Guide to Collection

Hicks, Chandler LaMartine

Chandler L. Hicks Photograph Collection, ca. 1928-1933

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1 box
6 folders and 1 photo album
386 b&w photographs

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Chandler LaMartine Hicks was born in Brighton, Michigan, on November 17, 1903, to LaMartine Hicks and Alice Skeman Hicks. Hicks passed away on December 24, 1937, in Seattle, Washington.

After high school, Hicks completed several auto mechanic courses before migrated from Michigan to Seattle, Washington, in 1921. Employed by Alaska Southern Airways, Marine Airways, and Alaska Washington Airways, Hicks worked as an airplane mechanic and later as a pilot between 1927 and 1933. Before marrying Louise Grant on May 19, 1934, Hicks was an aviator in the government service with duties in Alaska. His daughter, Judy Louise (Troll) Orlando was born on February 15, 1936. Prior to his death, he owned and operated an auto repair garage in Seattle.

HISTORICAL NOTE

CARL BENJAMIN EIELSON – Born of Norwegian immigrants on July 20, 1897, Carl Benjamin Eielson was raised in Hatton, North Dakota. After being trained as a military pilot in World War I, Eielson spent two years as a barnstormer in the upper Midwest before completing a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of North Dakota. While enrolled at Georgetown Law School, Eielson met Daniel Sutherland, a territorial delegate to the House of Representatives from Alaska. Persuaded by Sutherland to teach secondary school in Alaska, Eielson moved in the fall of 1922. Recognizing the need for aerial transportation, Eielson flew the first airmail flight under government contract between Fairbanks and McGrath. Additionally, alongside Australian explorer Hubert Wilkins, Eielson flew the first airplane across the Arctic Ocean in April 1928, covering 2,200 miles between Point Barrow and Spitsbergen, Norway. Between 1928 and 1929, Eielson and Wilkins made multiple air explorations of the Antarctic, charting several islands which were previously unknown. On November 9, 1929, Eielson died alongside his mechanic, Earl Borland, in an air crash while attempting to evacuate furs and personnel from the Nanuk, a cargo vessel trapped in the ice at the North Cape of Siberia.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

B&W photographs of aircraft, Alaskan geography, boats and ships, towns and cities, and people. Included in the scrapbook are photographs of the recovery efforts related to Carl Ben Eielson’s wrecked aircraft in Siberia. According to the donor, the intent of the photo album was to document a young man’s Alaskan experience and impress his soon-to-be bride, Louise Grant.
Please note the discrepancy in photograph descriptions. Non-bracketed descriptions for each photograph were taken from the information written on the back of each photograph or underneath the photos in the photo album by Chandler Hicks. Misspelled words and grammatical mistakes have been maintained. Bracketed descriptions for each photograph were written by the collection processor.

SUBJECTS

Bristol Bay, Alaska; Cordova, Alaska; Hydaburg, Alaska; Iliamna, Alaska; Icy Bay, Alaska; Juneau, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Klawock, Alaska; Nome, Alaska; Petersburg, Alaska; Resurrection Bay, Alaska; Seattle, Washington; Seward, Alaska; Sitka, Alaska; Skagway, Alaska; Tenakee Springs, Alaska;

Aircraft; Air pilots; Airplanes; Airline industry; Bays (Bodies of water); Glaciers; Hangers; Islands; Mountains; Oceans; People; Piers & wharves; Seaplanes; Ships; Snow; Steamboats; Transportation

INVENTORY

Folder 1: Forms and Biographical Information

1. [Chandler Hicks standing in cockpit of seaplane]

2. Mechanic’s identification card for Chandler Hicks issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautic Branch

3. [Portrait of Chandler Hicks]

Folder 2: People

1. Taken at 1000 ft. near Sitka [Man holding infant in the cabin of an airplane]

2. Johnnie at Ketchikan [Man standing on dock]

3. First assistant [Man standing on dock with buildings on pylons in background]

4. Girl friend at Hydaburg [Man posed with young Alaska Native girl]
5. Joe Crosson leaving Juneau [Three men standing in the shadows with Mount Jumbo in the background]

