McCreary, Glen I.

Glen McCreary Photograph Album, ca. 1941-1945

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67 images (1 album)  Processed by: Laura Wood
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Glen McCreary was inducted into the army on February 2, 1941, from a National Guard unit in Kelso, Wisconsin. He served as sergeant in a Coast Artillery unit in Seward, Alaska from June, 1941 until October, 1943 at which time he transferred to the U.S. Signal Corps lab in Anchorage. There he became acquainted with two other Signal Corps photographers, George Noland and Michael Strong.

George Noland had arrived in Alaska in 1942 from Minnesota and became the official army photographer for the construction of the Alcan (Alaska) Highway. Michael Strong was from Juneau. The images in this album are a compilation of the three photographers’ work.

George Noland transferred from Anchorage to Attu and Glen McCreary went to Nome (July 1944). It is not known where Michael Strong was stationed after Anchorage. In March, 1945, McCreary was assigned to photograph the United Nations Conference on International Organization at the Presidio in San Francisco and stayed from April 25 to June 26, 1945.

George Noland and Glen McCreary eventually returned to Minnesota and opened a photography studio until Noland re-enlisted in the army. At that point, McCreary became the sole owner until September, 1965, when he and his family returned to California.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The album contains 67, mounted, black and white images (7 ¼” x approximately 9 ½”) taken by Glen McCreary, George Noland, and Michael Strong from 1941 to1945 while serving as U.S. Signal Corps photographers in Alaska. The images depict Seward, Fairbanks, Mt. McKinley Hotel, the Alcan (Alaska) Highway, the Yukon River, boats, birds, wildlife and Alaska scenes. Some of the photographs were captioned by the photographers. Other information about the photos was transcribed from Post-It notes McCreary placed in the album. The nature pictures were taken by Michael Strong. No negatives were donated with the collection.

INVENTORY

1 Team of huskies.
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3 Seward [Alaska].
4 Seward, Alaska. [G. McCreary.]
5 Seward. Winter, 1942. [G. McCreary.]
6 Dock at Seward.
7 Alaskan roadhouse.
8 Merritt Lake – Anchorage. [G. McCreary.]
9 Chena River – Catholic church and hospital. Fairbanks. [G. McCreary.]
10 Bering Sea. [sailboat at sunset]
12 Cow moose. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong.]
13 Ermine. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong.]
14 Ptarmigan. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong.]
15 [Magpies (?) ca. 1940’s. M. Strong.]
16 Snowplow, Alaska R.R.
17 Near Seward. [Person walking along snow-covered road beside lake; mountain in background.]
18 Alcan Highway. [G. Noland.]
19 [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
20 [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
21 [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
22 [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
23 [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
24 [Lake; cabins on opposite shore.]
25  [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
26  [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
27  [“Allen’s Lookout” beside Llard River. Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
28  [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
29  [Alcan Highway. G. Noland.]
30  Peace River Bridge. Alcan Hwy. [G. Noland.]
31  Native hut.
32  Indian burial houses.
33  Alcan Hwy.
34  [Looking across river to low mountains in distance.]
35  [Unpaved road. Alcan?]
36  Yukon River. [Nenana, U.S. Mail steamer]
37  [Dan, ugboat (?) ushing oil (?) drums.]
38  [Idler (paddle-wheel boat), alongside raft of oil drums.]
39  [River scene with boats and oil drums.]
40  [River boats, oil-drum raft.]
41  [The Idler and oil drums in river.]
42  [Klondike steamer anchored along shore of river.]
43  [Nenana U.S. Mail steamer docked; men on dock with loading crane.]
44  [Nenana and tugboat, man standing on oil-drum raft.]
45  [Nenana; man standing on oil-drum raft.]
46  [Man standing on oil-drum raft being pushed by boat.]
Mendenhall Glacier.

Adult beaver. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Twin seals. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Alaska salmon. [Man emptying large net of salmon.]

Seals on Pribilof Islands. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Kodiak bear. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Fox pelts. [Man and woman standing beside two rows of fox pelts, house behind.]

Active volcano.

Portage Glacier.

Auk Lake and Mendenhall Glacier.

On the glacier. [Man climbing down ice with walking stick.]

Woodpecker. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

A couple of kids. [Two mountain goats on the side of a mountain.]

Ptarmigan in winter. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Cross fox. [ca. 1940’s. M. Strong?]

Mt. McKinley Hotel. 1944. [G. McCreary.]

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[Moose antlers and skulls, anthropomorphomic figures and faces fashioned from tree trunks, arranged in front of chain-link fence (kennel]