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**TITLE:** Eugene Tetinek Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2012.016

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1932-1944

Extent: 391 items, 1.25 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Eugene Tetinek

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Eugene Tetinek was born June 27, 1905, in Bern, Switzerland. He emigrated to Ohio in 1912, and in 1932 he traveled to Alaska in search of work. He spent two years in Fort Yukon, then moved to the Marshall area to work in the mining industry. He briefly lived in Mountain Village, and worked as a janitor at the hospital there. From 1946-1956 he lived in Russian Mission. During World War II, he served with the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force Rescue Squadron. In 1956, he again moved to Marshall where he operated a grocery store. In 1980, he relocated to Anchorage. Tetinek died March 8, 1996.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of one photo album, measuring 15 x 11 inches, containing 391 black-and-white photographs of Interior Alaska, primarily towns along the Yukon River, taken between 1932 and 1940. Also included are photos from Tetinek's service with the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force Rescue Squadron during World War II, during which time he participated in the recovery of a downed C-47 near Mt. McKinley.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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### Preferred Citation:

Eugene Tetinek Album, Anchorage Museum, B2012.016

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Susan Chan and Phillip Johnson in July 2012.

### Processing Notes

One photo removed from album before receipt. One page loose at time of receipt, and several cracking. Tape repairs made by family before donation.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

B1995.014 Eugene Tetinek Collection

## **SUBJECTS**

Tetinek, Eugene, 1905-1996

Crosson, Joe, 1903-1949

Beach, Rex, 1877-1949—Homes and haunts

Marsh, George, 1876-1945

Pilcher, George M., 1864-

Browne, Nathan C., 1895-1979

Dayville Cannery

United States. Army Air Forces--Search and rescue operations

Alice (River steamer)

Mildred (River steamer)

Discoverer (Ship)  
Kasilof (Ship)  
Yukon (Steamboat)  
Nenana (Ship)  
Aircraft accidents—Alaska  
World War, 1939-1945--Search and rescue operations—Alaska  
Gwich'in Indians  
Yupik Eskimos—Alaska  
Log cabins  
Rural health services—Alaska  
Tuberculosis--Treatment--Alaska  
Frontier and pioneer life—Alaska  
Gold mines and mining—Alaska  
Aeronautics—Alaska  
Airplanes—Alaska  
Air mail service—Alaska  
Fort Yukon (Alaska)  
Circle (Alaska)  
Beaver (Alaska)  
Purgatory (Alaska)  
Rampart (Alaska)  
Tanana (Alaska)  
Nulato (Alaska)  
Nenana (Alaska)  
Kaltag (Alaska)  
Mountain Village (Alaska)  
Marshall (Alaska)  
Seward (Alaska)  
Hoonah (Alaska)  
Wrangell (Alaska)  
Knik Glacier (Alaska)  
Eagle Glacier (Anchorage, Alaska)  
Muldrow Glacier (Alaska)  
Eldridge Glacier (Alaska)  
McKinley, Mount (Alaska)  
Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)  
Iliamna Lake (Alaska)  
Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)  
Porcupine River (Yukon and Alaska)  
Little Black River (Alaska)  
Tanana River (Alaska)  
McNeil Creek (Alaska)  
Willow Creek (Alaska)  
Innoko River (Alaska)

Eagle River (Anchorage, Alaska)  
Knik River (Alaska)  
Eklutna River (Alaska)  
Ship Creek (Anchorage, Alaska)  
Tazimina River (Alaska)

