Betz, Clinton H.

Clinton H. Betz Photograph Collection, 1937-1968

PCA 448

78 negatives & scans Processed by: Gladi Kulp, April 2004
331 b&w prints Processed by: Jacki Swearingen, Dec. 2015
~150 original negatives

ACQUISITION: 78 negatives were donated by Clinton H. Betz of Seattle in 2003. Acc. #2003-058. An addition of 331 b&w 8x10 prints and approximately 150 original negatives was transferred from the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections October 31, 2013. Acc. #2013-051.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing; scans from negatives may be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: The initial donation of 78 negatives was scanned, numbered and housed in mylar. Descriptions were taken from donor-labeled negative envelopes. The additional donation of 8x10 b&w prints was arranged by year and month. The prints were numbered and their descriptions were added to the inventory. Descriptions were taken from information written on the back of the print. The prints were placed in acid free folders. The negatives donated with the prints have been placed in the freezer.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Clinton H. Betz spent about two years in Anchorage, 1943-1944, working as a cryptographer for the Alaska Communications System. Mr. Betz had a lifelong interest in the maritime field, photographing ships along the Pacific Coast. He took many photographs while working for the Alaska Communications System and while on trips on the SS Aleutian in Southeast Alaska and on the SS Denali sailing to Anchorage.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The photographs were taken by Clinton Betz during his time in Alaska, 1943-1944. Images include buildings in Anchorage, railroad engines and stations, canneries, fishing boats, Alaska Railroad scenes and equipment, and photos taken during a trip from Anchorage to Seward - includes Matanuska Valley and Glacier, Kenai Peninsula, Portage Glacier, Spencer Glacier, Bartlett Glacier, Turnagain Arm, Palmer Highway and bridge, Girdwood, Pioneer Peak, Kenai Lake, Mt. Susitna, Cook Inlet and Knik Arm.

The 8x10 b&w prints were taken by Mr. Betz during the following time spent in Alaska and Canada:

- Alaska trip, July 1937, Southeastern, SS Aleutian
- Alaska, 1943 & 1944, ACS[Alaska Communications System], Alaska Duty
- Alaska trip, 1954. June 4-June 16 to Anchorage and return, SS Denali,
- Northern British Columbia trip, June 1955, SS Camosun.

INVENTORY

Negatives were scanned and numbered. Descriptions written by donor on negative envelopes are listed below. Numbers in parentheses are donor's numbers, i.e., (no. 2). The negatives have been placed in the negative file cabinet in the cooler room.

Folder 1: #1-78

2. Doorway, Providence Hospital, Anchorage, "L" St., Sept. 1943.
3. Providence Hospital, Anchorage, June 1943.
4. Providence Hospital, "L" Dr., Anchorage, June 1944.
5. Anchorage from Ship Creek flats, Jan. 1944.
6. Anchorage, Ship Creek, June 1944.
9. Anchorage, Alaska, railroad station, June 1944.
10. Fifth Ave., Anchorage, from "L" St. - East, Feb. 1943.
12. Anchorage, sunset Knik Arm, June 1944.
15. Anchorage, Parsons Hotel, June 1943.
18. Anchorage, Bayside residential area, June 1944.
27. Anchorage canneries & flats, June 1943.
29. Emards Cannery & fishing boats, June 1943.
30. Anchorage - canneries, June 1944.
31. Emards Cannery, Anchorage, June 1944.
32. Engines - 600 class (610 & 605), Alaska Railroad. Steamer train leaving Anchorage for Alaska Steamship at Seward, 1943 (no. 3).
33. Engine - 901, Alaska Railroad. Train to Seward, July 1943 (no. 1).
34. Engine - 901, Alaska Railroad. Tuesday, once a week train to Fairbanks, July 1943 (no. 4).
35. Engine - 901, Alaska Railroad. Train to Seward, July 1943 (no. 2).
37. Alaska Railroad near tunnel, July 1943.
40. Loop District tressle [trestle], Alaska R.R., July 1943.
43. Loop District, Alaska R.R., July 1943.
44. Loop District, Bartlett Glacier, July 1943.
46. Loop District, Alaska R.R., July 1943.
49. Near Portage Station and Portage Glacier, July 1943.
50. Portage Flats near Spencer, June 1943.
55. Bartlett Glacier, July 1943.
57. Turnagain Arm, July 1943.
62. Girdwood, June 1944.
64. Palmer R.R. Station, Oct. 1943.
65. Matanuska Valley Farm, Pioneer, from Bodenburg Butte, Oct. 1943.
68. Turnagain Arm, July 1943.
70. Seward, Alaska, Main St., July 1943.
71. Kenai Lake, July 1943.
72. Kenai Lake, July 1943.
73. Pioneer Peak and Matanuska Valley farm from Bodenburg Butte, Oct. 1943.
75. Matanuska Valley Farm, Oct. 1943.
77. Matanuska Valley farm, Oct. 1943.
78. Matanuska Valley farm, Oct. 1943.

