Campbell, Bruce A.
Bruce A. Campbell Alaska Road Commission Collection, 1952-1960 (bulk)
PCA 547

255 35mm color slides
255 Photographic Prints
3 binders of color images and paper documents

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES

From donor’s notes: I was born in Kirkwood N.Y. in 1931 on a small family farm and graduated as a Civil Engineer from Union College in Schenectady N.Y. in 1952. About 10 days after graduation I crawled on a Northwest Airlines Stratocruiser and arrived in
Anchorage in mid-June. I obtained employment with the Alaska Road Commission (ARC) and my first assignment was as a surveyor at the village of Kenai. The ARC had completed the Sterling Highway to Homer with a spur road to Kenai in 1950 and in accordance with its enabling act of 1905 switched its Kenai efforts to constructing "Farm Roads" on the Peninsula in order to enhance economical development in the area.

It was an interesting time in-as-much as is as soon as a Farm Road was cleared; homesteaders staked out their allotment on each side of the cleared area before an actual road was constructed. Our survey crew was tasked with locating various farm roads and staking them for construction. Included in 1952 were the North Kenai Farm road, Miller loop Road, Beaver Creek Loop Road, Small Tracks Road, Robinson Loop Road, Skilak Lake Road, and Homer-Kachamac Bay Road.

Our survey crew was based in the main ARC camp about 112 miles +/- East of the Kenai Airport. The construction superintendent was Ralph Solberg and he and his wife and two daughters lived in the ARC furnished house across the creek from the main camp. Gene Evanoe was the Resident Engineer the boss of the survey crew.

My camera was a CIRO 35mm and I used Kodak film. The film spool came in a plastic can and the spool had a slot that was light-proof out of which the end of the film projected. The spool had an internal shaft with an exterior tab that fit into the camera's wind and rewind wheel. The can came with a cloth bag with a Kodiak mailing tag attached and when you finished the 20 shot film you mailed it to Kodiak and they mailed the mounted transparencies back in a neat little box.

Late in 1952 and in 1953 I was assigned as a project engineer on roads in the Anchorage area until December when I was transferred to the Bridge Design section in Juneau. I was assigned to Cantwell in the spring of 1954 as Project Engineer on Denali Highway Bridge Construction. I wintered in Juneau and summered in Cantwell until late 1956. From 1956 to 1959 I worked in Juneau in the road design section.

--Bruce A. Campbell, November 1, 2011

SCOPE

History of the Alaska Road Commission and related organizations: Alaska Railroad Commission, Bureau of Public Roads, and Department of Transportation, as well as documentation of selected road building projects in Alaska, circa 1952-1970s.

SUBJECTS

Alaska Road Commission
Bureau of Public Roads

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## INVENTORY

### (Album 1) Color prints from slides

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**Folder 1**


| K1 | Kenai airport |
| K2 | New Kenai school |
| K3 | Russian church |
| K4 | Old Russian school |
| K5 | Main Street |
| K6 | Only store in Kenai |
| K7 | Mt. Redoubt and Kenai Village |
| K8 | Laura Savage, camp cook, ARC camp |
| K9 | Kenai Joe’s Bar |
| K10 | Daubenspec cannery |
| K11 | Fish cannery |
| K12 | ARC Kenai camp |
| K13 | ARC main camp, about one mile South of Airport |
| K14 | ARC main camp, about one mile South of Airport |
| K15 | Charlie Lewis’s 1951 Ford station wagon |
| K16 | Kenai Spur Road Mt. Redoubt |
| K17 | Sunset at ARC main camp |
| K18 | North Kenai Road Near Salamatof |
| K19 | ARC Catskinner [tractor] “Junior” Ericson |
| K20 | ARC Catskinner [tractor] Benny Bowers |
| K21 | About mile 7, N. Kenai Rd. |
| K22 | About mile 8 |
| K23 | About mile 10 |
| K24 | 15 mile |
| K25 | Homesteader’s cabin |
| K26 | Homesteader’s cabin |
| K27 | Robinson Farm |
| K28 | Robinson Farm, Robinson Loop Rd. |
| K29 | Homesteader Farm, Sterling Highway |
| K30 | Alcatraz Lake |
| K31 | Covered Bridge |

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K32 Ken Branch
K33 John O. Wiggins, Surveyor
K34 Chuck Raymond, Surveyor, Beaver Loop Rd.
K35 John Donnelly, Surveyor
K36 Kendall Branch, John Donnelly, Surveyors. Sm. Lake, Miller Loop Rd.
K37 Kendall Branch, John Donnelly, Surveyors. Sm. Lake, Miller Loop Rd.
K38 Kendall Branch, Kenai
K39 Gene Evancoe and Coyote, N. Kenai Rd.
K40 Gene Evancoe and Coyote, N. Kenai Rd.