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Sept. 15, 1932 drifting down the river with Bill
- .2 – Bill O’Conner & the moose I killed near Fort Yukon
- .3 – Drying salmon at Circle Sept. 15, 1932
- .4 – 4 days work [cut timber]
- .5 – 7 days work [cut timber]
- .6 – steam boat wood
- .7 – this is how the wood looks before it is cut
- .8-10 - Break-up on the Yukon May 17, 1933
- .11-13 – The hole [sic] country is flooded at this time of the year because the ice jams
- .14 – Cabin where I stayed during break-up
- .15 – Stuff on top of cabin during flood
- .16 – Marooned for the day on top of the cabin
- .17-18 – Water around the cabin
- .19 – Wash day on the Yukon
- .20 – Neils Peterson & his garden
- .21 – Cabbage June 24, 1933
- .22 – His horse
- .23 – Same cabbage July 1
- .24 – Same again July 23
- .25 – Freighting on the Porcupine R. the rate is 5 [cents] a lb. from Fort Yukon to Old Crow
- .26 – Captain Healy Old Crow trader
- .27 – Making a mulligan
- .28 – Bluffs on the Porcupine River
- .29 – Rufuss [sic; Gwich’in boy]
- .30 – Porcupine River
- [Page heading:] Old Crow, Yukon Territory, Canada Aug. 1933
- .31- R.C.M.P. Barracks
- .32 – Teepee
- .33 – Indian women doing beadwork
- .34 – New dance hall
- .35-36 – Old Crow natives
- .37 – Part of Fort Yukon
- .38 – Digging [sic] cellar & putting [sic] dirt on roof
- .39 – Old buffalo [sic] head
- .40 – Camping

- .41-.42 – The Hudson's Bay Co. was at Fort Yukon from 1840 to 1860 [grave markers of Antoine Hoole and Eric Wards]
- .43 – Camping
- .44 – Joe Peter [prisoner]
- .45 – The guard
- .46 – Ezious James [prisoner]
- .47 – Mending his shoes [man behind bars]
- .48 – Prisoners on the wood pile
- .49 – Thinking it over [man behind bars]
- .50 – [three Native women in front of log cabin with small sled, possibly holding child; at AFN 2013, woman at left identified as Julia Peter; sled identified as moose hide and wood toboggan with Hudson Bay blanket; location identified as Fort Yukon. At AFN 2016, woman in center identified as Lena Albert]
- .51 – Julia Lulu
- .52 – Owl
- .53 – Fort Yukon natives [two men outdoors, one holding child, second child in sled with elaborate sled bag, dog tied at right; at AFN 2013, man at right tentatively identified as Clifton Carroll; in 2016, Fort Yukon residents denied this was Clifton. At AFN 2016, man tentatively identified as Clarence Alexander]
- .54 – Bob Stasy
- .55 – Loon
- .56 – Winters meat supply
- .57 – Cabin where I spent the winter of 33 & 34 on Little Black River
- .58 – 20 caribou in each pile
- .59 – Sept. 1st 1933 [man wielding hatchet over pile of caribou carcasses]
- .60 – [log cabin in winter]
- .61 – Little Black River
- .62 – Trappers outfit
- .63 – Jerry Jones
- .64 – Just a pup
- .65 – Pete Howe leaving for his trap line
- .66 – Mail plane Ft. Yukon
- .67 – Julius Martin
- .68 – March 1934 [man in fur parka]
- .69 – Ha! I just got a new camera [man from .68, with two Native women]
- .70 – Trail through the woods
- .71 – Egil Salversten
- .72 – His cabin
- .73 – Pinky [boy standing in front of ski plane]
- .74 – Going to the Porcupine River
- .75 – Waiting for the mail plane
- .76 – My trail to Little Black R.
- .77 – Mail plane
- .78-.80 – Pete Howe's dogs

