Guide to Collection

Ferrell, Ed and Nancy

Ed and Nancy Ferrell Photograph Collection

PCA 505

3 Folders
18 – 8x10 b&w photographs
114 slides
43 negatives
3 Correspondence

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Carroll Edgar “Ed” Ferrell was born March 29, 1929, in Campbell, Missouri, to Helen (nee Holt) and Harry R. Ferrell. Ed's earliest years were happily spent on his grandparent's farm. His mother later married Oscar Little and the family moved to Detroit, Michigan. Ed disliked city life, taking refuge in reading frontier adventures. In 1940, the family settled in Phoenix, Ariz. where Ed thrived; hunting and prospecting in the desert became his favorite pastimes.

After high school, in 1947, Ed embarked on an Alaskan adventure; he and his best friend drove a '33 Ford sedan to Seattle, sold it and booked tickets up the Inside Passage on the steamship Baranof. After a summer of hunting, bottle digging and exploring long abandoned encampments, Ed returned to Arizona. But Alaska's call lured him back to Juneau. In 1954, en route to a poker game, he met Nancy Warren. The two married the next year, becoming parents to twins, Patricia and William in 1966. Ed and Nancy loved Juneau, and with the exception of a couple of years in Utah, to complete Ed's education, made it their home.


In addition to running the genealogical library at the local LDS church, Ed began writing, ultimately publishing six books - most about early life in the North-country. He also honed his skills as a woodworker and enjoyed sharing his knowledge in woodshop classes at University of Alaska Southeast. Ed and Nancy traveled frequently: exploring far-away ports, taking classes and visiting family.

Ed Ferrell died May 5, 2010, in Cornville, Arizona, at the home of his brother, Wayne Little. He was 81.

From the Juneau Empire; Friday, June 11, 2010.

Nancy Warren Ferrell was born Aug. 23, 1932, in Appleton, Wis., to Carolyn (Schael) Burg and Harry Warren. After graduating from high school in Wauwatosa, Wis., she went on to receive a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lawrence College.

Upon her graduation, her mother, Carolyn, who had recently moved to Juneau, sent her an airline ticket to Alaska. Nancy moved to Juneau in the summer of 1954 and found her lifelong home. Soon thereafter, she met C. Edgar Ferrell, and the two were married on March 3, 1955. Nancy and Ed became parents to twins, Patricia and William, in 1966.
Nancy’s greatest satisfaction came from writing. She published nine nonfiction books for young readers and four nonfiction books for adults. Her last book, White Water Skippers of the North, was published shortly before she died.

In addition, she had published numerous articles and stories in a variety of magazines and periodicals. She received many local, state and national honors for both her writing and her efforts to foster literacy. She also was extensively involved in reviewing books and acted as an editor for several publications.

Professionally, Nancy practiced psychology in Juneau and then in Provo, Utah, while Ed obtained his college degree. She taught children at the BIA hospital in Mount Edgecumbe, volunteered at the Capital School Library and worked at the Juneau public library. She also volunteered for many years putting together the newsletter for the Friends of Juneau Libraries.

She loved fishing, Alaska and exploring the world. She traveled every chance she could, journeying to Europe five times (including to Russia and Turkey), twice to Australia and New Zealand and most recently to the Galapagos Islands.

Nancy Warren Ferrell died April 10, 2009, at her home in Juneau. She was 76.
*From the Juneau Empire; Wednesday, April 15, 2009.*

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

**Accession 2000-57**
The 22 color slides concern the Mt. Edgecumbe Airlift of 1961 – 1962. A note provides the following comment: “Students from all over Alaska arriving by airplane, 1961.” The slides were numbered consecutively.

