taku Glacier]
11. [Mountains covered with snow and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
12. Bear. I will help you look. [Aerial of land with partial tree covering]
13. [Coastal mountains and small tree and roof in lower left corner]
14. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier]
15. Mendenhall River and Glacier. 1930.
16. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
17. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
18. [Mount Fairweather]
19. Mount Fairweather
20. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
21. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier]
22. Chatam [sic] Straits. 1933.
23. River bed and Bering glacier near Katalla
24. [Mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
25. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
26. [Coastal mountains]
27. [Mount Fairweather]
28. Columbia [Glacier]

29. Stephens Passage
30. Northwestern [Alaska Steamship Company's SS *Northwestern*]
31. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
32. Mount Fairweather at 9,000 ft., a 15000 ft. mountain
33. Taku Glacier
34. Just some country [Mountains covered with snow and framed by aircraft wings]
35. Seward
36. La Perouse [Glacier]
37. Iliamna volcano. Showing steam around the top.
38. [Coastal mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
39. [Mountains covered with snow and glacier framed below aircraft wingtip]
40. 54 [Boats with coastal mountains in the background and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
41. Mt. Iliamna
42. Fairchild [Seaplane in flight with coastal mountains and waterway in background]
43. I don't know [Clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
44. Malaspina [Glacier]
45. [Mountain ranges with aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
46. [Mount] Fairweather
47. [Mount Fairweather]
48. La Perouse [Glacier]

49. [Mount] Iliamna
50. Funter Bay
51. [Coastal mountains and clouds]
52. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
53. [Mountain covered with snow]
54. [Four boats and sunrise/sunset over coastal mountains]
55. Top of La Perouse Glacier

**Folder 5: Ships and Boats**

1. *SS Northwestern* at Eagle River
2. [Boat near Alaska-Juneau Mine]
3. Destroyers coming in [to port]
4. [Bow of boat covered in ice]
5. [Helm of boat covered in ice]
6. [Helm of boat covered in ice]

**Folder 6: Towns and Places**

1. [Wooden structure with snow covered roof]
2. [Coastal town and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
3. [Coastal mountains and buildings along shoreline]
4. [Buildings and base of mountain covered with trees]
5. Docks at Juneau
6. [Buildings and docks along shoreline]

7. [Coastal town and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
8. Juneau, Alaska. 1931. Ordway.
9. [Aerial of buildings along shoreline]
10. [Person amid debris from airplane wreckage]
11. Hirst-Chichagof [Mining Company]
12. [Woman dressed as Statue of Liberty standing in truck covered with flowers]

### **Photo Album**

1. Alaska Southern Airways brochure related to rates, schedule, and services
2. *Daily Radio News* issued aboard the SS *Princess Charlotte* on September 5, 1937
3. Louise Grant [Photograph missing]
4. "Taku" NC-102-W in Icy Bay '30
5. Bobby Ellis, Clayton Scott & John Selby
6. Moored in Icy Bay
7. Icy Bay '30
8. Tundra in the Bristol Bay country
9. An isolated cannery. '30
10. Mt. St. Elias 1930
11. Kvichak River in Nakeen
12. Illimna [sic] Lake
13. Bristol Bay cannery
14. East waterway. Seattle.

15. Gene Meyring
16. Clark Wing
17. Bob going places (on a boat)
18. "All in a day's work"
19. One of the famous Taku "sloughs" 30
20. Moored at Klawok [sic] Inlet
21. Frank, Mrs. Ordway, Clark & Barbara.  
Ordway. Juneau. 30.
22. At Lake Dorothy. Discovered by Navy air mapper's. 1929.
23. The outlet
24. Seaplane. Ketchikan. NC-657-E
25. Pilot, A.C. Eckmann. Mechanic, F[rank] A. Hatcher
26. Whitehorse Y.T. [Yukon Territory]
27. In the Yukon River
28. "Brailing a fish trip'
29. Red's, king's, coho's and humpie's
30. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
31. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
32. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
33. At one of Skinner & Eddy's traps
34. A.W.A. [Alaska Washington Airways] Hanbar in Juneau

35. [Coastal town]
36. Taku Glacier 1930
37. Mt. Edgecomb
38. Mt. Oglive [sic]. 7,700 ft.
39. Taku Range. 1930.
40. Taku Range. 1930.
41. Back of Cape Fanshaw
42. Cross Sound and Idaho Inlet
43. Back of Berner's Bay
44. Berner's Bay Range
45. Illiamna [sic] Mount. Bristol Bay.
46. Baranof Island from 6,000 ft.
47. Enroute [sic] to Atlin at 16,000 ft.
48. Herbert Glacier. 30.
49. La Perouse Glacier '33
50. Coming down
51. Over the top '33
52. 150 ft. frontage height
53. Columbia [Glacier]
54. Columbia [Glacier]
55. Malaspina [Glacier] & Mt. St. Elias