6. Ordway [?]

7. Jerry Jones; [?]; Nome div. of P.A.A.

8. [Two men and two women holding racks of fish]

9. [Five individuals including Louise Grant and Chandler Hicks in Seattle, Washington]

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11. Mrs. Simmons [Young woman sitting on float of seaplane in hangar]

**Folder 3: Planes**

1. Leaving Juneau [Seaplane preparing for take-off]

2. [Seaplane in flight with glaciers and mountains in background]

3. [Debris from airplane wreckage]

4. Joe Crosson’s plane [Pacific Alaska Airways seaplane docked in Juneau]

5. Eyak Lake, Cordova [Seaplane partially moored on dock ramp]

6. [Seaplane near pebbled shoreline]

7. Fairchild Pan American Airway [Pacific Alaska Airways seaplane with NC-155W on tail]

8. Ordway. 1930. [Seaplane taking off from Juneau]

9. [Alaska Washington seaplane with NC-103W on the tail docked in downtown Juneau]

10. Lake Spinard [sic], Anchorage & fatal spot for some aeroplanes

11. [Pioneer Airways of Alaska seaplane with NC-991-W on the tail]

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12. [Seaplane hangar for Alaska Southern Airways]

13. [Seaplane in Juneau with Alaska-Juneau Mine in background]

14. [Seaplane with NC 657 F on the tail to the right of an iceberg]

15. [Debris from airplane wreckage with river in background]

16. [Seven people surveying the debris from airplane wreckage] Schaller’s Photo. Ketchikan, Alaska.

17. [Five people surveying the debris from airplane wreckage] Schaller’s Photo. Ketchikan, Alaska.

18. [Debris from airplane wreckage]

19. [Pacific-Alaska Airways seaplane in flight with mountains in background]

20. Fisher Studio. [Four float planes on water]

Folder 4: Scenery

1. Some place in Alaska [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip on left]

2. Icy Bay
   Showing plenty of icebergs.
   Mount St. Elias in background.
   Malaspina Glacier.
   These bergs are big ones.

3. Iliamna volcano [Mountain covered with snow and framed below aircraft wingtip]

4. Bear.
   Try & find them [Aerial of tidal lands]

5. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

6. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wing tip in upper left corner]

7. Mt. Crillon
8. [Coastal town from viewpoint of aircraft]
9. [Coastal mountains, glacier, and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
10. [Taku Glacier]
11. [Mountains covered with snow and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
12. Bear. I will help you look. [Aerial of land with partial tree covering]
13. [Coastal mountains and small tree and roof in lower left corner]
14. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier]
15. Mendenhall River and Glacier. 1930.
16. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
17. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
18. [Mount Fairweather]
19. Mount Fairweather
20. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
21. Perouse [La Perouse Glacier]
23. River bed and Bering glacier near Katalla
24. [Mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
25. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]
26. [Coastal mountains]
27. [Mount Fairweather]
28. Columbia [Glacier]
29. Stephens Passage

30. Northwestern [Alaska Steamship Company’s SS *Northwestern*]

31. [Mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

32. Mount Fairweather at 9,000 ft., a 15000 ft. mountain

33. Taku Glacier

34. Just some country [Mountains covered with snow and framed by aircraft wings]

35. Seward

36. La Perouse [Glacier]

37. Iliamna volcano. Showing steam around the top.

38. [Coastal mountains covered by clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

39. [Mountains covered with snow and glacier framed below aircraft wingtip]

40. 54 [Boats with coastal mountains in the background and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

41. Mt. Iliamna

42. Fairchild [Seaplane in flight with coastal mountains and waterway in background]

43. I don’t know [Clouds and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

44. Malaspina [Glacier]

45. [Mountain ranges with aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]

46. [Mount] Fairweather

47. [Mount Fairweather]

48. La Perouse [Glacier]
49. [Mount] Iliamna

50. Funter Bay

51. [Coastal mountains and clouds]

52. [Coastal mountains and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]

53. [Mountain covered with snow]

54. [Four boats and sunrise/sunset over coastal mountains]

55. Top of La Perouse Glacier

**Folder 5: Ships and Boats**

1. SS *Northwestern* at Eagle River

2. [Boat near Alaska-Juneau Mine]