- .81 – Last mail before break-up
- .82 – Tough going May, 1934 [man with dog sled]
- .83 – Breakup on the Yukon R. May 19, 1934
- .84 – Breakup on the Porcupine River May 26, 1934
- .85 – The Howes
- .86 – Fred's cabin July 1st
- .87 – Fred Bohmer
- .88 – Mid-night sun on the Porcupine R.
- .89 – Near Fort Yukon
- .90 – Young camp robbers [gray jays]
- .91 – A wood road
- .92 – Young & old [gray jays]
- .93 – [group of adults, possibly at auction, one woman carrying a baby in a sling on her back]
- .94 – Bill O'Brion at the auction sale
- .95 – [group of adults and children, possibly at auction]
- .96 – Steamer Yukon
- .97 – Joe Crosson gassing up
- .98 – Ft. Y. Mission – hospital in the background
- .99 – [Fort Yukon church]
- .100 – [Fort Yukon Roadhouse]
- .101 – Part of Ft. Y.
- .102 – Fort Yukon
- .103 – Two darn good dogs
- .104 – Doc. La Rue pulling out
- .105 – [dog]
- .106 – Just loafing
- .107 – [four men standing in middle distance, with buildings behind]
- .108 – Leaving Ft. Y. in my canvas canoe July 24, 1934
- .109 – Black bear
- .110 – Merrily paddling [sic] along
- .111 – Joe Develin
- .112 – Natives at Beaver
- .113 – Purgatory
- .114 – Rex Beach's cabin at Rampart
- .115 – Devil at Purgatory
- .116 – Tanana
- .117 – [scenery, Yukon River?]
- .118 – Nulato cemetery there are about 300 of these graves
- .119 – Nulato
- .120 – Fish wheel for catching salmon
- .121-.122 – Evening on the Yukon
- .123 – Holy Cross Mission
- .124 – Mission kids
- .125 – Russian Mission church

- .126 – Inside [of church]
- .127 – Cut banks
- .128 – Going from Marshal [sic] to Menana [sic] on the Alice Sept. 29, 1934
- .129 – Roy Hunter & part of his family
- .130-.132 – Part of McKinley Park Oct. 1934
- .133 – Going down the Yukon on the Mildred May 27, 1935
- .134 – Getting ready for summer [Steamship *Nenana*]
- .135 – The Alice sliding down the ways
- .136 – Nenana
- .137-.138 – Dip netting at the mouth of the Tanana River
- .139 – Ice at Kaltag June 1st 1935
- .140 – Jim Douglas
- .141 – Reindeer
- .142 – Axel Rude toting his stuff to camp
- .143-.144 – Two ways of doing the wash
- .145-.146 – Boxes & giants ready to start sluicing
- .147 – Sluicing
- .148 – Picking rocks
- .149 – A hard graft
- .150 – There they go [rocks being dumped from scraper]
- .151 – L. Carlston
- .152 – Scraper coming out of the sump
- .153 – Dumping
- .154 – Mosquitos
- .155 – Arrastra
- .156 – Ronold Johnston
- .157 – Bill Amovak
- .158 – Prospect hole
- .159 – June 1936 [man operating hose at hydraulic mining operation]
- .160 – Porcupine
- .161 – Cabin where I spent the winter of 1935 & 36 – McNiel [sic] Creek
- .162 – Alaskan water system two standard oil can a yoke & a strong back
- .163 – Soda Spring
- .164 – Axel Johnson & his pups
- .165 – Axel making a fish net
- .166 – Doc. Corthell operating
- .167 – Mountain Village hospital
- .168 – Ready to sever the appendix
- .169 – He had his eye taken out
- .170-.174 – All of these kids have T.B. of the bone they are all in plaster casts
- .175 – Monument on hill
- .176 – Mountain Village Jan. 1937
- .177 – Eskimo bath house
- .178 – Mrs. Joe Jean from Goodnews Bay

.179 – Eskimo kids  
.180 – His [Native minister's] wife [woman wearing print parka with fur ruff standing outdoors; cf. .184. same woman identified as "Mrs. Wilson" in B1995.014.56.6; location and date given as Mountain Village, 1935, in B1995.014.59.4. At AFN 2015, identified as Minnie Gonagnan, wife of Wilson Gonagnan]  
.181 – Pilot call  
.182 – March 1937 [man on skis]  
.183 – George Marsh the commissioner at Marshall  
.184 – Native minister [Wilson, Mountain Village, 1935; cf. .180; at AFN 2015, identified as Wilson Gonagnan]  
.185 – Climbing up [man ascending snowy hill]  
.186 – Eddy [Yup'ik boy]  
.187 – Tough going May 6, 1937  
.188 – Bert Niely [sic] the marshall [sic]  
.189 – His team  
.190 – Young porcupine  
.191 – R. Hunter & Mauranzy  
.192 – May 29, 1937 [porcupine]  
.193-.195 – The 1937 way of picking & washing rocks  
.196 – Pushing up dirt  
.197 – Dragline  
.198 – [bulldozer]  
.199 – Clean-up day  
.200 – Taking out the riffles  
.201 – Stirring it up  
.202 – Scooping it up  
.203 – Disgusted only 9,000 [ounces?]  
.204-.206 – Jim Douglas placer mining without machinery  
.207 – Just panning [sic]  
.208 – Tony  
.209 – Squeak [man panning]  
.210 – Sam Gulick  
.211-.212 – Stripping the muck off for next year  
.213 – Harry Lander  
.214 – Hewing logs  
.215 – George Pilcher  
.216 – Pilcher Mountain  
.217 – One of the first men at Marshall [George Pilcher]  
.218-.220 – Willow Creek  
.221-.222 – Bill Rielys [sic] kids  
.223 – John Fizhugh [sic]  
.224-.225 – Peter the mad Russian  
.226-.227 – [toddler]  
.228 – Robin eggs



