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TITLE: Cook Inlet Historical Society Legends & Legacies, Anchorage, 1910-1940 Project
Research Files

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2017.004

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1919-2016

Extent: 13 boxes; 3 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Cook Inlet Historical Society

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Cook Inlet Historical Society (CIHS) is a private, non-profit historical society founded in 1955 to foster discussion, research, and publication of the history and ethnography of the Anchorage and Cook Inlet regions of Alaska. CIHS was the principal organization responsible for the establishment of the Anchorage Museum in 1968 and its collections formed the core of the Museum collections.

The following project history was written by CIHS Secretary Bruce Parham in 2019:

The Legends & Legacies project was initiated by longtime Cook Inlet Historical Society member John Bagoy (1922-2005), who wished to make the history of the Anchorage area readily available to the community. He shared his research through his book *Legends & Legacies of Anchorage, 1910-1935* (2001); the Anchorage Pioneer Families Project Exhibition at the Anchorage Museum (1994); the computer accessible kiosk in the former Alaska Gallery; and his Summer Solstice Cemetery Tour. The Society was deeply and regularly involved with John's efforts.

In 1982, Bagoy began his persistent work over the next two decades to rehabilitate the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery (7th & Cordova Streets). Bagoy worked with the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery director to

inventory nearly three thousand unmarked graves at the downtown cemetery and then research the lives of many of those buried there. In 1999, the Society began the "Century Campaign" to raise \$250,000 to help fund the gravesite restoration at the cemetery. Drawing on funds donated by the National Bank of Alaska, Wells Fargo Bank, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI), and private donors, three thousand new granite grave markers were in place by 2003. About a third of the unmarked graves are those of Alaska Natives, some of which date back to the cemetery's earliest beginnings in 1915. This cemetery work inspired his first venture at the Anchorage Museum, the exhibit of pioneer panels (about 70), which were on display around the upper atrium of the Anchorage Museum. Bagoy was widely recognized for his efforts to maintain and improve the Anchorage cemetery and honor those buried there. In 2005, Bagoy received an award from the Anchorage Museum for his historical work. Working with the Municipality, the Society established a gate and bust honoring John at the public entrance to the Cemetery. In 2007, the Legends & Legacies project was developed into an interactive electronic kiosk system (104 "panels") in the Alaska Gallery, which was mostly funded by a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. The Society then launched a website, Anchorage, 1910-1935: Legends & Legacies, to make these biographical sketches more widely accessible on the Internet. In 2011-2013, Mina Jacobs, former Assistant Archivist at the Anchorage Museum, performed work by developing about one-third (or 120 biographical sketches representing 227 individuals and their families) of the biographical entries researched by Bagoy onto the website, and posting over six hundred photographs. Special emphasis was given to adding Dena'ina individuals and families and residents not originally identified in the 2001 publication. She built on earlier efforts by Maggie Johnson and Elizabeth James to identify early Cook Inlet residents and create a biographical database.

From 2013-2016, Bruce Parham and Walter Van Horn contributed to expanding the research and populating of the website, Legends & Legacies, Anchorage, 1910-1940, which was launched in 2017. The Society received grants from both the Atwood and Rasmuson Foundations to substantially add to the number of histories on the website, for the redesign and upgrades for the new website, and to upgrade the Legends and Legacies kiosk in the Alaska Gallery. Additional research was undertaken on 175 biographical entries and accompanying photographs for historical and factual accuracy, with editing, and expansion of many entries. Full source endnotes were added. Other major support was provided by the Anchorage Museum and the Cook Inlet Historical Society, which used privately donated funds from its Bagoy Memorial Cemetery Fund in support of this project.¹

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of the research files created by members of the Cook Inlet Historical Society during work on the update to the *Legends & Legacies* web site, 2011-2017. There are files corresponding to each published biography, as well as information collected on some individuals whose biographies were not included in the web site at the time of the April 2017 launch. Individuals whose biographies did not appear on the site are noted with an asterisk in the Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Alphabetical

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

¹ Cook Inlet Historical Society, Records, 1955- , Anchorage Museum B2017.013, Working Files, Legends and Legacies Project and Website, 1999-, Boxes 1-2.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Bruce Parham for Cook Inlet Historical Society in April 2017.

