United States. Alaska Road Commission

Alaska Road Commission Photograph Collection, ca. 1909-1959

PCA 61

17,029 photographs
100, 35mm color slides
100 glass lantern slides, b&w, color
(15.2 linear ft.)


ACCESS: The photographs may be viewed, however, they may not be photocopied.

COPYRIGHT: Requests for permission to reproduce or publish from the collection should be discussed with the Librarian.

PROCESSING: A subject index was prepared by Bill Cameron of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. 2 boxes and 1 folder (1 linear ft.), unprocessed.
HISTORICAL NOTE

The Alaska Road Commission was established in 1905 as a board of the U.S. War Department. Named the Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska it was soon called the Alaska Road Commission. It remained under the War Department until 1932 and many of Alaska's oldest highways are named for officers of the early Road Commission. The Valdez-Chitina-Fairbanks military road was named the Richardson Highway for Brig. Gen. Wilds P. Richardson, the Steese Highway for Col. James G. Steese, the Elliot Highway for Maj. Malcolm Elliott, and the Edgerton Highway for Capt. Glen E. Edgerton. In 1932 the Alaska Road Commission was transferred to the Department of the Interior where it remained until 1956 when it was absorbed by the Bureau of Public Roads, a division of the Commerce Department. (Taken from: Naske, Claus M., "Alaska Road Commission Historical Narrative," June, 1983, and Gibson, Daniel D., "The Alaska Road Commission," Aug. 1992.)

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The inventory lists locations and general subject areas contained in each volume but individual photographs are only described for Vol. 139. The lantern slides (Vol. 107B) depict the construction of the Alaska Highway. 100, 35mm color slides (Vol. 40) were taken during the opening of Haines Highway and also include miscellaneous highway scenes from Circle to Homer. A list of individual slides is located in the container. A selection of fifteen albums has been placed on microfiche: Albums 1-14 and Album 104. Some photographs were taken by the Lomen Brothers. Information may be found in some negative sleeves and backs of glued photographs which is not in the albums or finding aid.

INVENTORY

Item level indexes for Albums 1-14, 16 are with albums.

Vol.: Description:

1. Kuskokwim and Southeastern Alaska, 1924-1939. 590 photographs
   - #382-391 Route 1 Prince of Wales Island, Cholmondeley Sound
   - #522-590 Construction of Juneau-Douglas Bridge, 1934

