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**TITLE:** Colleen Ryan Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2016.003

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1940, 1964

Extent: 2 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Colleen Ryan

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Colleen Ryan was a resident of Anchorage. Her father, Glenn Edward Ryan (b. 1907), came to Alaska from Montana in the 1930s. He married Georgia Baker in Wasilla in 1941, and the couple had two children: Colleen Ada Ryan (b. 1942) and Terrance Michael Ryan (b. 1944).

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection includes a two-page typescript letter from Colleen Ryan to her grandmother Ada Ryan, dated April 15, 1964, detailing her experiences during and immediately after the 1964 Alaska Earthquake. She was living alone in an apartment with her dog, Panda, at the time. Also included is a photograph captioned "Myself and two friends the day I left Fairbanks, July 18, '40," showing Glenn Ryan and two other men standing in front of a Stinson Model A airplane.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by relative Jaime Johnstone in January 2016. Photograph received as addendum in March 2018.

### **RELATED MATERIALS**

CIHS McCutcheon Collection, B1964.x.006

AHFAM Earthquake Photographs, B1969.011

Betty Bannon Collection, B1970.015

Zappa Earthquake Papers, B1972.060

Portage Earthquake Photographs, B1973.070

Patricia Mayo Earthquake Time Ticket, B1974.013

Kroninger Photograph Collection, B1976.118

Army Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1977.118

Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1979.038

Woodman Photograph Collection, B1980.027

McDermott Collection, B1987.083

Ron Aldrin Earthquake Slides, B1994.024

Though the Earth Be Moved, B1997.021

Sanborn Recording of 1964 Earthquake, B1997.023

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Collection, B2002.002

Charles Koppel 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2002.008

Norman Campbell Photographs, B2005.041

Bronitsky Letter, B2006.021

4th and H St. Demolition Collection, B2007.002

Opal Myers 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2007.003

Christenson Slide collection, B2007.016  
Bangkok Embassy Teletype Collection, B2009.044  
Truth Coven Gray Earthquake Album, B2009.056  
Kleihauer Slide Collection, B2010.004  
Johnny Sartor Collection, B2010.020  
Lankford-Ose Photograph Collection, B2011.002  
Kenneth C. Allen Earthquake Slides, B2012.027  
Jean Kaufman Earthquake Photographs, B2012.032  
John Mull III Alaskan Earthquake Reflections, B2012.036  
Sportsman's Club Earthquake Photographs, B2013.001  
Bill and Ellyn Frye letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, B2013.011  
Harold and Malita Hitchen Collection, B2013.010  
Milo Fritz Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.046  
Grace Tucker Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.051  
Col. Paul W. Stephens 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2013.061  
J. O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.006  
Helen M. Bucy 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.008  
Walter Deane 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2014.011  
Joan Hurst Letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, B2015.010  
Col. John H. Sullivan 1964 Earthquake Slides, B2015.013  
Maj. William D. Wright 1964 Alaska Earthquake Collection, B2016.001

## **SUBJECTS**

Ryan, Glenn Edward, 1907-  
Ryan, Colleen Ada, 1942-  
Alaska Earthquake, Alaska, 1964  
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