Guide to Collection

Martin, D. Joan (Greany)

Joan Martin, Photographs and Papers, 1938-1953, (bulk 1951-1953)

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Articles and reports

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

From an account written by D. Joan (Greany) Martin on August 4, 2002

During 1948-50, I was in Mannheim, Germany, as a Dependent School Detachment teacher, an exceptionally mind-opening and emotionally charged two years. Returning to Detroit in 1950, I had taught again for nearly a year when Irene (J. Malcolm Greany’s wife) came with her two small sons, Michael and Dennis, to visit her parents and ours. (She and Malcolm had lived in Juneau since shortly after their marriage in 1938.) When the time came for Irene and the boys to return home, I went with them.

Years earlier Mal [Malcolm Greany] had worked in the laundry of the Hospital of St. Ann; Irene had her stint there as well. So it was in near family tradition that I begin there, too. At first, I worked with the Indian women “doing” sheets, then came ironing and a promotion to the various pieces of the nuns’ habits and items of Father Robert Whelan’s wardrobe. When, one day, I was asked if I would be interested in working in the children’s ward, the answer was an emphatic “yes”!

I would arrive in the early evening in time to collect the children’s dinner trays and send them below via a primitive dumb waiter. I helped restore order, cleaned bedside tables and floors, emptied the trash, and made a raid on the comic books strewn by the hundreds on a dolly in the hallway. Although whatever I did was wholly distinct from child care, I was none-the-less continually becoming more acquainted with the children.

One day I overheard the head nurse, Mrs. McGowan, mention to a doctor that the Juneau School would be sending a teacher “over again” for the coming school year. Armed with credentials, I headed for the office of Mr. Sears, then Superintendent of Schools, to apply for the job. Thus, I returned to the children as their teacher. I taught them through the school year, 1951-52; then, as an Alaska Department of Health employee, remained through the summer as their occupational therapist. It was serendipitous fun for Malcolm and me when, at the request of the ADH, he came to photograph the school and therapy program in the Chronic Disease Ward.

For the first year or so of this time, I lived with my brother and his family up on Evergreen, between Reynolds and Bergens, with Shattucks and Ann Coleman nearby. Malcolm had literally dug into the mountainside to build a small room for me off the Greany kitchen. When my room was needed for a nursery (Ronald was arriving), I moved to 423 Harris Street, when I remained until I returned to Germany in 1954.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The color slides in the first folder of this collection are attributed to both “djm” (D. Joan Martin) and to “JMG” (J. Malcolm Greany); in addition, some photographs may be by Anthony Thomas, possibly those stamped with the label Alaska Color Slides, Box 711, Juneau, Alaska. The photographs in the third folder, showing the therapy program in the Children’s Disease Ward of
the Hospital of St. Ann, Juneau, are all by J. Malcolm Greany. Joan Martin’s notes, accompanying the photographs, describe the images and identify the children and staff. The bulk of the photographs in this collection are from the years Joan Martin was in Juneau, 1951-1953; however, the photographs attributed to J. Malcolm Greany go back as far as 1938.

**INVENTORY**

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**Folder 1, Photographs: color slides**

