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TITLE: Joyce Iliff Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2018.001

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1979, 1989-1992

Extent: 1 box, 0.3 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Joyce Y. Iliff

Administrative/Biographical History:

Joyce Iliff taught school on Adak from 1989-1992. She was also actively involved with the Adak Community Museum (see June 1991 newsletter). Her husband was a naval officer stationed on Adak.

The U.S. military base on the Aleutian island of Adak was built, beginning in 1942, after Japanese troops took control of the islands of Attu and Kiska to the west. At its peak during the war years, Adak had facilities to house 50,000 men. After the war the U.S. Navy took control of the island, building military and civilian support facilities that included theaters, churches, and schools; the military personnel and their families numbered about 6000. The base remained under Navy control until the Adak Naval Air Station was decommissioned on March 31, 1997.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of photographs, publications, audiovisual materials, and ephemera created or collected by Joyce Iliff during her time on Adak. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by 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 photographic or textual materials. Playback equipment required to view VHS videos.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

The collection was donated to the Anchorage Museum by Joyce Iliff in January 2018.

Separated Materials

Two cookbooks were removed to cataloging:

Adak, Alaska Civilian Women's Club Cookbook, 1986?

The Windswept Gourmet: Adak, Birthplace of the Winds & Fine Cuisine, 1991?

RELATED MATERIALS

Adak Historical Society Collection, B1996.035

SUBJECTS

United States. Navy—Military life

Military chapels

Military post schools, American

Newspapers

Officers' spouses

Quonset huts
Adak Island (Alaska)
Alaska Maritime Wildlife Refuge (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Photographs

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Color prints

- .1—Joyce Iliff, duplex across the ocean [standing in front of row of housing units]
- .2—[group standing in front of Adak National Forest sign] Lt. Bill Iliff, Operations Officer ASWOC; LCDR Walsh (Mrs. Walsh) head of Family Service Center; CDR Walsh, head of ASWOC; Lt. CDR; Joyce Iliff, wife of Bill Iliff; Lt. Marybeth Shriner, Intel. Officer for ASWOC; 1990.
- .3—Harbor, 1990 [winter view of distant harbor]
- .4—Boat basin, Jan. 1990
- .5—Clam Lagoon, 1990
- .6—Candle Stick bridge, 1990
- .7—Lake Andy, 1990
- .8—Homes, 1990
- .9—[building on bluff above rocky shore], 5/19/90
- .10—Sitkin, Snow Cap Mtn., 1990
- .11—[large gathering of people on beach with campfires], 7/4/90
- .12—[people on beach with campfire, surrounded by wall made of wooden pallets], 7/4/90
- .13—Finger Bay, 7/8/90 [three people on beach, fishing?]
- .14—[person in parka looking through binoculars, standing in front of Fish & Wildlife Service Jeep] Jesse Klett, wife of Van Klett. Jesse was a teacher on Adak. Van Klett, Fish & Wildlife officer. Bird count, Dec 21 91
- .15—[person in parka looking through binoculars] Van Klett, Fish & Wildlife, Bird Count, Dec 21 91
- .16—[corrugated metal shack with smoke coming out chimney, caribou antlers on end of building]
- .17—[large Quonset hut]
- .18—[sunken building made of lumber, logs, blue tarp]
- .19—[man standing on dock, eight halibut hanging behind, pleasure boat tied to dock]

Color 35mm slides

- .20—[Fish & Wildlife Center], 8/8/92
- .21—[road through rolling hills], 8/8/92
- .22—[remnants of telephone poles?, rolling hills] 8/8/92
- .23—[roadside scene, rolling hills] 8/8/92

- .24—[person with backpack and rifle walking through green vegetation] 8/10/92
- .25—[stream cutting through valley, green vegetation] 8/10/92
- .26—[hikers descending through vegetation, Adak base in distance] 8/10/92
- .27—[telephone pole with wires]
- .28—[roadside view of mountain with snow patches, distant building] 8/10/92
- .29—[Bering Chapel] 8/10/92
- .30—[overview of base with housing, and airport with planes] 8/10/92
- .31—[overview of base] 8/10/92
- .32—[roadside view of lupine, cotton grass, building] 8/10/92
- .33—[Ann C. Stevens Elementary School] 8/10/92
- .34—[wooden structure with large sliding doors, abandoned?] 8/10/92
- .35—[view of lake, rolling hills] 8/16/92
- .36—[view of snowy mountain, rolling hills] 8/16/92
- .37—[view of vegetation, distant ocean] 8/16/92

Textual materials

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Adak Historical Society

Newsletter, April 6, 1990. Includes reprint pages from *Adak Sun*, April 1963, 5 pp.

