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TITLE: Joseph S. Rychetnik Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2017.024

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1958-1999

Extent:

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Joseph S. Rychetnik

Administrative/Biographical History:

Joseph S. Rychetnik (1927-2003) was a photographer, writer, pilot, hunter, Alaska State Trooper, U.S. Marine, and member of numerous societies and clubs. During his long career, he worked for United Press International, Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage Times, National Geographic, Time/Life, and several other news outlets. He lived in Alaska from 1959-1971, afterwards returning to the state many times on assignment.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of the freelance photojournalism work of Joseph S. Rychetnik, primarily in Alaska. There are over 23,000 images in transparency, negative, and print formats, and textual materials including research ephemera, clippings, and publications. The collection also contains some of Rychetnik's national and international work. Major subjects include petroleum industry, rural Alaska, aviation, and food. For more information see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by format and subject. Within subjects, further arranged by photographer's number when present and/or date when known.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by son Steve Rychetnik in October 2017.

Processing Note

Slides removed from original binders and pages. Headings retained when provided.

Separated Materials

Approximately 1200 images of vineyards, wineries, and agriculture in Napa and Salinas Valleys in the 1970s and 1980s transferred to UC Davis Library Special Collections. Approximately 900 images of Nepal, Sikkim, and India taken in 1973 transferred to University of Washington Special Collections.

SUBJECTS

Sheldon, Don, 1921-1975

Manhattan (Tanker)

Photojournalists—Alaska

Radar defense networks—Alaska

Rural conditions—Alaska

Subsistence economy—Alaska

Petroleum industry and trade—Alaska

Oil well drilling rigs—Alaska
Gas industry—Alaska
Trans-Alaska Pipeline (Alaska)—Design and construction
Aeronautics—Alaska
Airlines—Alaska
Bush pilots—Alaska
Airplanes—Alaska
Transportation—Alaska
Food—Alaska
Agriculture—Alaska
Animals—Alaska
Muskox farming—Alaska
Polar bear – Research – Alaska
Firearms

Detailed Description of the Collection

[Approximate date ranges and keyword descriptions provided after subheadings]

35mm slides

B1

Places

Amchitka [.1-44; nuclear test site, military installation, aerials, October 1969]
Alatna [.45; aerial, April 1969]
Allakaket [.46-58; aerials, April 1969]
Anchorage [.59-255; buildings, infrastructure; 1961, 1965-1971, 1980s. Note: World Championship Sled Dog Race images filed with Animals]
 Port [.256-432; 1967-1971]
 Aerials [.433-786; 1967-1971]
 Buildings [.787-915; 1968-1971, 1980s]
 Schools [.916-963; Alaska Methodist University, children, buses; 1968-1969]
 Fur Rendezvous Auction [.964-1023; Hide and Horn Auction, furs; 1967, 1969, 1971]
Barrow [.1024-1158; Sadie Neakok, portraits, dancing, buildings, DEW Line site; 1961-1971]
Bethel [.1159-1215; buildings, people, aerials; 1968-1970]

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Bettles Field [.1216-1237; aerials, buildings; 1969-1970]
Cape Lisburne [.1238-1247; aerials, DEW Line site; 1969, 1971]
Circle [.1248-1265; aerials; April 1969]
Clear [.1266-1299; BMEWS site; April 1965]
Delta Junction [.1300-1311; Alaska State Police post, ice sculptures, military airplane; tropospheric scatter radar site; no date]
Diomedes [.1312-.1384d; aerials, people, seal hunting; 1962-1971, no date]
Eklutna [.1385-1405; Russian Orthodox church, Dena'ina cemetery; 1986, 1991]

Fairbanks [.1406-1874; Alaskaland, University of Alaska, airport, aerials; 1968-1969]
Homer [.1875-1952; aerials, spit, flooding, Alaska Wild Berry Products; 1964-1991]
Katmai National Monument [.1953-2005; NASA science training; 1965]
Kenai Peninsula [.2006-2052; homestead, Clam Gulch Post Office, Seward Highway signs, Bird House bar, Kenai Community College; 1969-1970, 1991]
King Island [circa .2053-2220; village scenes, portraits, walrus hunting; 1986 [i.e. 1969?]. Note: photographer's numbers within this series are not unique]
Kodiak [.2221-2262; aerials, military installation, Russian Orthodox cemetery, small boat harbor; November 1968]
Kotzebue [circa .2263-2425; village scenes in summer and spring, people, cutting beluga; 1967-1971, 1986]