RELATED MATERIALS

John Bagoy Pioneer Files, B2004.011

SUBJECTS

Pioneers—Alaska--Anchorage
Frontier and pioneer life—Alaska—Anchorage
Anchorage (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Aho, John and Ellen

Allen, Jerry T.

Ames, Myron E. " John"

Amundsen, Ernest I. "Ernie"

Anderson, Anton A.

Anderson, John Conrad "Jack," Sr.

Anderson, Oscar F.

Andresen, Clark D.

*Andresen, Marjorie Reeve

Andresen, Moritz Alfred and Decema

Atwood, Evangeline (Rasmuson)

Atwood, Robert "Bob"

*Bagoy, John P., Sr.

Bagoy, John B.

Bailey, Ira S.

Baldwin, William A.C. "Lucky"

Balhiser, Charles

*Balhiser, Gussie Marie

Balios, John

Barndollar, Burton H.

Barnett, Earl W.

Bartels, Johann "Jack" or "Red"

Bartholf Family

*Bartholf, Charles Andrew

*Bartholf, Chester Earl

*Bartholf, Dorr

*Bartholf, John Tyler

*Bartholf, Ralph Sundlon

Basdut (Chief Ezi)

Bayles, Isidore "Ike"

Beaton, John

Beeson, John "J.B.", M.D.

Bel K'ikghil'ishen (Eklutna Alex)

Bell, Joseph H. "Joe"

*Bell, Thelma Carlson

Berg, Charles A.

Berger, Heinrich

Berry, Frank O.

Bevers [Beavers], Thomas "Tom"

Bittner, Ed and Ashton, Anna

*Bowman, Fred E.

*Bowman, Harry A.

Bowman, Henry F.

*Bowman, Howard

*Brown, Charles, and T.W. Hawkins

Brown, John Matthew "Jack" and Nellie Shepard

Buckner, Simon Bolivar, Jr.

*Bulloch, Edith R.

Bush, Charles W.

Bystedt, Nels Gustav "Gust"

*Cannon, Bruce and Marjorie Balhiser

Carlson, Edward

Cavanaugh, Peter J.

Christensen, Andrew

Clark, Orah Dee

Clayson, William H.

*Colver, Warren G.

Conroy, Michael J.

Cotter, John G.

Courtney, Robert M.

Crawford, John H. "Jack"

Crocker, Ulysses Grant "U.G."

Cuddy, Daniel "Dan" or "D.H"

*Cuddy, David

Cuddy, Lucy Hon

Cuddy, Warren N.

Culhane, Thomas "Tom"

Cunningham, John Todd "J.T.", Sr.

* Cunningham, William C. "W.C."

David, Leopold

Delaney, James J., Sr.

Dodd, Edward N. "Ed"

Dool, Burt A.

Dunkle, Wesley Earl

Eckmann, Christian Magnus Eriksen "Chris"

Edmunds, Morgan Christopher "Chris"

Emard, Henry J.

Enatti, William

Erickson, Arne

Erickson, John H.

Ervin, Winfield, Sr.

Freeman, Bessie Lee

Gelles, Gustav "Gus"

Gill, Oscar S.

Gottstein, Jacob B. "Jake"

*Green, David

Green, Joseph Lindley

Gruble and Pavelic Families

Hamill, Harry M.

Hamill, Mildred Henthorn

*Hammett, Dashiell

Hammontree, Charles O.

Harlacher, Emil

Harrison, Lorene

Hartley, Leon William "L.W."

Heffentrager, Isaac H. "Ike"

*Hewitt, Dennis H.

*Hickel, Ermalee

Hickel, Walter J. "Wally"

Higgins, Cecil L. "Cece"

Hill, Harry J.

Holdiman, Fred Rozelle

Howe, Fred

Johnson, John S.

Johnson, Victor

Jones, Evan William

*Karabelnikoff, George

*Kay, Wendell

Kennedy, Daniel O'Connell, Jr.

Kennedy, George

Kennedy, James Frances

Kessinger, Arloe W.

Kimball, Irving L. "Irv" or "I.R."