Flyer, invitation to meeting April 17, 1 p.

Flyer, invitation to meeting October 16, 1 p.

Newsletter, October 1990, includes paragraphs about Bering Chapel, 1 p.

Newsletters, Adak Community Museum

June 1991, 5 pp.

July 1991, 7 pp.

August 1991, 8 pp.

Membership flyer, Adak Historical Society, note on back says “definitely used in 1989-1992”

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Lon E. Lauber, photographer

Flyer, Aleutian Photographic Productions, “Lon’s recipe for wildlife photography,” 1 p.

Flyer, “Photographs by Lon E. Lauber,” 4 pp.

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Social events

Program, Change of Charge ceremony, PATWINGSPAC DET ADAK, February 22, 1991

Flyer, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, May 2, 1991

Program, Change of Command, U.S. Naval Air Station Adak, August 16, 1991

Invitation, Change of Charge ceremony, Naval Oceanography Command Detachment Adak, July 18 [1991?]

Church bulletin, “Civil Service of Memorial and Dedication, Old Bering Chapel,” May 27, 1991

Brochure, “The Old Chapel,” no date

Program, raffle ticket, and dinner check, Adak Ducks Unlimited Banquet, September 14, 1991
Program and ticket, All-Island Navy Ball, October 12, 1991
Invitation and program, Change of Command ceremony, Patrol Squadron Fifty, October 25, 1991 (includes 2-page history of squadron)
Program, BRHS Players theater production of *Spoon River Anthology*, November 25, 1991
Invitation and program, Navy retirement ceremony for LCDR Larry Hardwig, May 28, 1992
Invitation, Officers' Wives' Club installation dinner for Susie Frentzel, June 2, 1992
Invitation, Adak Officers' Wives' Club, welcome tea for Deborah Henry, August 5, 1992
Program, Change of Command ceremony, Naval Security Group Activity, August 7, 1992

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Publications

Typed and annotated photocopy, *Plant Species of Adak Island*, July 1979, 12 pp.
Photocopy, *Adak for Kids by Kids*, prepared by 6th Graders, 1988-89, 15 pp.
Booklet, *Adak Officers Wives Club*, 1990-91, includes bylaws and membership roster, 22 pp.
Typed photocopy, Joyce Robinette, *A Sampling of Adak Wildflowers in Slides*, 10 pp.
Typed pamphlet excerpt about natural resources, anthropology and history of the Aleutians, pp. 5-10
Typed pamphlet excerpt, A. J. Hupp, "Adak and the Aleutian Campaign," pp. 11-16
Lyrics for Christmas songs, including Adak versions of "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!," "Up on the Housetop," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Jingle Bells," and "Here Comes Santa Claus," 4 pp.
Booklet, *World War II National Historic Landmarks: The Aleutian Campaign*, National Park Service, no date, 16 pp.

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Newspapers

The Aleutian Sound (Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge), 1987, 4 pp.
The Ptarmigan Ptimes
Vol. 1, No. 4 (November 3, 1988), 12 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 8 (December 29, 1988), 8 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 9 (January 12, 1989), 8 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 11 (February 9, 1989), 12 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 17 (May 4, 1989) [includes article "Old Bering Chapel to be razed May 15"], 8 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 20 (June 15, 1989) [includes article "Adak Historical Society forms to save chapel"], 12 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 22 (July 13, 1989), 8 pp.
Vol. 1, No. 25 (August 24, 1989), 16 pp.

Vol 2, No. 1 (September 21, 1989) [includes photos of Bering Chapel restoration efforts], 12 pp.

Vol 2, No. 15 (April 5, 1990), 12 pp.

Adak Magazine [published by The Ptarmigan Ptimes], 1990, 40 pp.

Aleutian Eagle, Vol. XI, Ed. 8 (February 21, 1992), 24 pp.

Aleutians East Borough Advocate, Vol. V, Ed. 4 (February 21, 1992), 24 pp.

Calendars

Lon E. Lauber, Adak, Alaska, 1991

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VHS videotapes

Tape1--Adak Alaska

Tape 2--Adak Alaska

Tape 3--WWII Construction of Umnak, Adak, Shemya, and Amchitka Islands, AK. Color combat silent films.

Tape 4--Gwich'in Niintsyaa

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