Addition: 8x10 b&w photographs (#79-409) - Acc. # 2013-051

Folder 2: #79-123

Alaska Trip, July 1937, Southeastern, SS Aleutian
79. Hunter Island Light – Fitzhugh Sound & Lama Passage. July 1937. CPR
   Princess Charlotte astern.
80. Approaching Ketchikan, July 1937.
82. Ward Cove cannery near Ketchikan, July 1937.
83. Devil’s Thumb, Frederick Sound No. of Petersburg, July 1937.
84. Princess Charlotte in Taku Inlet, July 1937.
85. Taku Glacier, July 1937.
86. Taku Glacier, July 1937 [Aleutian].
88. Taku Inlet, July 1937.
89. C. Betz – aboard SS Aleutian at Taku Harbor, July 1937.
91. In Taku Inlet, July 1937.

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92. Chilkoot Barracks near Haines, Alaska. 5am., July 1937.
94. *Aleutian and Princess Charlotte* at Skagway, July 1937.
95. *Aleutian and Princess Charlotte* at Skagway, July 1937.
98. White Pass and Yukon Route – Bennett excursion train at Skagway, July 1937.
100. Pullen House Hotel – Skagway, July 1937.
102. Davidson Glacier – Chilkat Inlet south of Haines, July 1937.
103. Davidson Glacier – Chilkat Inlet, July 1937.
104. Tenakee cannery and village, July 1937.
107. C. Betz aboard SS *Aleutian* at Sitka, July 1937.
110. Dome of St Michael’s Cathedral Sitka, July 1937.
111. St Michael’s Cathedral rear view Sitka, July 1937.
112. *Aleutian* at old dock Sitka, July 1937.
113. Sitka from steamer deck, July 1937.
119. SS *Mount McKinley* in Queen Charlotte Strait BC, July 1937.
120. *Princess Alice* C.P.R. in Queen Charlotte Sound, July 1937.
122. Alert Bay B.C., July 1937.
123. Lynn Canal, July 1937.

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128. [SS *Yukon*].
130. Aug 1937 late passengers being loaded on *Yukon*.

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133. Aug 1937 Alaskan Sunset near Wrangell.


Folder 4: #136-229

Alaska 1943 & 1944, ACS[Alaska Communication System], Alaska Duty


139. Anchorage – Looking East on 4th Ave. from “L” Street. Feb 1943. [Columbia Lumber Company of Alaska, Inlet Hotel]


141. Anchorage – City Hall & Fire Station from steps of Federal Bldg. -16° degrees. Feb 1943. [The Gitchell]

142. Anchorage. Feb 1943. [Similar to PCA 448-138]

143. Anchorage Mt Susitna – Cook Inlet from the end of 4th Ave. June 1943.

144. Anchorage City Cemetery. Indian graves. June 1943. [Doris Nicolia]


146. Anchorage – Emards Cannery (Alaska Railroad Hospital to the right). June 1943. [Plover of Bellingham, Emard No. 50, Emard No. 55]