B3

Matanuska Valley [.2426-2445; foliage, agriculture, visitor center; 1968, 1991]
McKinley National Park [.2446-2534; aerials, tourists, Alaska Railroad; 1971]
Ninilchik [.2535-2540; buildings; 1991]
Nome [.2541-3262; Wild Goose Railroad, Alaska State Police, aerials, landscapes, fire department, snow removal, sled dog racing, street scenes in summer and winter, businesses; 1961-1991. Note: includes other Seward Peninsula villages, possibly Teller, Wales and/or Shishmaref. Most images lack photographer's number]
Northern Alaska [.3263-3502; people, subsistence activities, reindeer herding, village scenes; 1967-1986, undated. Note: unidentified locations, includes at least Kotzebue, Savoonga, Seward Peninsula]
Prince William Sound [.3503-3531; aerials; 1970]
Saint Michael [.3532-3545; village scenes in winter, people; 1962. Note: images lack photographer's numbers. Includes Unalakleet]
Savoonga [circa 850, .3546-4445; village scenes, subsistence activities; 1967-1971, no date]

B4

Seldovia [.4446-4460; waterfront, St. Nicholas Church; 1967-1969]
Seward [.4461-4487; AVTEC, docks, aerials by Brent Whitmore; 1983. Note: images lack photographer's number]
Shaktoolik [.4488; residents meeting small airplane; 1986]
Shishmaref [.4489; winter aerial; 1962]
Sitka [.4490-4694; Sitka National Historical Park totems, buildings, waterfront, scenics, fishing; 1969]
Skwentna [.4695-4879; Joe Delia, trapping; 1969-1971]
Soldotna [.4880-4883; aerials; June 1976]
Talkeetna [.4884-5039; scenics, buildings in winter and summer, Don Sheldon, Bartlett Earth Station, Cache Creek Mine; 1967-1969, 1986]

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Tanacross [.5040-5063]; winter village scenes, portraits; November 1969]
Teller [.5064-5086]; reindeer, buildings, waterfront, village scenes; July 1968, no date]
Tin City [.5087-5155; aerials, Long Range Radar Site; April 1965]

Tyonek [.5156-5309; school children in classroom and playground, aerials, village scenes, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church; December 1968]
Unalakleet [.5310-5335; village scenes in winter and summer, aviation; March 1962, no date. Note: images lack photographer's number]
Valdez [.5336-5377; aerials, new townsite, old cemetery, waterfront; 1968-1969, 1986]
Wainwright [.5378-5582; village scenes in winter, dogsledding, polar bear hunting; 1968-1970]
Wales [.5583-5606; village scenes in summer, Navy Field Station, aerials; no date]
Whitehorse [.5607-5641; paddle steamers, bird's eye view of town; 1965]
Whittier [5642-5656; aerials; April 1970]
Yakutat [5657-5666; airport, aerials of coastline and military airbase; 1964, 1968]
Unidentified [5667-5696; boat harbor, aerials, cabin in winter, aircraft accident; 1961-1970, no date. Note: some lack photographer's number]

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Subjects

Petroleum industry

Cook Inlet [.5697-6174; drilling rigs; 1965-1968]
Prudhoe Bay Rigs [.6175-6900; drilling rigs; 1969-1971]

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North Slope

Men at Work [.6901-7161; oil industry workers, drilling rigs, Haul Road, building construction, barges; 1969-1970]
Trademarks [.7162-7219; company logos; 1970]
Trucks and Tractors [.7220-7661; Prudhoe Bay, Haul Road; 1969-1970]
Construction [.7662-8027; Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Trans Alaska Pipeline; 1969-1971]
Miscellaneous Views [.8028-; 1967, 1969-1971]

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Sealift [circa 700; freight, transportation, construction; 1970]
Valdez, Alyeska construction [69; aerials, terminal, ships, street scenes; 1969, 1971]
Pipe storage [circa 250; Valdez, North Slope, aerials, terminal, 1969-1971]

B9

Trucking and Inspection, Alyeska [91; trucks, ships, pipe transport, Valdez; 1969-1970]
Ship Unloading [circa 225; pipe transport; Valdez; 1969-1970]
Oil Industry [circa 1200; exploration, drilling rigs, pipe yards, men working, ice breakers, Cook Inlet, Anchorage, Valdez, North Slope, Trans Alaska Pipeline; 1965-1986. Note: a general catch-all category which includes multiple subjects also represented in other petroleum industry categories. Includes photographer's numbers 0001-102089, and many without photographer's number]

B10

CIDS Japan and Beaufort Sea [circa 600; Glomar Beaufort Sea #1, shipyard construction, concrete island drilling structure, aerials; 1984-1986. Note: images lack photographer's number]

Doo Sung drilling rig, Bering Sea [13; aerials, Exxon Navarin Basin well; September 1985. Note: images lack photographer's number]

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SS Manhattan [circa 1100; oil tanker Northwest Passage journey; 1969]