Kimura, Yusuke "Harry"

Knapp, Jacob C. "Chick"

Koslosky, Isaac "Ike"

Kroesing, Frederice Leo "Fred" or "Frederic"

Landstrom, Andrew J.

*Larson, Ida Mae

*Larson, Ray T.

Larson, Raymond C., "Ray" or "R.C."

Lathrop, Austin Eugene "Cap"

Laurence, Sydney

Leckvold, Martin

LeCoup, Arthur M. "Art," Sr.

*Leonard, Bernie Lewis, Sr., and Mary P.

*Lingo, George

Longacre, John Jackson, Sr.

Lottsfeldt, Carl F., Sr.

Loussac, Z.J. "Zach"

Manley, William A.

Markley, Dorothy

Marsch, Paul A.

Marsh, William G., Sr.

Martin, Carl E.

Marunenko, Jacob "Russian Jack"

*Mayer, Francis B.

McCutcheon, Herbert H. "H.H."

*McCutcheon, Stephen

McDannel, John Casey

McElligott, Edward R. "Ed"

McKinney, William D. "Bill"

Mears, Frederick

Mears, Jane Wainwright

Meier, Paul E.

Merrill, Russel Hyde

Mikami, Goro "George"

*Mikami, Harry M.

*Moody, Ralph

Nelson, John V. "Vic," Sr.

*Newcomb, Flora Mikami

Niemi, August V.

O'Flanagan, Father Robert Dermot

Ohls, Werner

Ohlson, Otto F.

Olson, Charles E. "Charley"

Pastro, Antonio "Anthony" or "Tony"

Pennington, Feodoria Kallander

Pete, Shem (K'etech'ayuilen)

Peterkin, Thomas "Tom, " Sr.

Peterson, Oliver A. "Ben" or "Benton"

Pfeil, Emil H.

Plumb, Charles L. "C.L." or "Les"

Price, Thomas C. "Tom"

Quinton, Charles E. "Charley"

Rager, William H., Sr.

Rasmuson, Edward Anton

Reed, Frank Ivan

*Reed, Frank L.

Reed, Frank Metcalf

Reed, Grant

*Reed, Irving McKinney

Rees, Paul D.

Reno, Joseph Jannone "Joe" (Gaetano Iannone)

Rivers, Carl (Karl Alexander Joensuu)

*Rivers, Victor C.

Romig, Joseph Herman, M.D.

*Rouse, Mary Mikami

Schodde, Frederick H. "Fred"

Seaburg, August "Gus" or "Gust"

Seller, Harry G.

Sherwood, Jay R. "J.R."

Shonbeck, Arthur A. "Art" or "A.A."

*Snodgrass, Alice Sachiko Mikami

Sogn, Harold E., M.D.

*Sogn, Henry

Sopoff, Nicholas "Nick"

Spenard, Joseph A. "Joe"

Sperstad, Engelhard K. "Ed"

Staser, Harry I.

Stephan, Sava, Sr.

Stipp, Logan

Stoddard, Dayton W.

*Stoddard, William W.

Stolt, William A. "Bill"

Strandberg, David H.

Strutz, Louis

*Strutz, Aline

*Sturgus, John "Jack"

Swanson, Charles A.

* Swanson, Charles Augustus

* Swanson, Emanuel

* Swanson, George

* Swanson, Henry E.

* Swanson, Paul R.

* Swanson, Walter Bennett

Tarwater, Edgar R. "Tar"

Teeland, John

*Teeland, Walter D.

*Troast, N. Lester

Truesdell, Archie M.

*Tryck, Molly Grace

Tryck, Oscar

Urban, John D., Sr.

Vaara, George H.

Van Zanten, James (Jacobus Everardus Van Zanten)

*Wade, Hugh

Wahl, Charles

Weeda, Luther Johan "L.J." or "Oskey"

*Weimer, Catherine M. (Cavanaugh)

Weimer, Robert M. "Bob"

Wells, Cecil M.

*Wells, Diane

Wendler, Anton J. "A.J." or "Tony"

Wennerstrom, Bertel A. "Bert" or "Beans"

White, Martha Greer "Mother"

Whitney, John D. "Bud"

Winchell, Oscar

*Wolfe, Henry

Wolfe, Raymond G. "Ray"

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