56. Columbia [Glacier]
57. Columbia Glacier
58. Columbia Glacier
59. Columbia Glacier
60. Columbia Glacier
61. La Perouse [Glacier]
62. Columbia [Glacier] 3,000 ft.
63. 1,000 ft.
64. Going past
65. Columbia Glacier
66. La Perouse [Glacier]
67. La Perouse [Glacier]
68. Columbia '33
69. Illiamna [sic] Mt. 10,20 ft.
70. Cleveland Penn.
71. Illiamna [sic]
72. Mt. Fairweather
73. Icy Bay
74. Mt. Fairweather, 15,400 ft.
75. Copper River flat's
76. Chatham Strait's

77. Ketchikan
78. Chichagof Gold-Mine
79. Douglas and Juneau
80. Crillion [sic] Glacier
81. The "First" City, '33
82. Ketchikan '33
83. Nanimo [sic] B.C. '33
84. Cordova. Alaska's Copper City.
85. Seward. Resurrection Bay.
86. Chichagof Camp
87. Sitka. Ex Russian Capitol.
88. Skagway '33
89. Eyak Lake. 33
90. Two Vega's and Fairchild '71
91. Lycoming Stinson (Jim Dodsens)
92. Lake Spenard '33
93. Yakutat Bar
94. Volcanic smoke '33
95. Capt. Gibb's.
96. Gene and Joe '33
97. Mrs. McAllister, Bud, and Mac '33

98. Dead freight '33
99. Five king salmon at Chichagof
100. Giant Alaska silvertip '33
101. Fairchild '71 on Edd pontoon's
102. Joe Crosson's Fairchild '71
103. MS *Westward*. 1933.
104. Stinson Jr. NC-935-W at Salmon Lake
105. P.A.A. Fairchild '71. NC-9172. '33.  
Flying the Alaska Range with Pacific Alaska Airways.  
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106. Abbey and "Smiling Jimmey" Mattern at Nome. 1933.
107. H.B. Friele, Mrs. Torland, Mrs. Friele, and me landing in Nakeen.
108. Sieverson's Camp. Lake Illamna [sic]
109. Leaving Sieverson's.
110. Taku Glacier. '33
111. Nakeen Cannery. '33
112. Salvage operations over S.S. *Islander*
113. Mt. Edgecombe. 1933.
114. Mattern leaving Russian flyer's
115. Chief of King Islanders, Sass & Abbey
116. Three Russian flyers and Mattern
117. Russian Dornier CCCP-H8. July 1933.

118. Two view's of Nome, Alaska.  
July 1933.
119. Two view's of Nome, Alaska.  
July 1933.
120. Bob Ellis and Chichagof.  
In the Nome River. Nome, Alaska.  
July 1933.
121. Sass and Chichagof NC-536-H  
In the Nome River. Nome, Alaska.  
July 1933.
122. Lockheed and Fairchild at Harding Lake
123. Native skin omiak
124. MS *Stella Maris*
125. Cash Cole's *Jazz*
126. SS *Alaska* and U. oil tanker [in Gastineau Channel]
127. C.L. Hicks  
Mechanic at Juneau
128. SS *Northwestern* on Eagle Bar
129. Mendenhall Glacier
130. E.A. Meyring. "Chief."
131. Waco on Edos [floats] at Chena Slough. Fairbanks.
132. *Akutan* and *Northwestern*
133. Bill Strong's Fokker "mistake."
134. SS *Aleutian* at Cordova
135. [Flight instruments]

136. Bub-Bub-Bhub-Bhub-Bhis-Bhishop. 1933
137. [Aircraft engine]
138. Pilot. The Flying Mugs of 1933 A.S.A.
139. Mechanic. The Flying Mugs of 1933 A.S.A.
140. Chow time for future sled dog's 1933
141. [Front end of seaplane]
142. [Seaplane preparing for take-off]
143. "Stanavo" available anywhere
144. Seaplanes. Chichagof 336-H. Baranof 974-H.
145. 4 destroyers, *Estebeth*, A.S.A. Hanger, *Stella Maris*
146. Aboard iceburg [sic] at Pt. Adolphus
147. Climbing iceburg's [sic] '33
148. Gene and the "Flagship"? 1933
149. A baby glacier in Icy Strait's [sic]
150. [Photograph missing]
151. Rosebud
152. "The comfort's of a Lockheed-Vega."
153. Auke Lake and Mendenhall Glacier
154. Nov. 6, 1932 9:25 AM
155. Russian Dornier at Nome, Alaska. 33 [Photograph missing]
156. Barrymore's yacht *Infanta*

157. "*Stella Maris*" leaving for Seattle
158. [Two men, wearing in matching uniforms, on dock in Juneau]
159. "Stanavo available anywhere".  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.
160. "Stanavo available anywhere".  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.
161. "Stanavo available anywhere".  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.
162. Lloyd.
163. Chan.
164. John.
165. Winter scenes out Tongass National Forest. Glacier Highway. (1933)  
"In for the Winter." © 33 Ordway
166. Near Mendenhall Glacier.
167. July 4<sup>th</sup> in Alaska's capitol. 32
168. *Eagle 57* in Gastineau Channel. '33
169. Ketchikan, Alaska
170. Port Althorp cannery
171. "Bess" and Company. ~Inc~
172. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
173. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka

174. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
175. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
176. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
177. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
178. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
179. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
180. Madonna and Child. Sitka, Alaska.
181. Skagway, Alaska
182. Near Skagway's waterfront
183. Mountain goat's at Sitka [Photograph missing]
184. Artic transportation near Skagway
185. Sea lions near Salibury [sic] Sound
186. Crossing Chichagof Island. Fairweather Range. [Photograph missing]
187. Hoonah, Alaska. 2,500 ft.
188. Head of LaPerouse Glacier.
189. "The Honeymoon Express" Mr. & Mrs. Harold Galwas
190. Lake Bennett Y.T. [Photograph missing]
191. Approaching Todd 1933
192. Vieno
193. Romeo "The Blonde Slayer"
194. Sitka, Alaska

195. Douglas, Alaska 33
196. Lower Juneau and A.J. Mine
197. Todd Cannery. Peril Straits 33 (Bezville)
198. Troubles at Sitka, Alaska 1933. Aug 16.
199. Troubles at Sitka, Alaska 1933. Aug 16.
200. Canadian Boeing CF-ALA
201. Crossing Stephens Passage
202. Three Mugs 33. Sass
203. Three Mugs 33. Cot
204. Three Mugs 33. Bob
205. Dobbins & Richardson  
Vancouver [sic]
206. Petersburg, Alaska. 33
207. Near Sitka
208. Col. Carl Ben Eielson 1928.
209. Russian Junkers used in Eielson search
210. Searcher's at North Cape, Siberia
211. Digging for remain's of all metal Hamilton
212. Hunting for the remains of pilot & mechanic
213. First sign of wreckage sighted
214. Left wing to all metal Hamilton
215. Front of fuselage with cocpit [sic] torn off

216. Cockpit of Eielson-Borland's Hamilton
217. Tail surfaces and assembly [Photograph missing]
218. Bodies of Eielson & Borland on sled.
219. Mr. and Mrs. In "Start Something."
220. Naket Packing Corp. Cannery in Waterfall. '33
221. Two deer? (dehr)
222. Jim. Aug '33
223. Jim Mar '33
224. A.J. Mine, Lumbermill's & SS *Alaska*
225. Hack's Camp at 1,000 ft.
226. *Tallapoosa, Brant, and Crane*
227. Mary Joyce....and cow. Sept. 1933
228. Bhu-Bhub-Bhisop and "Skippy". '33
229. "Dick" The Hangar Pooch.
230. Hack Smith's dog "Wolf" 1933.
231. Hickeys Stinson SM-8A "Mitkof" April 5, '33
232. S.E. Robbins. P.A.A. '33
233. L. Bauer & J. Stewart
234. A.L. Monsen P.A.A. '33
235. Cannery at Kake. Alaska Salmon Corp.
236. Kake Village. Kupreanof Is.

237. Al Monsen and passenger's for Fairbanks
238. Craig, Alaska. West Coast of P. of W. Is. [Prince of Wales Island]
239. Stinson JA. at Fairbanks's Alaskan Airways.
240. "City of Tacoma" First low wing Lockheed. '29
241. Petersburg at Whitehorse Y.T. 31'
242. Weeks Field. Fairbanks, Alaska, '30
243. John Selby at Mendenhall. '31
244. Matt Niemanan and Bob Ellis '31
245. Frank Hatcher. Mechanic A-1 '30
246. Ancel C. Eckmann. Pilot '32
247. Pat Nenehan '30. A.W.A
248. Larry Parks '30 A.W.A.
249. Lloyd Bauer '33
250. Winnie Mac at Flat, Alaska '33
251. Wiley Post. Pilot
252. Result of a short field. '33
253. Night time at the A.S.A. Hanger
254. Petersburg NC-336-H at Lake Hasselborg '31
255. Baranof NC-974-H at Hydaburg '33
256. "Three Musketeers" '31  
(Rosie) and Family.

257. Alaska's Flying Nursemaid. [Photograph missing]
258. Al Monsen's Fairchild '71 at A.S.A. Hangar
259. P.A.A. Fairchild '71 near Juneau
260. Piloted by S.E. Robbins
261. Hawk Inlet Cannery '33
262. Steam tug "Georgia" 1933.
263. Angoon Village. Chatham Straight's
264. Pt. Couverden. Chatham Straight's
265. Mt. Edgecombe & vicinity
266. Washburn expedition camp. L. Crillion
267. Moored at Lake Crillion. '33
268. L. Crillion '33
269. Stean jet's
270. Mt. Iliamna
271. Crater's edge
272. Over the top
273. Fokker at Stone Axe Lake B.C.
274. Lake Teslin 50 m. from Nisutlin Bay
275. Looking down Stone Axe Lake
276. Wolfe Lake in the Liard
277. Tenakee Villiage [sic] '33 [Photograph missing]

278. Alaska-Pacific Salmon Corp. Funter Bay
279. Tennyson's Cannery. Tenakee Inlet '33 [Photograph missing]
280. Guard Island Clarence Straits '33