Guide to Collection

Alaska WWII Photograph Albums, ca. 1940s

PCA 510

2 photograph albums
257 images

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ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Keith Routley, Park Ranger, Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, Seattle Unit to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections September 2005 and is accessioned as 2005-10.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

COPYRIGHT: Request for permission to publish or reproduce material from the collection should be discussed with the Librarian. Photocopying does not constitute permission to publish.

PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the album level. The albums have been placed into a pH-neutral box.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

This collection was donated to the Alaska State Museum by Keith Routley, Park Ranger, Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, Seattle Unit. The State Museum then transferred it to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections. There is a note saying that the original donors were Gil and Barbara Frenette of Coquitlam, B.C. They donated the two albums to the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. There is another note in the albums: “Florence Blanchard - That was her name when she first moved up to Alaska. She married a “bush pilot.” He crashed somewhere in Alaska. Initial “N”:” It is possible that these albums belonged to Florence.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains two photograph albums with 257 black and white images. The images are circa WWII in Alaska. They primarily depict the life and work of military personnel. The images are of scenery, villages, aircrafts, and people, and were taken from all around the state of Alaska. The photographer/collector is unknown.

SUBJECTS


INVENTORY

Album 1 120 images – All Unidentified

Westward [Hotel, Anchorage], Military, Military planes, biplanes, Wasilla Public Library, Alaska Star Airlines, Northern Commercial Co., skiing, ice hockey, Bush pilots, Florence Blanchard – “N”

1 loose 8x10 scenic, ca. 1940s

Album 2 137 images – All Unidentified

Military, Military planes, Juneau, Mendenhall glacier, Sitka, Skagway, Seward, Gulkana, Fairbanks, Nome, Kotzebue, Unidentified aerial views ca. 1940s