2. McKinley Park, 1924-1932. 412 photographs

3. Chitina 1915-1939. 378 photographs

4. Chitina District (Kotsina bridge and trail, Katalla, Nizina, McCarthy, Gulkana, etc.) 1914-1935. 388 photographs

5. Valdez - 1914-1939. 495 photographs.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Photographs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Nome - 1912-1941</td>
<td>486</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Nome - 1915-1941</td>
<td>430</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Nome and Miscellaneous - 1918-1941</td>
<td>326</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Anchorage - 1913-1938</td>
<td>539</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Anchorage - 1921-1940</td>
<td>531</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Anchorage - 1921-1941</td>
<td>333</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Fairbanks, Richardson Highway, Steese Highway</td>
<td>511</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Fairbanks and Miscellaneous - 1917-1939</td>
<td>437</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Miscellaneous - 1909-1932</td>
<td>296</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Alaska Highway, Richardson, Big Delta to Fairbanks</td>
<td>190</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Camps and depots</td>
<td>183</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Nome and Seward Peninsula</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Denali Highway and McKinley Park</td>
<td>211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Denali Highway and McKinley Park</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Richardson Highway - 1930-1932</td>
<td>188</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Richardson Highway - 1933-1947</td>
<td>209</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Glenn Highway, Southwest District, 1940-1947</td>
<td>207</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Glenn Highway - 1955-1959, and Tok Cutoff, 1943-1951</td>
<td>113</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Southeast Alaska</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>Copper River Highway, Edgerton Cutoff and Cordova</td>
<td>114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>Haines Highway</td>
<td>202</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>Richardson Highway - 1950</td>
<td>146</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
28. Willow-Talkeetna, and Summit Route. 36 photographs
30. Isolated areas, including Kodiak, Ruby, McGrath, Nulato, Dillingham, Naknek, Takotna, Bethel, Iliamna. 95 photographs
31. FAP 42 Glenn Highway, FAP 46, Tok Cutoff. 14 photographs
32. FAP 71 Richardson Highway. 55 photographs
33. FAP 62 Alaska Highway and Fairbanks Division. 51 photographs
34. FAP 95 and Juneau Div. 7 photographs
35. FAP 52 Denali Highway, Inc. McKinley Park. 33 photographs
36. FAP 21 Sterling Highway FAP 31. Seward, Anchorage Highway. 26 photographs
37. Hydaburg Highway 20-IS Hydaburg Village Road 20-A. 24 photographs
38. Douglas Highway. 119 photographs
39. Petersburg - Scow Bay reconstruction #481 - Scow Bay - cannery section. #3406. 89 photographs
40. Mitkof Highway. 174 photographs
41. White Pass Highway. 190 photographs
42. Kake Highway #3472 Kake Cannery Section. 79 photographs
43. Bridge surveys, D-11 (George M. Williams.) 37 photographs
44. Texas Creek Highway. 72 photographs
45. Endicott River. 23 photographs
46. Portage Road. 5 photographs
47. Ferragut River. 28 photographs
48. Tongass Highway, S miles 1-4. 157 photographs
49. Tongass Highway, S miles 5-9. 93 photographs
50. Tongass Highway, N. miles 1-9. 142 photographs
51. Tongass Highway, N. miles 10-16. 86 photographs
52. Patterson Bay - Sister Lake. 11 photographs
53. Mill Creek Highway. 17 photographs
54. Eyak Lake Highway. 189 photographs
55. North Aron-Lisianski In. 24 photographs
56. Blind River Trail. 20 photographs
57. Gartina Highway. 40 photographs
58. Tracadero Road. 3 photographs
59. Wrangell Highway. 205 photographs
60. El Nido Road. 7 photographs
61. Tenakee Inlet - Idaho In. 13 photographs
62. Seldovia. 26 photographs
63. Palmer Creek Highway. 56 photographs
64. Crow Creek Highway. 112 photographs
65. Seward Highway. miles 1-5. 200 photographs
66. Seward Highway. miles 6-12. 114 photographs
67. Seward Highway. miles 13-20. 214 photographs
68. Seward Highway. miles 21-30. 164 photographs
69. Seward Highway. miles 31-50. 175 photographs
70. Seward Highway. miles 51-60. 171 photographs
71. Seward Highway. miles 61-75. 138 photographs
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>72.</td>
<td>Seward Highway Spurs. 217 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>73.</td>
<td>Cooper River Highway. 17 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>74.</td>
<td>Copper River Highway. 34 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>75.</td>
<td>Katalla Highway. 43 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>76.</td>
<td>Sitka Highway. 192 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>77.</td>
<td>McKinley Park. 14 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>78.</td>
<td>Johnson Pass Highway. 6 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>79.</td>
<td>Chickamin River. 104 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80.</td>
<td>Afognak Lake. 58 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>81.</td>
<td>Report of survey and proposed construction sec, C, D &amp; E Turnagain Arm Road. 7 photographs and 4 maps.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>82.</td>
<td>Glacier Highway, Miles 19-28+. 140 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>83.</td>
<td>Glacier Highway, Loop Road. 1926-1943. 125 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>84.</td>
<td>Glacier Highway, Thane Road. 106 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>85.</td>
<td>Glacier Highway, Spurs. 170 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>86.</td>
<td>Point Agassiz Highway. 39 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>87.</td>
<td>[Along Alaska Railroad, September, 1942.] 37 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88.</td>
<td>Petersburg Creek Highway. 29 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>89.</td>
<td>Stedman Street Bridge DA-NR-2. 40 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90.</td>
<td>Stedman Street Survey DA-NR-3. 6 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91.</td>
<td>Kelsall Canyon Route, Present Haines Highway, Copper River Highway, Seward-Anchorage A2, B3 Richardson Highway. Section H Alaska Freightlines Terminal 1. 40 photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>92.</td>
<td>II. C. 45 photographs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
93. III. 40 photographs

94. Monthly reports. 199 photographs

95. General, Juneau, Sitka, Haines, and Cordova. 93 photographs
   [Haines-25, 27, 29, 30 include the State ferry Chilkoot per Jim Geraghty, Feb. 2014]

96. Pictures taken 9/52 on an inspection trip with Mr. Archibald. 33 photographs

97. Kodiak. 22 photographs

98. Construction Juneau area routes 2 and 31. 50 photographs

99. Glacier Highway. 48 photographs

100. Views of Alaska construction and miscellaneous scenes. All Interior Alaska-Tok-40 mile. (Alaska Road Commission.) 26 photographs

101. Interior. 28 photographs

102. Turnagain Arm. 239 photographs

103. Report of survey and proposed construction on sections F-1 and F-2 of the Turnagain Arm Road (Seward-Anchorage) By: R.V. Killewich, Highway Engineer. 13 photographs and 3 maps

104. Nome, Alaska views showing gold dredges, mining operation of Paul Mathis? Also shows storm of 1913 and damages to Nome with photos by Lomen Bros. and Arctic Studio. 68 photographs

105. Photographs of various Alaska scenics and highways, 1949-1951. 294 photographs
   Contents include:
   Part I  Alaska Highway
   Part II  Glenn Highway
   Part III Haines Cutoff
   Part IV  Richardson Highway
   Part V  40-mile Dawson Road
   Part VI Copper River Highway
   Part VII Wards Cove Pulp Mill
   Part VIII Route 2 Glacier
   Part IX Route 3 Seward-Anchorage
   Part X  Route 4 Cordova
   Part XI Route 5 Kenai River