- .229 – Young robins at Willow Creek June 1937
- .230 – Gassing up
- .231-.232 – Flying with Nat Brown [sic] from Marshall to Anchorage 1937
- .233 – Crossing the mountains
- .234-.235 – [Flight from Marshall to Anchorage; men in biplane]
- .236 – Going out on the M.S. Discoverer a 90 ft. boat from Anchorage to Seattle 1937
- .237 – Seward
- .238-.239 – Seward gateway [marine channel]
- .240-.243 – The M.S. Kasilof sister ship to the M.S. Discoverer
- .244 – With the greatest of ease [albatross]
- .245 – Scooting along [albatross]
- .246 – Three deep [albatrosses]
- .247 – A seasick pup
- .248 – Hoona [sic] a fishing town
- .249 – [coastal view]
- .250 – Leaveing [sic] Seattle May 1938
- .251 – [ship's flag]
- .252 – S.S. Yukon
- .253 – Steerage pasengers [sic]
- .254-.255 – Trolling [sic] for salmon at Wrangle [sic]
- .256 – Power house
- .257 – Dayvile [sic] canery [sic]
- .258 – Gasing [sic] up at Flat [military aircraft?]
- .259 – Marshall
- .260 – Innoko River
- .261 – Grenold Collins 1938
- .262 – Bashful [Native child hiding behind mother]
- .263 – Patsy and family [at AFN 2014, respondent noted presence of Patsy families on lower Yukon, at Marshall and Pilot Station]
- .264 – Bill Amovak
- .265 – Marshall Native women [at AFN 2015, location suggested as Tukchuk area]
- .266-.269 – Marshall reindeer herd
- .270-.273 – Ragweeds on Pilcher Mountain
- .274-.276 – Drilling Nov. 1939
- .277 – My cabin on Willow Creek 40 [degrees] below
- .278-.279 – Prospecting
- .280 – Spring [cabins buried in snow]
- .281 – [Prospecting]
- .282 – Ski trail
- .283 – Birch tree
- .284 – Home brew
- .285 – Jim and Ronald
- .286 – Jim Johnston
- .287 – Axel Rude

- .288 – Erick Johnson
- .289 – Placer mining Willow Creek 1940
- .290 – Working nights
- .291 – [scraper]
- .292 – Bulldozer and rooter
- [Page heading:] 11th Air Force Rescue Sq.
- .293 – P.F.C. Hartly
- .294 – Pike – Lake Iliamna 1943
- .295 – P.F.C. Gully
- .296 – Lt. Bear
- .297 – Around the camp fire
- .298 – P.F.C. Larson
- .299 – Rescue Sq. Sept. 1943
- .300 – Cooking
- .301 – Indian Creek
- .302 – Lake Eklutna
- .303 – Cutting trail [sic]
- .304 – Redoubt Bay
- .305 – A.A.F. crash boat
- .306 – Knik River
- .307 – Eagle River
- .308 – Eklutna River
- .309 – Knik Glacier July 1943
- .310-.312 – Up on Knik Glacier
- .313 – Eagle Glacier
- .314 – Knik Glacier
- .315 – Lake s. fork of Eagle R.
- .316 – Mt. Redoubt
- .317 – [log cabin and cache]
- .318 – Head of Ship C[reek]
- .319 – Cpl. Tetinek
- .320 – Bear killed one [sic] Ship Creek
- .321 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .322 – Lake Iliamna this lake is 40 x 90 miles long
- .323 – Indian Creek Pass
- .324-.328 – Tazminna [sic] River Sept. 1944 B-24 crashed here and we packed out six bodies
  - .327 - [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .329-.332 – Tazminna [sic] River Oct. 1944
- .333 – Leaving McKinley Station Oct. 19, 1944
- .334 – We got to mile 50 were [sic] our equipment was snowed in so most of us started [...]
- .335 – Ranger cabin at Igloo Creek
- .336 – [...] To walk the other 42 miles to Wonder Lake
- .337 – Looking at Mt. McKinley from mile 64