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41-65 Homer, BLM office, Katchamak Bay, Ninilchik, Kenai River, Soldotna, Soldotna Creek, Soldotna camp and crew, Silver Salmon, 1952-1956.

H1 Homer
H2 View from Homer Hill
H3 Home of BLM, Homer
H4 Looking across Katchemak Bay
H5 ARC camp, Homer – intesection of E. End Rd. and Spit Rd.
H6 Ninilchik
H7 Ninilchik
H8 Ninilchik school
H9 Ninilchik
H10 Ninilchik airport on the beach
H11 Original Bridge over Kenai River
H12 Kenai River at Soldotna
H13 Kenai River at Soldotna Creek
H14 Kenai River Soldotna Creek
H15 Alaska Road Commission camp at Soldotna Creek and Kenai River
H16 ARC camp at Soldotna Creek and Kenai R.
H17 Lloyd? Camp cook.
H18 ARC survey crew
H19 Survey crew at Kenai R. camp: Kendall Branch, Gene Evancoe, John Wiggins, John Donnally. Bruce Campbell, photographer.
H20 John Donnally/ Silver salmon
H21 John Donnally at Soldotna camp. Girls-local-names unknown
H22 Kendall Branch, Soldotna camp
H23 Bruce Campbell with Silver at Soldotna camp
H24 Kids fishing at Soldotna Creek
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Folder 2

66-102   Anchorage, 1953: 3rd, 4th, and 5th ave., Alaska Railroad yard, Alaska Native hospital, 4th of July, Pacific NW Airlines, Airport, Girdwood, Matanuska Glacier, Alaska Highway, camp, Contact Creek, AK RR club car, camp at Susitna River, Snowslide Seward Hwy, Ed Gibson and Bruce Campbell, Indian graves at Montana Creek & Norm Smith, Matanuska Glacier, Trapper’s Den near Tazlina Glenn Hwy.

A1  Anchorage, Pomeroy Construction Post Ro & 4th Ave
A2  ARR yards
A3  ALK RR Terminal Bldng
A4  J.H. Pomeroy office & shop, 3rd & 4th Ave
A5  Alaska Native service hospital, just opened
A6  4th Ave looking West from 4th and Gambel
A7  4th Ave, looking W. from about Eagle St.
A8  5th Ave Looking E. from about Barrow St. Sign: La Bow Haines Insurance
A9  5th Ave looking East—dusty!
A10  ARC offices—East end of 4th at Post Rd. Location of State Pre-trial prison in 2011
A11  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
A12  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St. Piggly Wiggly, Sears (all items were ordered from catalogs at this location)
A13  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
A14  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
A15  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.Keith and Clara’s restaurant at Mile 8 on Potter Rd. (now Seward Hwy)
A16  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
A17  Fourth of July parade, 4th Ave near G. St.
A18  Sunset
A19  Airport, Pacific NW Airlines (PNWA)
A20  Airport MK Construction Co. converted
A21  Airport MK Construction Co
A22  Airport PNWA Widgen, goose
A23  Airport PNWA Taking off
A24  Airport. Losts of dust! No pavement yet.
A25  Airport. No pavement yet.
A26  Girdwood. Little Dipper was a favorite watering hole.
A27  Matanuska Glacier, Mile 102, Glenn
A28  Construction camp site, Mile 118, Glenn Hwy, used for 1952 paving and 1953 bridge construction at Caribou Creek and Little Nelchina River
A29  Contact Creek
A30  Alaska RR Commission
A31 ARC camp at Susitna River on Denali Hwy. Camp was portable and was there for foundation drilling at the proposed Susitna River Bridge.

A32 Snow slide, Turnagain Arm, 1953

A33 Ed Gibson, Bruce Campbell, 1948 Ford. Seward Hwy Near Turnagain Pass, Spring, 1953

A34 [Alaska Native Graves], Norm Smith, Montana Creek, Mile 95

A35 Matanuska Glacier, Mile 102 Glenn Hwy

A36 Trapper’s Den, Glenn Hwy, Mile 150?

