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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Walter Phillips grew up in Valdez, his parents arriving there in 1908. In 1915 they moved to Old Iliamna and returned to Valdez in 1923. He worked for the Signal Corps, the Alaska Road Commission and later as a telephone lineman on the Valdez Trail (now part of the Richardson Highway).

In June of 1984, Walter Phillips completed "The Roadhouses of the Richardson Highway, the first quarter century, 1898 to 1923," which he researched under an Alaska Historical Commission grant (Historical Collections, TX909.P53). Mr. Phillips retired to Palmer, Alaska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The images depict Fairbanks and surrounding area; individuals, businesses, the Agricultural Experiment Station, floods; agriculture; schools and school children, 4th of July (1916), parades and other community activities, 1911-1918. Some views came from the Margaret Kennan Harrais Estates. Mrs. Harrais was the Superintendent of Schools in Fairbanks from 1916-1918 and wrote the unpublished manuscript, Alaska Periscope (Historical Collections, F909.H36).

INVENTORY

1  Fairbanks [residential area; hills beyond]. #68
2  Fairbanks, Alaska, Sept. 15, 1913; postcard of houses; church with spire, center].
3  Fairbanks, August, 1917 [houses, church, other large buildings]. #69
4  [Fairbanks houses, foreground; business buildings, beyond.]
5  Masonic Temple, Fairbanks, Alaska [businesses along street]. Cann photo
6  Fairbanks, Alaska [dock area, with riverboats, center, background]. #1463
7  Fairbanks, 1918 [two men on sidewalk near N.C. Co. building; "Post office" sign on building].
8  Catholic Church, Fairbanks [exterior view]. #67
9  Fairbanks [log building housing the Fairbanks Public Library].
10 Cottage and Public Library, Fairbanks, Alaska [exterior view, two-buildings; Aug. 15, 1917]. #65
11 Fairbanks, May, 1918 [exterior of two story school; flag flying above belfrey]. #109
12 [Exterior of three story building, Fairbanks.]
13 Fairbanks, May, 1918 [Liberty Bond announcement in window of store; man on sidewalk].
14 Fairbanks Sunset [sun reflected in river lined with boats]. #66
15  Noon, 21st of December, 1918, Fairbanks [sun near horizon; heavy snow on buildings].

16  Sunset on the Chena, Fairbanks [sun reflected in water].

17  The Break-up [ice floes in river; buildings beyond].

18  Fairbanks, Alaska, May 8, 1911 [flooding waters with some ice; flooded buildings beyond].

19  Fairbanks, Alaska, May 8, 1911 [waters flooding Cushman Street],

20  [Waters flooding street and houses. Fairbanks (?).]

21  Fairbanks, April 14, 1918 [rushing water, foreground; businesses, beyond].

22  Toward Ester Dome, Fairbanks, April 14, 1918 [flooding river; buildings, left].

23-25 The Break-up, Fairbanks, 1917 [similar views of ice choked river flowing under bridge].

26  [Exterior of log house; drifted snow.]

27  "Howie Home," 9th and Cushman; old wooden schoolhouse behind; May, 1918. [Fairbanks].

28  A Fairbanks residence [exterior view; fence in front].

29  [Display of banded grains - a government farm exhibit, Fairbanks.]

30  [Display of vegetables; U.S. flags above display.]

31  Meridian Hill Farm [exhibit of grains and vegetables].

32  Wheat Shocks, Rickerts Farm, Fairbanks, Alaska. Cann. Photo

33  [Toddler, dressed in baseball uniform, in street; man and stores, beyond.]

34  [Children on slide next to school; Fairbanks.]

35  The "L.T.L." at Fairbanks [young children on steps of Presbyterian Church; one boy waving U.S. flag].

36  [Children holding large U.S. flag and several "Disarm" and "Peace" signs.]

37  Uncle Sam's most patriotic school, Fairbanks, Alaska [large group of children on steps of school (?) building; numerous signs and flags held by students].

38  July 4, 1912, Fairbanks, Alaska [horse-drawn float carrying children holding U.S. flags].

39  Fairbanks, Alaska, July 4, 1916 [people on either side of street; bleachers, left]. #1464
40 Fairbanks, July 4, 1916 [blurry image of crowd on street; bleachers, left]. #1467
41 Auto parade at Fairbanks [people watching parade of autos]. #1465
42 Watching the races July 4 at Fairbanks [bleachers and street field with people]. #1466
43 Fairbanks [people in heavy coats on snowy street; "Pioneers of Alaska" float in view, right].
44 Fairbanks [people on sidewalk watching foot race(?)].
45 [Man with large U.S. flag leading a group of people; people on sidewalk; Fairbanks.]
46 Labor Day, Fairbanks [people in bleachers watching parade of cars]. #73
47 Fairbanks [children seated on sidewalk looking into camera].
48 Fairbanks [people on sidewalk including 2 young women wearing white fur stoles and muffs].
49 Miners supplies [similar views of horse drawn sleighs heavily loaded; on city street].
50 [Heavy snow on Fairbanks street.]
51 [Children playing on slides and swings; snow on ground. Fairbanks.]
52 Miss Margaret Kennan [Harrais] and 5 volunteers for W.W.I; May 26, 1918, Fairbanks, Alaska [Kennan and 5 men; flag with five stars displayed].
53 [Cornerstone ceremony; probably at College, Alaska. 1915]
54 Gov't Ag. Station [Government Agricultural Station], Fairbanks, Alaska [exterior view]. #1468
55 Fairbanks [theater stage with players on stage].