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TITLE: 1964 Earthquake Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2018.010

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1964-1965

Extent: 9 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:
At the time of processing, nothing beyond first names was known about the Anchorage family who created this collection.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of six manuscript letters and three pencil sketches of the children of the letter writer, Joan. No last name or street address appears on any of the correspondence, all of which is signed from Joan, Dan, Dale, Kevin, and Karen. The letters are addressed to Mom, John, Henry and all, and date from March 28, March 29, April 2, April 19, May 9, 1964 and January 19, 1965. Joan describes the family’s experiences during and after the Good Friday Earthquake. As of the writing of the last letter, the family is moving out of Anchorage, probably to Oregon or Washington State.

Arrangement: Arranged by date and format.

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 Cheri Davidson in June 2018.

Notes
The letters and sketches were removed from an album of news clippings and possibly commercial images of earthquake damage. The remainder of the items were returned to the donor.

RELATED MATERIALS
See Earthquake Resource Guide

SUBJECTS
Alaska Earthquake, 1964
Earthquakes—Alaska—Anchorage
Alaska (Anchorage)

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