Guide to Collection

King Family
Liebing Family

King & Liebing Family Photographs, 1918 - 1971

PCA 478

Extent: .5 cubic ft.
1 box: 14 folders
2 photo albums, 10 folders of loose photographs

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ACQUISITION: Collection was donated by Ruth Marchetti. Acc# 2015-018

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the folder level. Original order maintained. Individual photo prints were placed in Mylar, and all items placed into pH-neutral folders.
BIO or HISTORICAL NOTE

Photo collection of the King and Liebing families. See inventory notes below for further information.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Family photograph collection documents the Alaskan activities of the King and the Liebing families. Locations include Craig, Knik, Wasilla, Susitna Valley, King Lake, Independence Mine/Hatcher Pass

SUBJECTS

Fishing, Homesteading, Mining, Road Building

INVENTORY

Folder 1  Wasilla, 1940s
Clyde V. Kins with truck from his “block plant” in Wasilla. Valley Concrete Products.
Photos from the Moore School and Moore Lake.
Marion Twin Mining Company Party.

Folder 2  Palmer, 1951 – 1971
Knik Bridge
St. John’s Lutheran Church

Folder 3  Photo album: Independence Mine, Hatcher Pass, Knik
Album originally belonging to Chested Clifron Liebing and his wife, Mary (Vail) of Knik, AK. Mary was from an old homesteading family in the Wasilla area. Chet moved to the Susitna Valley in the mid 1930s.

He lived along the creek (next to the current Knik Goose Bay Road) in Knik, where he opened a dog-sled freight business to the gold miners of the Taltntna Mountains. (Independence, Lucky Shot, Gold Cord, etc.) Most of the pictures are of the Independence Mine / Hatcher Pass Area. Particularly interesting is a photo of a lightning strike.

Folder 4  Photos from Clyde King, Seattle Area and Southeast Alaska
The first pages of this album seem to be from the 1918 or 1919 trip from Seattle to Craig, Alaska, on the fishing vessel Aloha, owned by Clyde.

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Later photos are from the Seattle to Bellingham areas, from 1923-1932. Clyde had various jobs in Washington, ranging from Logging on Vashon Island to working in a furniture factory in Bellingham, to managing an apartment building in Seattle. He owned a 2.5 acre farm on Beacon Hill, Seattle, which he sold in 1932 in order to return to Alaska.

Folder 5  Kings Lake, 1930s
Homesteaded in 1932 by Clyde Vane King. He went to Seattle for his family and arrived in April of 1932, docking at Seward (possibly USS Yukon) and taking the train to Matanuska then the trail to Wasilla by wagon and perhaps their Model A truck.

Man – Clyde Vane King
Wife – Emma Katherine (Corron) King
Daughter – Ara Belle King (Black)
Son – Clyde Vernon King (aka Clyde Jr.)

Also in Pictures:
(Clara) Louise King, Daughter of Kent and Clara King and niece of Clyde Vane.
Benton Elkhorn Black, son of Ara Belle King (both deceased) also his brother Clyde Vernon.
Patric King, Clara King who homesteaded next to Clyde, but gave it up to homestead at Hope, Alaska in 1933.
Elaine Henry, daughter of Elle Black Henry.

Folder 6  Craig, 1918 or 1919
Clyde Vane King and his wife Emma Katherine (Corron) King and children Ara Belle and Clyde Vernon, in fishing vessel Aloha. Kent and Clara (Provolt) King, pregnant with son John aboard the Tomboy, came to Craig, Alaska, from Washington State. After about a year, Clyde gave up fishing and bought the general store. These photos are of their trip and their 3 years in Craig.

On the Tomboy: Kent King
Craig Harbor: The red x marks the Aloha.
Ara Belle King
Maurice and friend and co-worker
In boat – Kent with John in right bow of boat
Clara and Louise King, lady in black dress
Little Girl in coat – possibly Ara Belle King

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Boys in tires – John and Clyde Jr.
Pram – John with Sister, Clara Louise
Lady w/ baby on stump – Clara Louise or June King

Folder 7 Hope
Man – Kent King
Wife – Wlara (Provolt) King
Daughter – Clara Louise King (Sexton)
Son – John Provolt King

Kent, Clara and children gave up their Homestead at Anderson Lake (now Shaw Lake, Mat-Su) in 1933 and homesteaded in Hope. (Clara had severe allergies in the Susitna Valley)

Folder 8 Ready Bullion Mine (Hatcher Pass Area)
Photos probably taken by Clyde Vane King or Ara Belle King Black.

The mine was owned and operated by Ara Belle’s husband Sydney Elkhorn Black (b. 1906 in Council near Nome. His parents had homesteaded Black Lake, now on the Parks Hwy near Wasilla)

Folder 9 Hatcher Pass

Folder 10 Road building, Matanuska District (Alaska Road Commission) 1940s
Photos taken by Clyde Vane King, Alaska Road Commission foreman of Matanuska District.

Various pictures of road building in the Matanuska Valley and the Glenn Highway at Eureka Summit.

Folder 11 Palmer (1935 – 1950)

Folder 12 Photos from the Clyde V. King collection.