3. Destroyers coming in [to port]

4. [Bow of boat covered in ice]

5. [Helm of boat covered in ice]

6. [Helm of boat covered in ice]

**Folder 6: Towns and Places**

1. [Wooden structure with snow covered roof]

2. [Coastal town and aircraft wingtip in upper left corner]

3. [Coastal mountains and buildings along shoreline]

4. [Buildings and base of mountain covered with trees]

5. Docks at Juneau

6. [Buildings and docks along shoreline]

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7. [Coastal town and aircraft wingtip in upper right corner]
9. [Aerial of buildings along shoreline]
10. [Person amid debris from airplane wreckage]
11. Hirst-Chichagof [Mining Company]
12. [Woman dressed as Stature of Library standing in truck covered with flowers]

**Photo Album**

1. Alaska Southern Airways brochure related to rates, schedule, and services
2. *Daily Radio News* issued aboard the SS *Princess Charlotte* on September 5, 1937
3. Louise Grant [Photograph missing]
4. “Taku” NC-102-W in Icy Bay ‘30
5. Bobby Ellis, Clayton Scott & John Selby
6. Moored in Icy Bay
7. Icy Bay ‘30
8. Tundra in the Bristol Bay country
9. An isolated cannery. ‘30
10. Mt. St. Elias 1930
11. Kvichak River in Nakeen
12. Illimna [sic] Lake
13. Bristol Bay cannery
15. Gene Meyring
16. Clark Wing
17. Bob going places (on a boat)
18. “All in a day’s work”
19. One of the famous Taku “sloughs” 30
20. Moored at Klawok [sic] Inlet
22. At Lake Dorothy. Discovered by Navy air mapper’s. 1929.
23. The outlet
26. Whitehorse Y.T. [Yukon Territory]
27. In the Yukon River
28. “Brailing a fish trip’
29. Red’s, king’s, coho’s and humpie’s
30. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
31. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
32. Salmon in their native element. 1930.
33. At one of Skinner & Eddy’s traps
35. [Coastal town]
36. Taku Glacier 1930
37. Mt. Edgecomb
38. Mt. Oglive [sic]. 7,700 ft.
40. Taku Range. 1930.
41. Back of Cape Fanshaw
42. Cross Sound and Idaho Inlet
43. Back of Berner’s Bay
44. Berner’s Bay Range
46. Baranof Island from 6,000 ft.
47. Enroute [sic] to Atlin at 16,000 ft.
49. La Perouse Glacier ‘33
50. Coming down
51. Over the top ‘33
52. 150 ft. frontage height
53. Columbia [Glacier]
54. Columbia [Glacier]
56. Columbia [Glacier]
57. Columbia Glacier
58. Columbia Glacier
59. Columbia Glacier
60. Columbia Glacier
61. La Perouse [Glacier]
63. 1,000 ft.
64. Going past
65. Columbia Glacier
66. La Perouse [Glacier]
67. La Perouse [Glacier]
68. Columbia ‘33
69. Illiamna [sic] Mt. 10,20 ft.
70. Cleveland Penn.
71. Illiamna [sic]
72. Mt. Fairweather
73. Icy Bay
74. Mt. Fairweather, 15,400 ft.
75. Copper River flat’s
76. Chatham Strait’s
77. Ketchikan
78. Chichagof Gold-Mine
79. Douglas and Juneau
80. Crillion [sic] Glacier
81. The “First” City, ‘33
82. Ketchikan ‘33
83. Nanimo [sic] B.C. ‘33
84. Cordova. Alaska’s Copper City.
85. Seward. Resurrection Bay.
86. Chichagof Camp
87. Sitka. Ex Russian Capitol.
88. Skagway ‘33
89. Eyak Lake. 33
90. Two Vega’s and Fairchild ‘71
91. Lycoming Stinson (Jim Dodsen)
92. Lake Spenard ‘33
93. Yakutat Bar
94. Volcanic smoke ‘33
95. Capt. Gibb’s.
96. Gene and Joe ‘33
97. Mrs. McAllister, Bud, and Mac ‘33
98. Dead freight ‘33

99. Five king salmon at Chichagof

100. Giant Alaska silvertip ‘33

101. Fairchild ’71 on Edd pontoon’s

102. Joe Crosson’s Fairchild ’71

103. MS Westward. 1933.

104. Stinson Jr. NC-935-W at Salmon Lake

   Flying the Alaska Range with Pacific Alaska Airways. 
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106. Abbey and “Smiling Jimmey” Mattern at Nome. 1933.