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Folder 3

103-124 Cantwell, 1954-1957 (bulk 1956)

C1 Jack West, store owner, 1956

C2 Jack West, store owner

C3 Jack West’s store

C4 [Alaska Native] Graves, Valdez Creek, Denali Hwy, & Howard Copeland.

C5 Placer Face, Valdez Creek Mine [opening]

C7 Miner’s cabin, Valdez Creek Mine. Howard Copeland

C8 [Alaska Native] Cabin, Valdez Creek Mine

C9 Cookshack and bunk house, Valdez Creek Mine

C10 Wickersham cabin, Valdez Creek

C11 Howard Copeland. Miners Cabin, Valdez Creek Mine.

C12 John Kimbel—only resident, Valdez Creek Mine.

C13 Kendall Branch, Willie Denisewich—near Cantwell

C14 Susitna River Bridge Road from Paxson about to be connected, 1957

C15 Deep Snow, Denali Hwy

C16 Harry Bowers, Iron Worker, Forman, Susitna Bridge

C17 Susitna Bridge, Denali Hwy

C18 ARR passenger train, “Aurora” in Cantwell, 1954

C19 ARC camp, Cantwell

C20 George Weatheral, Susitna River near Talkeetna

C21 Moose Creek Bridge, Glenn Hwy, Mile 54

125-130 Nome, 1959

N1 Working dredge

N2 Working gold dredge

N3 Nome Main St, looking East

N4 Nome Main St, looking West

N5 Nome harbor
131-146   Sitka, 1954, bulk 1958

S1   Sitka, 1954
S2   Sitka Pioneers Home
S3   Sheldon Jackson Museum, July 1958. Ellen Gurnett McCurdie & Marl McCurdie Campbell
S4   Sheldon Jackson School, 1958
S5   Sitka, 1958. [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy. Photo print duplicate]
S6   Russian cathedral (original), 1958
S7   Russian grave
S8   Sitka Pioneers Home
S9   [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy]
S10  Sitka, Aerial view
S11  [Sawmill Creek Rd./ Sitka Hwy.]
S13  Wrangell, 1960. Waterfront
S14  Ketchikan. Bob Sharp, City Manager & Fred Langsdale, Engineering Consultant
S15  Ketchikan, 1960

147-158   Kodiak

KD1  Pasagshak Point, Kodiak, August, 1956
KD2  Pasagshak Point
KD3  Kodiak, 1956
KD4  Kodiak
KD5  Kodiak naval base dry dock
KD6  Kodiak [islands]
KD7  Kodiak naval air station
KD8  Kodiak [shore]
KD9  Scottish highlander cattle, Kalsin Bay
KD10 Kodiak harbor
KD11 Smokey Stover, Main T. forman, Don Bolton, Bridge engineer