1. [Waterfront pier and boats] Kodiak, ca. 1945, JMG
2. [Dock, buildings, and boats] Kodiak, ca. 1945, JMG
3. Father Hubbard [in a skiff], Tracy Arm, ca. 1938? JMG
4. Lodge at St. Therese, Catholic Daughters “campout,” ca. 1953, djm
5. Shrine Island, ca. 1950, JMG
6. Shrine [of St. Therese], 1953, djm
7. Shrine Island, 1953, djm
8. Shrine [of St. Therese], djm
10. Shrine [of St. Therese] causeway, 1953, djm
11. Shrine [of St. Therese] chapel, 1953, djm
12. Juneau Dairy corner, ca. 1951, djm
13. Eagle River [Juneau], JMG
14. Eagle River near Juneau, JMG
15. Douglas, Treadwell Mine, 12/51
17. Wrecked and beached near Juneau, ca. 1951, djm
[Woman] hiking the old trestle near Juneau, ca. 1950, djm
Small boat harbor ramp, Juneau, 195, djm
Pussy willow, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Geum (Old Man’s Whiskers), Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Wild geranium, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Tall fireweed, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Black pea [flowers], Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Wild flowers, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Water lilies, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Iris, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Dandelion, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Lupine, July 1951, djm
Sitka spruce, ca. 1951, djm
Skunk cabbage, 6-1-52, djm
Buttercups, ca. 1951, djm
Skunk cabbage and J. Malcolm Greany, Montana Creek, photo by Anthony Thomas?
Forget-me-not, 1951, djm
Yarrow, 1951, djm
Cormorant rookery, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Sparrow, S. E. Alaska, March 1941, JMG
Seagulls, S. E. Alaska, March 1941, JMG
Golden eagle nest, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
Holboell’s grebe, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
41 Geum, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
42 Hawk owl, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
43 Oyster catcher, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
44 [Boat] in front of Taku Glacier, ca. 1945, JMG
45 Taku Glacier, ca. 1953, JMG
46 Taku River, 1953, JMG
47 South Sawyer Glacier, Tracy Arm, ca. 1945, JMG
48 By Oliver’s Inlet, JMG
49 Bldg. materials [Salmon Creek Dam?], ca. 1951 or 1953? djm
50 [Gastineau Channel?], ca. 1953, djm
51 Anchorage sunset, ca. 1950, JMG
52 Cook Inlet, ca. 1950, JMG
53 Near Palmer, Glenn Allen, ca. 1950, JMG
54 Glenn Allen Hwy, ca. 1950, JMG
55 Anchorage sunset, ca. 1950, JMG
56 Fur seals, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
57 Sunset Glacier Bay, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
58 Salmon catch, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
59 Giant halibut [on dock scale], Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
60 [Three gulls on the water], JMG
61 Sea lion pups, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
62 Auke Lake Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
63 Auke Bay, ca. 1945-50, JMG
64 Lemon Glacier, 1941, JMG
65 Auke Bay, ca. 1945-50, JMG
66 Auke Lake, ice skating, Mt. McGinnis on left, ca. 1945-50, JMG
67 Auke Lake, ca. 1945-50, JMG?
68 Eklutna Lake, summer 1945, JMG
69 Auke Lake, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
70 Tufted puffin, ca. 1945, JMG
71 Alaska jay, ca. 1945, JMG
72 [Sanak Song Sparrow], Attu, July 23, 1941, JMG
73 ALEUTIAN – Seattle, [J. Malcolm Greany]
74 Alaska jay, ca. 1945, JMG
75 Aerial Inside Passage, djm
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83 Mendenhall Glacier, djm?
84 Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska Color Slides, Juneau, Alaska
85 Mendenhall River, ca. 1945, JMG
86 Mendenhall Glacier, spring 1941, JMG
Windfall Harbor, Admiralty Island, ca. 1938? JMG
Active Aleutian Volcano, ca. 1938? JMG
Devils Paw, Alaska-Canada Line, ca. 1938? JMG
Chena River, Fairbanks, ca. 1950, JMG
Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
[Two people on ice], Portage Glacier, September 1945, JMG
Eklutna Lake, summer 1945, JMG

Folder 2

1. D. Joan (Greany) Martin’s biographical account of how she came to live in Juneau and to work in the Children’s Chronic Disease Ward of St. Ann’s Hospital.

2. Photograph of St. Ann’s Hospital by Leonard Delano, 1936. On the verso is an newspaper article titled, “Chronic Disease Children Display Work at Hospital to Sister’s of St. Ann.”

3. Articles from Alaska’s Health, Volume 9, December, 1951, with photographs by Joan Martin’s brother: J. Malcolm Greany.

“Chronic Disease Unit Works at Health, Hobbies and Books”
“Alaskans Work to Control Communicable Diseases”
“Alaskan Epidemics Took Heavy Toll Before Immunizations Available”

Folder 3

1. Twenty-two black and white photographs of the children and staff of the Children’s Chronic Disease Ward of St. Ann’s Hospital, ca. 1952; photographs by J. Malcolm Greany.

2. Child’s crayon drawing by Mary Gabrieloff.
Folder 4

1. Joan Greany’s report to Juneau Public Schools regarding the Children’s Chronic Disease Ward, St. Ann’s Hospital, Juneau, Alaska; dated May 22, 1952. This report includes the enrollment statistics and lists the accomplishments of the children and the length of their stay. It concludes with “Comments” by Joan Greany, Teacher.

2. 1952 Report on the Occupational Therapy Program in the Children’s Chronic Disease Ward at St. Ann’s Hospital; submitted by J. Greany, August 23, 1952. This report includes lists of activities, a description of “One Friday Afternoon,” and one page of “Suggestions.”