107. H.B. Friele, Mrs. Torland, Mrs. Friele, and me landing in Nakeen.

108. Sieverson’s Camp. Lake Illamna [sic]

109. Leaving Sieverson’s.

110. Taku Glacier. ‘33

111. Nakeen Cannery. ‘33

112. Salvage operations over S.S. Islander

113. Mt. Edgecombe. 1933.

114. Mattern leaving Russian flyer’s

115. Chief of King Islanders, Sass & Abbey

116. Three Russian flyers and Mattern

118. Two view’s of Nome, Alaska.
    July 1933.

119. Two view’s of Nome, Alaska.
    July 1933.

120. Bob Ellis and Chichagof.
    In the Nome River. Nome, Alaska.
    July 1933.

121. Sass and Chichagof NC-536-H
    In the Nome River. Nome, Alaska.
    July 1933.

122. Lockheed and Fairchild at Harding Lake

123. Native skin omiak

124. MS Stella Maris

125. Cash Cole’s Jazz

126. SS Alaska and U. oil tanker [in Gastineau Channel]

127. C.L. Hicks
    Mechanic at Juneau

128. SS Northwestern on Eagle Bar

129. Mendenhall Glacier

130. E.A. Meyring. “Chief.”


132. Akutan and Northwestern

133. Bill Strong’s Fokker “mistake.”

134. SS Aleutian at Cordova

135. [Flight instruments]

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136. Bub-Bub-Bhub-Bhub-Bhis-Bhiphop. 1933
137. [Aircraft engine]
138. Pilot. The Flying Mugs of 1933 A.S.A.
139. Mechanic. The Flying Mugs of 1933 A.S.A.
140. Chow time for future sled dog’s 1933
141. [Front end of seaplane]
142. [Seaplane preparing for take-off]
143. “Stanavo” available anywhere
145. 4 destroyers, Estebeth, A.S.A. Hanger, Stella Maris
146. Aboard iceberg [sic] at Pt. Adolphus
147. Climbing iceberg’s [sic] ‘33
148. Gene and the “Flagship”? 1933
149. A baby glacier in Icy Strait’s [sic]
150. [Photograph missing]
151. Rosebud
153. Auke Lake and Mendenhall Glacier
154. Nov. 6, 1932 9:25 AM
155. Russian Dornier at Nome, Alaska. 33 [Photograph missing]
156. Barrymore’s yacht Infanta
157. “Stella Maris” leaving for Seattle

158. [Two men, wearing in matching uniforms, on dock in Juneau]

159. “Stanavo available anywhere”.  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.

160. "Stanavo available anywhere".  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.

161. "Stanavo available anywhere".  
August 9, 1933  
Pictures posed by Harold Brown.

162. Lloyd.

163. Chan.

164. John.

165. Winter scenes out Tongass National Forest. Glacier Highway. (1933)  
“In for the Winter.” © 33 Ordway

166. Near Mendenhall Glacier.

167. July 4th in Alaska’s capitol. 32

168. Eagle 57 in Gastineau Channel. ’33

169. Ketchikan, Alaska

170. Port Althorp cannery

171. “Bess” and Company. ~Inc~

172. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka

173. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
174. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
175. Interior of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka
176. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
177. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
178. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
179. Views of Russian Orthodox Church. Sitka.
181. Skagway, Alaska
182. Near Skagway’s waterfront
183. Mountain goat’s at Sitka [Photograph missing]
184. Artic transportation near Skagway
185. Sea lions near Salibury [sic] Sound
186. Crossing Chichagof Island. Fairweather Range. [Photograph missing]
188. Head of LaPerouse Glacier.
189. “The Honeymoon Express” Mr. & Mrs. Harold Galwas
190. Lake Bennett Y.T. [Photograph missing]
191. Approaching Todd 1933
192. Vieno
193. Romeo “The Blonde Slayer”
194. Sitka, Alaska
195. Douglas, Alaska 33

