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TITLE: Charles Drug Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2018.002

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1959

Extent: 6 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ward Wells

Administrative/Biographical History:

According to the donor,

Paul E. Stockard, a pharmacist, managed the Charles Drug beginning in 1960 until sometime in 1961 when he purchased the Seward Drug in Seward, Alaska. My mother, Hazel M. Stockard, worked at the Charles Drug during that period. It was a high-end store and known somewhat humorously as "Charles of the Ritz." It was there that my parents met Kara Ahgupuk and through her, her husband George, the artist. Father offered to display his paintings in the store for no commission, reasoning that they made the store look better, which was compensation enough. George was more than happy to agree. My parents continued the policy at the Seward Drug and were friends with the Ahgupuks from then on.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of six dye imbibition color prints showing the interior and exterior of Charles Drugs on Fifth Avenue in Anchorage. According to the original Wells envelope (C4069), the photographs were taken on December 10, 1959, for the store opening.

Arrangement: Arranged by Wells negative number

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Don Stockard in January 2018.

RELATED MATERIALS

Ward Wells Collection, B1983.091

SUBJECTS

Drugstores—Alaska—Anchorage

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