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA061.pdf
Part XII    Mitkof
Part XIII   Salmon River Highway
Part XIV    Route 11 Sitka
Part XV     Crow Creek Highway
Part XVI    Palmer Creek Highway
Part XVII   Hope Highway
Part XVIII  Wrangell
Part XIX    Texas Creek
Part XX     Afognak lake
Part XXI    Douglas
Part XXII   Cordova
Part XXIII  Resurrection Bay
Part XXIV   Nash Road
Part XXV    Route 34 Seward
Part XXVI   Miscellaneous

106.    Fairbanks Division Highways. FAP 37, FAP 61, FAS 670, FAS 680, FAS 671, FAS 750. 159 photographs.


108.    South Central and Southeast Alaska, 946 photographs.


149    BPR picnic – Auke Bay – July 1951. Bill Wood (with cones), Keith Boyd, Olive Boyd (bent over)
155    The B. M. French family. Baird, Mildred and daughter Evelyn.
156    February – 1952. On occasion resignation of Vance Blackwell. Presentation by Mr. Chr Wyller to Mr. Blackwell. In background: Bill Clark, Jerry Miller, Bob Kiliewich, Paul Doyle.

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA061.pdf


111. Juneau-Thane Section--Routes 2 & 31. 28 Photographs.


115. Haines Cut-off Highway Mile 38-55. 10 Photographs.

116. Hyder Dock; Salmon River Highway. 166 Photographs.

117. Hyder Area--Maintenance Routes 9 & 18. 28 Photographs.

118. Ketchikan Construction Area Route 1. 90 Photographs.

119. Tongass Highway Project I-D6, E4. 47 Photographs.

120. Tongass Highway Project 1-B7, G3. 65 Photographs.


122. Ketchikan--Route 1 Surveys Sections E & H. 13 Photographs.

123. Petersburg--Construction Area Routes 7 & 26. 4 Photographs.

124. Sitka--Survey Route 11--Indian Creek Foundation Tests. 7 Photographs.

125. Wrangell--Route 16--Point Agassiz. 8 Photographs.

126. Wrangell--Route 16; Project 16-A3, B2, C3, D2. 18 Photographs.

127. Yakutat Highway; including Yakutat Cannery. 33 Photographs.
128. Copper River Highway, Thane--Glacier Highway. 43 Photographs.

129. Cordova--Routes 4 & 32; Airport Snow Removal Feb. and March 1951; Copper River Flood, 1954. 103 Photographs.

130. Cordova--Routes 4-4352. 22 Photographs.


133. Whittier--Portage. 6 Photographs.

134. Anchorage-Seward Area, Route 3. 5 Photographs.

135. Seward-Anchorage Area, Route 3. 5 Photographs.


137. Kenai River Highway. 10 Photographs.

138. Alaska Road Commission personal, individual and group portraits. ca. 1950-1959. 35 photographs.

139. The numbers marked with an X are oversize Photographs and are located in PCA Oversize.

139-1 Glen E. Edgerton, Engineer officer, Alaska Road Commission, 1911-1915 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

139-2 Major Layson E. Atkins. Engineer officer, Alaska Road Commission, 1930-1932 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

139-3X Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer, Alaska Road Commission, 1932-1950 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

139-4X Wilds P. Richardson, President, Alaska Road Commission, 1905-1917 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

139-5X James G. Steese, President, Alaska Road Commission, 1920-1927 [left profile, 112 length portrait].

139-6X Malcolm Elliott, President, Alaska Road Commission, 1927-1932 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA061.pdf
139-7X  John R. Noyes. Commissioner of Roads for Alaska, 1948-1951 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

139-8X  Angelo F. Ghiglione, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska, 1951-Sept. 26, 1956 [full face, head and shoulders portrait].

140.  Haines Highway and miscellaneous highway scenes. Includes: Steese Highway, Glenn Highway, Taylor Highway, Haines Cutoff, Tok Cutoff, Anchor River Bridge, ice-fencing, others. 100, 35mm slides, inventory in container. Includes aerial photographs of Turnagain Arm --Rainbow Station, Falls Creek, Indian, Seward Highway, and the Alaska Railroad.

141. &142.  Unprocessed

143.  Unprocessed and unidentified negatives

144.  Alaska Highway.  270 photos.  Album was acquired with no provenance from a donor in Wyoming. Many of the photos were processed by Kay Studio, Laramie, Wyo. The album type is consistent with the other albums in this collection.


Four photos pasted into the last page appear to be a military camp in a tropical area during the same era.

145.  Division File No.7597 to No. 7913
Route: Taku River and Proposed Taku River Highway

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES
Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Envelope
6 negatives (3 ½ x 6): 14-286, 14- 288, 14-290, 14-291, 14-293, 14-294