**Accession 2006-02**
These Ed Ferrell photographs are a collection of photographs, negatives, and slides that include images taken of the Chilkoot Trail; Fantail Trail to Atlin, B.C.; Forty Mile, Yukon River; Art Skinner’s Gun Shop; Livengood, Alaska; several negatives of the Alaska Statehood speech in Juneau; remains of steamboat Casca on Lake LaBarge; and some images of a tea chest with Tlingit dance blanket inside. There is one negative of downtown Juneau waterfront and AJ Mill by Amos Berg. The photographs were taken during the 1960s and 1970s. Seventy five slides of various regions of Alaska in the 1950s and 1960s were added to this accession on July 6, 2007.
SUBJECTS

Chilkoot Trail; Fantail Trail to Atlin, B.C.; Forty Mile, Yukon River; Art Skinner’s Gun Shop; Livengood, Alaska; Alaska Statehood speech in Juneau; remains of steamboat “Casca” on Lake LaBarge, and some images of Tlingit dance blanket; Mt. Edgecumbe, Airlift; Sitka

INVENTORY

Folder 1 (accession 2000-57)

Mt Edgecumbe Airlift 1961-1962
22 color slides
1-22 Mt Edgecumbe Airlift 1961-1962

Folder 2 (accession 2006-02)

8x10 black and white photographs
1 1964. Don Prow of Juneau holds the section of a canvas portable boat. Hundreds of these boats were cached at the top of the Chilkoot Pass. Possibly the owners found the boats to be ill-suited for the 600-mile water journey to Dawson City. Photo by Ed Ferrell [2 copies]

2 1963. At Stone House, Alaska, the ruins of an aerial tramway built by the Alaska Railroad and Transportation Company hauled freight from Canyon City to the top of the Chilkoot Pass (14 miles) at the rate of 9 tons per hour. Photo by Ed Ferrell.

3 First Camp on Chilkoot Trail

4 Lake Bennett 1970, Ed Ferrell, Graves on Island

5 Lake Bennet Island 1970, Graves, Ed Ferrell

6 40 mile – Yukon River 1961

7 Log Cabin B.C. 1972, Howard Patton


9 1964-65. Interior (showing stove and pail) of a gold rush cabin located on the old town site of Log Cabin, near Lake Bennett, B.C., and 33 miles north of Skagway,
Alaska. At Log Cabin, stampeders turned off to follow the FanTail Trail to the Atlin gold area, about 1900-1910. Photo by Ed Ferrell. [2 copies]

10 1970. Cabin ruins, B.C. Originally a Royal Northwest Mounted Police checking point during the rush, the site developed into a supply point for the Atlin goldfields. (Ed Ferrell shown). Photo by Ed Ferrell.


3 Slides
13-15 Tea Chest & Dance Blanket; Indian Camp, 75 mi. up Taku

43 negatives (not nitrate)

Mt. Edgcumbe Air Lift – Brought kids in – Sitka 1960-61, photographer Ed Ferrell [3 negatives: 2 with plane, one with train]

Art Skinner’s Gun Shop. 1957 ca. Seward just above Front. [2 negatives]

Forty Mile Yukon Terr. RCMP Post. 1962 ca. [10 negatives]

Kaska Steamboat, Lake Labarge [3 negatives]

Taku River [3 negatives]

Statehood Speech 1959 [15 negatives]

Livengood, Alaska, 1960s [6 negatives]