- .338 – McGonagle [sic] Pass taken from Muldrow Glacier 5,700 ft. elv. Pass is 22 miles from Wonder L.
- .339 – Our main camp was [sic] at this pass Mt. Mather in background a 12,000 ft. mt.
- .340 – [airplane flying over mountains as men on ground look on]
- .341 – T/S Larson skiing near the camp
- .342 – Mt. McKinley taken Nov. 1, 1944 20,300 ft. elv.
- .343 – McKinley taken from Harper Glacier
- .344 – Part of Muldrow Glacier this glacier is 40 miles long
- .345 – 2 party meet Muldrow Glacier is 4 miles wide at this point
- .346-349 – Small parts of Muldrow Glacier take [sic] 2 miles from McGonagle [sic] Pass
- .350-353 – Still on the same glacier
- .354-355 – Building an igloo at our camp
- .356 – Sgt. Manuell [sic] and myself
- .357 – Me again north peak of McKinley in background
- .358 – Starting up to plane crash
- .359 – Ice was falling from temperature ganges [sic – may mean ‘changes’?]
- .360 – Weird looking country. 4 men [pointing out four small figures on mountainside]
- .361 – Pvt. Secora taking a rest 9,000 ft. elv.
- .362 – Near the top 10,000 ft. elv.
- .363 – Top 11,000 ft. 2 men stayed here with a radio the rest of us dropped [sic] down a 1,000 ft. to were [sic] plane was. McKinley in background
- .364 – Our last camp 10,000 ft.
- .365 – Camp taken from were [sic] plane was
- .366 – The way plane look when we found
- .367 – Plane hit here and slid down mt. Plane, camp [pointing out locations]
- .368 – Digging [sic] it out
- .369 – Eldridge Glacier taken from edge of camp site
- .370 – Starting back up
- .371 – Looking down on our camp it took 12 of us 7 hr. to climb the 1,000 ft.
- .372 – Where we went up
- .373 – Pulling packs hand over hand where the going was steep
- .374 – Storm at Basin Camp 6,500 ft. elv.
- .375 – It slacks off
- .376 – So we decide to pull out – 3 tents were blown down during the night
- .377 – Packed up
- .378 – Mt. Brooks Camp 4,500 ft. elv.
- .379 – Packing it up storm is still blowing up in the valley
- .380 – Going up Muldrow Glacier to McGonagle [sic] Pass with Jeep [snow machine pulling loaded sleds]
- .381 – 33 of the men had gone ahead to Wonder Lake – Army C-60 took them out
- .382 – 12 men left some go down McGonagle [sic] Pass to Wonder Lake with snow Jeep
- .383 – The rest of us come out the hard way
- .384 – Coming down Cashe [sic] Creek and heading for Wonder Lake. Mt. Brooks in background 12,000 ft. elv.

.385 – Going back to McKinley Station with equipment

[Page heading:] Nov. 1944 on McKinley Trip

.386 – P.F.C. W. Harvey

.387 – P.F.C. E. Fenn

.388 – P.F.C. R. Huff

.389 – Cpl. E. Tetinek

.390-.391 – Got into Army July 8, 1942. Picture taken 5 weeks later when I got out of book camp at Fort Richardson Alaska traind [sic] with 4th Inf.

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- Clipping. "No bodies at C-47 wreck." November 24, 1944 [no publication title]

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