147. Anchorage Emards Cannery. June 1943. [Henry J, Giant H]


149. Anchorage – Providence Hospital “L” St. June 1943.


151. ARR. Between Spencer Glacier and Portage Station (Moraine). June 1943.


154. Anchorage RR Station, Canneries, Knik Arm. Sept 1943.

155. Anchorage (From Bayer residence looking across Cook Inlet). Sept 1943.

156. Matanuska Valley Farm (Knik Glacier in background). Oct 1943.


164. Knik Glacier, Matanuska Valley. October 1943.
167. Anchorage “L” St from Bayer Residence (Inlet Hotel left background). Oct 1943.
171. Anchorage Looking north from 5th and “L” St. Oct 1943.
180. Bartlett Glacier July 1943 [Track automobile on railroad tracks with four passengers].
181. Bartlett Glacier (from look out point) July 1943.
182. Bartlett Glacier July 1943.
183. Loop District ARR July 1943 [Track automobile on railroad tracks with three passengers].
184. Loop District Alaska Railroad, July 1943.
185. Loop District Alaska Railroad, July 1943.
186. Potter Station ARR, July 1943.
188. Anchorage-Federal Bldg., July 1943 [The Gitchell].
189. Alaska RR - #901 with weekly Fairbanks Train 2:30 pm on Tuesdays, July 1943.
193. Spencer Glacier, July 1943.
194. Portage Flats near Spencer Glacier, July 1943.
195. A.R.R. West of Portage Station (Portage Glacier in background), July 1943.
196. Spencer Glacier ARR, July 1943.
197. Turnagain Arm, July 1943.
199. ARR Looking toward head of Turnagain Arm, July 1943.
201. ARR Trail Glacier south of Divide Summit toward Seward, July 1943.
203. Along Kenai Lake, July 1943.
206. Anchorage from RR Station looking toward canneries & Knik Arm, July 1943.
207. Turnagain Arm near Bird Sta., July 1943.
208. Turnagain Arm – ARR., July 1943.
209. Anchorage – Fairbanks train every Tuesday 2:30PM. (Engine #901.), July 1943.
210. Anchorage – (From Ship Creek Flats – Bldg. right of center Elks Club. Far right Parsons Hotel, January 1944. [Boat Gypsy].
214. Girdwood – Ghost Town, June 1944. [Post Office-Restaurant].
217. Alaska RR Station – Anchorage, June 1944.
218. Providence Hospital “L” St & 9th Ave Anchorage, June 1944.
219. Girdwood – Ghost Town, June 1944.
220. Girdwood Station (Waiting for the train), June 1944.
222. Anchorage Hawthorne Residence 5th Ave and East “D” St (NE corner), June 1944. Home Jan to Aug, 1944.
223. Anchorage – Cemetery (Hawthorne Residence, center) 6th & East D. June 1944.
224. Anchorage – Ship Creek flats 11pm., June 1944.
225. Anchorage Bayside Residential Area West of “L” St., June 1944.
227. ARR Switch equipment, July 1944.
228. Alaska Railroad, July 1944.
229. Seward train at Anchorage, July 1944 [Engine #901].

Folder 5: #230-330
Alaska trip, 1954. SS Denali, June 4-June 16 to Anchorage and return [Washington].
237. *SS Coquitlam* (Union SS Co. of B.C.) Queen Charlotte Sound (Strait) June 1954.
279. Cape Resurrection, showing the Bear Glacier. June 1954.
283. Johnstone Bay – Kenai Penninsula. Area to right is where the SS Yukon was wrecked. June 1954.
299. Cape St. Elias (Kayak Island) June 1954.
312. Mendenhall Glacier (from the bridge) June 1954.

Folder 6: #331–408
Trip SS Camosun June 1955.
341. SS Coquitlam in Queen Charlotte Straits. June 1955.
344. SS Camosun loading Butedale B.C. June 1955.
345. SS Camosun at Butedale B.C. June 1955.
353. Site of Anyox BC to right ship entering Alice Arm off Observatory Inlet. June 1955.
359. June 1955 Stewart B.C.
396. Turning into Devastation Channel from Verney Passage (Gardiner Canal entrance). June 1955.
398. Ursula Channel (on way to Kitimat). June 1955.
408. CPR *SS Princess Louise* in Seymour Straits (northbound to Steward BC on SS *Camosun*) June 23, 1955.

**Folder 7: #409**