Folder 3 (accession 2006-02 addition)
89 slides of Juneau, Sitka, Fairbanks, Hasselborg’s Cabin, other Alaskan and Canadian places, 1950s and 1960s.
1 Princess Louise in Prince Rupert, B.C. 9/10/55
2 Princess Louise in Prince Rupert on way to states 9/10/55
3 Whitehorse, Yukon. Sept. 17, 1957 [“Klondike” Steamer]
4 Dawson Creek B.C. Sept. 13, 1957 [Mile “0” Alaska Hi-Way sign]
5 Bottle Dump Lake Bennett, B.C.
6 Museum at Prince Rupert, B.C. on way to states. 9/10/55
7 AK Coastal Cabin at Hasselburg LK
8 Hasselburg Nov. 1, 1954
9 Cabin Lake Hasselborg Admiralty Isl.
10 Wreck ’59, Admiralty Isl.
11 Community House Port Chilkoot
12 Joan Robert & Ruth (Scuffy) Rigby, Hawk Inlet, June 4, 1955 – Sat.
13 Totems in Ketchikan on trip down to states 9/10/55
14 Nome
15 Kruzoff 4/62 Barn
16 Kruzoff 4/62
17 Japanese ship at Jamestown Bay
18 Fort Yukon
19 Fort Yukon
20 Ketchikan Harbor on way to states 9/10/55
21 One of main streets in Ketchikan trip to states 9/10/55
22 Skagway Monument [Mollie Walsh bust]
23 Golden North Hotel, Skagway
24 Ferry at Tee Harbor, Haines, Skagway
25 “North Wind” in Hawk Inlet, Sat. June 4, 1955
26 Fishing & hauling boats at Hawk Inlet. Sat. June 4, 1955
27 Cannery boat to haul out sunken fishing boat. Hawk Inlet, Sat. June 4, 1955
28 Livengood [Inn], Tony Radak
29 Livengood
30 Livengood
31 Livengood
32 Endeavor – Trip to Ma[?] Is., Sept. 22, 1957
33 Kotzebue – main drag
34 Kotzebue
35 Chilkoot Trail, Linderman City [Grave of Michael Bernard McKanna of Douglas Island, Alaska]
36 Graves
37 “Discovery” Fbx. [Fairbanks] on Chena
38 Gold dredge Fbx. [Fairbanks]
39 Gold dredge Fbx. [Fairbanks]
40 Fish Camp Fbx. [Fairbanks]
41 U. of A. [University of Anchorage]
42 U. of A. [University of Anchorage] Fire Truck
43 Cache – Fbx [Fairbanks]
44 Airport Fbx [Fairbanks]
Sitka
45 Airlift Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe] 9/59
46 Airlift Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe] 9/59
47 Airlift Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe] 9/59
48 Sitka [Small plane]
49 Pioneer Home Sitka
50 [Sitka Shoreboat or Kruzoff 4/62]
51 Pioneer Statue, Sitka 9/59
52 Mt. Edgecumbe Sitka 1959
53 [Pioneer Home Sitka]
54 2 hangers - Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe]
55 Hospital from runway, Mt. Edgecumbe
56 Girls dorm Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe]
57 Totem Park 9/59
58 Ferry Landing, Sitka, Sitka from truck, Totem Park
59 Pioneer Statue, Sitka 9/59
60 Boys dorm, Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe]
61 Turnaround Sitka, Alaska Coastal
62 Mt. Ed. [Edgecumbe] from Sitka
63 Totem Park 9/59
64 Totem Park 9/59
65 Totem Park 9/59
66 Sheldon Jackson, Sitka 9/59
67 Mt. Edgecumbe [Small plane]
68 Mt. Edgecumbe [Small plane]
69 Sitka Pulp Mill
70 Sitka Pulp Mill
71 Russian Church Sitka
72 Sitka Main St.

Juneau
73 Mt. Roberts from Douglas Island, A. J. Mill, August 1954
74 Totem pole next to library, Juneau, Aug. 1955
75 Mendenhall Glacier, August 1954
76 Mendenhall Glacier, August 1954
77 [Outside of Hillcrest Apts., looking down Gold Street, Juneau]
78 Gov in parade
80 Mt. Roberts from Douglas Island, 1954
81 Juneau Alaska Coastal Aug. 1954
82 Juneau from Mt. Roberts, August 1954
83 Juneau [Douglas] Bridge
84 Parade [Man on horse]
85 Mendenhall Glacier, August 1954
86 Juneau
87 Juneau [Douglas] Bridge
89 Outside of Hillcrest Apts., looking down Gold Street, Juneau

*Safety Film Negative*
Hasselborg’s Cabin Ca. 1950-1960

*b/w print*
Juneau, Aug. 1947 [Alaska Coastal Airlines building]

*Correspondence*
Card to Nancy from Bob DeArmond, 1/25/03
Letter to Nancy from Bob DeArmond, May 6, 2003 (2 pages)
Letter to Nancy and Ed from Bob DeArmond, July 4, 2003 (5 pages)