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Folder 4

159-219   Juneau: Statehood parade, July 4th, 1959; City buildings, 1953-1959

J1   Statehood parade, July 4th, 1959, Main St.
J2   Statehood parade, July 4th, Main St.
J3 Statehood parade, July 4th, Main St. Rt. Linda Callahan
J4 [49th State float]
J5 Dee Poss [float]
J6 [Crowd in front of library, now city museum]
J7 [Chilkat robes, traditional Tlingit regalia. Juneau Hotel in background]
J8 [Float and Big Dipper House crest, Auk Kwaan robe.]
J9 Tom Shanley, “Alaska v. Visitors” [float]
J10 “Toast” [float], Juneau Hotel
J11 4-H Club float
J12 [Marching band]
J13 “Old Age Club?” [Float]
J14 [Antique auto]
J15 Bob Haas [with fire truck]
J16 [Military marching band]
J17 Fireman on rt. is John Lowell
J18 [Girl in miner’s hat]
J19 [Military marching band]
J20 Mary Joyce [with sled and dogs]
J21 Governor Egan and Neva Egan [in car]
J22 “Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California” [on horseback: 1]
J23 “Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California” [on horseback: 2]
J24 “Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California” [on horseback: 3]
J25 “Sheriff Posse, Contra Costa, California” [on horseback: 4]
J26 “Education route” [safari hats, brooms]
J27 [Egan car]
J28 [Alaska Office Building]
J29 [City Library, now City Museum]
J30 Auk Bay
J31 From Wings Dings [Juneau shore at night, from Douglas], 1953
J32 Capitol School, 1955
J33 St. Ann’s Hospital, 1955
J34 St. Ann’s Hospital, 6th Ave [Street]
J35 Looking down Willoughby Way [Ave]
J36 Looking up South Franklin St.
J37 [Court building, now State Office Building, Telephone Hill]
J38 Totem by library [Moved to former City Library]
J39 View from our apartment, 1202, in the Mendenhall Apartments [Russian Orthodox church, St. Ann’s]
J40 Airport--Waiting for the arrival of Secretary of Interior Seaton, 1957
J41 Secretary of Interior Seaton’s visit, Juneau Airport, 1957
J42 [Secretary of Interior] Seaton’s visit, Juneau Airport, 1957
J43 Juneau, 1955
J44 Douglas, 1959 [Juneau-Douglas Bridge]
J45  Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
J46  Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
J47  Tramway to Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
J48  Larry Brusech, Salmon Creek Dam, 1959
J49  Bridge design office, ARC, 2nd Floor Foss Building—4th & Harris. Greg Novak, Vern Cusack
J50  Pan American World Airways Stewardess, Mendenhall Glacier, 1955
J51  Mary Joyce’s Top Hat bar in Senate Apt.s, S. Franklin, 1955. Bruce Campbell, Mary Joyce, Vern Cusack
J52  Mendenhall Glacier, August, 1955
J53  Dredging the channel, 1959
J54  Burned Hixson Building, 2nd & Seward, April, 1959 [Downtown]
J55  Mendenhall Glacier, 1959
J57  Princess Louise—Canadian Pacific tour boat, 1958
J58  Princess Louis, approaching Juneau in Gastineau Channel
J59  Pan Am plane crash, April 1959
J60  Pan Am plane crash

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Folder 4, Continued

220-255  Juneau, 1953-1956

J1A  Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts [Winter 1953-4, channel, Douglas]
J2A  Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts, 1953-4, [channel, Douglas]
J3A  Juneau from the Mendenhall Apts, Winter, 1953-4 [channel, Douglas]
J4A  Alaska Steamship, Denali, coming in to Juneau
J6A  Juneau, Winter 1953-4, from 705 Mendenhall Apt.s
J7A  Juneau, Winter 1953-4 [Gastineau, S. Franklin]
J8A  Juneau, winter 1953-4 [harbor]
J10A  Juneau, Jan. 1954 [from bridge]
J11A  Alaska Juneau Gold Mine
J12A  [Mount Juneau]
J13A  Juneau boat harbor from bridge

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J14A Juneau [boat harbor]
J15A Juneau winter [Mt. Juneau in snow]
16A Territorial Capitol, 1953
17A 4th & Harris. White building on red foundation belonged to Mary Joyce
18A Alaska Road Commission (ARC) headquarters. 4th & Harris
19A Forest Service gardens, Auk Bay
J20A Pacific Northern Airlines DC-4
J21A Juneau Cold Storage, Jan. 1956
J22A Juneau Cold Storage fire, Jan. 1956
J23A Fire, Juneau Cold Storage, Jan. 1956
J24A Juneau Cold Storage fire, cutter Storis
J25A Juneau Cold Storage fire, 1956

(Album 2)  Color slides, matches to prints from album 1
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Folder 5
Kenai-Homer (K1-140; H1-H22)

Folder 6
Anchorage-Cantwell (A1-A36; C1-C20)

Folder 7
Cantwell Continued, Nome, Sitka, Kodiak, Juneau (C21; N1-N5; S1-S15; KD1-KD11, J1-J28)

Folder 8
Juneau 1959 4th of July parade, buildings and downtown, including Gastineau Channel (J29-J60; JA1-JA25)

Binder 1
History of Alaska Road Commission: Papers and photos bound by binder ring (from binder).

Binder 2

Box 2 Denali Park

Folder 1 (Binder 1)
Photos taken in McKinley Park by Bruce A. Campbell, ARC resident engineer, 1954-1956. Donated to Denali Park, August 2010.

Binder 2
Commentary to accompany photo donation to Denali Park by W. S. Tilton and Bruce Campbell, August 2010.

Binder 3

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Exhibit D: To accompany the commentary for the photo donation to Denali Park by W. S. Tilton and Bruce A. Campbell, August 2010.