196. Lower Juneau and A.J. Mine

197. Todd Cannery. Peril Straits 33 (Bezville)


200. Canadian Boeing CF-ALA

201. Crossing Stephens Passage

202. Three Mugs 33. Sass

203. Three Mugs 33. Cot

204. Three Mugs 33. Bob

205. Dobbins & Richardson
    Vancouver [sic]

206. Petersburg, Alaska. 33

207. Near Sitka


209. Russian Junkers used in Eielson search

210. Searcher’s at North Cape, Siberia

211. Digging for remain’s of all metal Hamilton

212. Hunting for the remains of pilot & mechanic

213. First sign of wreckage sighted

214. Left wing to all metal Hamilton

215. Front of fuselage with cockpit [sic] torn off
216. Cockpit of Eielson-Borland’s Hamilton
217. Tail surfaces and assembly [Photograph missing]
218. Bodies of Eielson & Borland on sled.
219. Mr. and Mrs. In “Start Something.”
220. Naket Packing Corp. Cannery in Waterfall. ‘33
221. Two deer? (dehr)
222. Jim. Aug ‘33
223. Jim Mar ‘33
224. A.J. Mine, Lumbermill’s & SS Alaska
225. Hack’s Camp at 1,000 ft.
226. Tallapoosa, Brant, and Crane
227. Mary Joyce….and cow. Sept. 1933
228. Bhu-Bhub-Bhisop and “Skippy”. ‘33
231. Hickey’s Stinson SM-8A “Mitkof” April 5, ‘33
232. S.E. Robbins. P.A.A. ‘33
233. L. Bauer & J. Stewart
234. A.L. Monsen P.A.A. ‘33
235. Cannery at Kake. Alaska Salmon Corp.
237. Al Monsen and passenger’s for Fairbanks
238. Craig, Alaska. West Coast of P. of W. Is. [Prince of Wales Island]
239. Stinson JA. at Fairbanks’s Alaskan Airways.
240. “City of Tacoma” First low wing Lockheed. ’29
241. Petersburg at Whitehorse Y.T. 31’
243. John Selby at Mendenhall. ‘31
244. Matt Niemanan and Bob Ellis ‘31
245. Frank Hatcher. Mechanic A-1 ‘30
246. Ancel C. Eckmann. Pilot ‘32
247. Pat Nenehan ’30. A.W.A
248. Larry Parks ’30 A.W.A.
249. Lloyd Bauer ‘33
250. Winnie Mac at Flat, Alaska ‘33
251. Wiley Post. Pilot
252. Result of a short field. ‘33
253. Night time at the A.S.A. Hanger
254. Petersburg NC-336-H at Lake Hasselborg ‘31
255. Baranof NC-974-H at Hydaburg ‘33
256. “Three Musketeers” ‘31
   (Rosie) and Family.
257. Alaska’s Flying Nursemaid. [Photograph missing]

258. Al Monse’n’s Fairchild ’71 at A.S.A. Hangar

259. P.A.A. Fairchild ’71 near Juneau

260. Piloted by S.E. Robbins

261. Hawk Inlet Cannery ’33

262. Steam tug “Georgia” 1933.

263. Angoon Village. Chatham Straight’s


265. Mt. Edgecombe & vicinity

266. Washburn expedition camp. L. Crillion

267. Moored at Lake Crillion. ’33

268. L. Crillion ’33

269. Stean jet’s

270. Mt. Iliamna

271. Crater’s edge

272. Over the top

273. Fokker at Stone Axe Lake B.C.

274. Lake Teslin 50 m. from Nisutlin Bay

275. Looking down Stone Axe Lake

276. Wolfe Lake in the Liard

277. Tenakee Village [sic] ’33 [Photograph missing]
278. Alaska-Pacific Salmon Corp. Funter Bay

279. Tennyson’s Cannery. Tenakee Inlet ’33 [Photograph missing]

280. Guard Island Clarence Straits ‘33