B12

Aviation

General [circa 600; airplanes, military aircraft, commercial airlines, Anchorage International Airport, Trans Alaska Pipeline camps and cargo, Bettles Field, control tower, Fairbanks International Airport, Coast Guard; 1967-1975]

Ski Planes [circa 250; bush planes, Alyeska Air Service, cold weather operation, Bettles Field, National Guard, hunting; 1967-1975]

Floatplanes [93; pilots, docks, Lake Hood, tidewater glaciers; 1964-1970]

Bush Pilots, Bush Planes [circa 125; Don Sheldon, Lowell Thomas Jr., Talkeetna, Anchorage; 1968-1986]

Helicopters [circa 125; military, Arctic Air Service, ARCO seeding; 1968-1986]

Outside Alaska [circa 175; air shows, military, Inuvik, Reno, Watsonville, Fort Ord, Nepal; 1969-1986]

B13

Food

Breads [circa 150; sourdough, pancakes, Russian rye; 1969-1971]

Berries/Desserts [circa 150; cakes, pies, blueberry, rhubarb, raspberry, salmonberry; 1969-1971]

Seafood [circa 200; picnicking, crab, crab industry, shrimp industry; 1969-1971. Note: see also crab and shrimp under Animals]

Fish [circa 220; salmon baked in skunk cabbage leaves, smoked salmon, salmon fishing, salmon roe, Russian piruk fish pie, sablefish; June 1969]

Meat [circa 150; musk ox, moose, bacon; 1969-1976]

Camping Food [83; Don Sheldon preparing mountain sheep on Ruth Glacier; 1969]

Other Food [103; eggs, fiddlehead ferns, picnicking, mushrooms, cooking outdoors; 1967-1976]

Agriculture [circa 175; Matanuska Valley, Talkeetna; 1969-1976]

Botanicals

Fungi [106; 1969-1971]

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Berries [circa 250; 1969-1974]

Flowers, Shrubs, Trees [circa 350; Pribilofs, Alaska, California; 1967-1990. Note: many lack photographer's number]

Animals

Otter [39; research tank, Amchitka, nuclear testing; October 1969. Note: images lack photographer's number]

Fur Seal [89; Pribilofs; 1967]
Walrus [46; King Island; May 1969. Note: some lack photographer's number]
Bear [1; black bear; 1971]
Ground squirrel [2; no date]
Fox [4; Arctic fox, tracks; 1970-1971]
Dall Sheep [6; 1965]
Caribou, Reindeer [50; 1969-1971]
Musk Ox [circa 475; farming; 1969-1971. Note: some lack photographer's number]

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Polar Bear [circa 300; Chukchi Sea survey, Jim Brooks, aerials, tagging, tracks; 1971, 1986. Note: images lack photographer's number]
Birds [circa 125; Pribilofs, King Island, Alaska Peninsula, Homer; 1967-1991]
Sled Dog Racing [circa 700; World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage; 1963-1971]

B16

Shrimp [18; cannery processing; 1969. Note: see also shrimp under Food]
Crab [circa 650; fishing, processing; 1967-1969. Note: see also crab under Food]
Outside Alaska [circa 150; birds, lion, giraffe, butterfly; 1974-1991]
Fishing [26; salmon sport fishing; 1964-1986. Note: some lack photographer's number]
Hunting/Trapping [30; Cook Inlet duck hunting, aerial wolf hunting Colleen River, North Slope; 1968-1969, 1986]
Mining [6; Anaconda exploration drilling, Johnson River; August 1983. Note: images lack photographer's number]
Lumber Industry [66; transportation, Talkeetna, California; 1971-1976]
Knives [33; 1971-1986]
Guns [36; 1971-1976]
Snowmachines [17; Anchorage Motor Musersh Ship Creek race; February 1967]
Mountaineering [circa 225; Don Sheldon Mountain House, Mount Kennedy, Yukon, National Geographic Society, Maynard Miller, surveying; 1965-1970]

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Mountains [circa 150; Alaska Range, Brooks Range, Saint Elias Mountains, Mount Kennedy, Denali; 1965-1986]
Volcanoes [68; Katmai National Monument, Redoubt, Augustine; 1966-1970]
Snow/Ice [5; sea ice, snow on spruce; 1968, 1970]
Glaciers [circa 150; Cascade, Sherman, Turner, Malaspina, Tyndall, Kahiltna, Mendenhall, Tustumena, Ruth, Muldrow, Columbia; 1964-1986]
Rivers [13; Yukon River, Sagavanirktok River, braided rivers; 1968-1975]
Sunrise/Sunset [15; 1969-1970]
Cabins [17; John Ireland cabin at Murder Lake, unidentified homesteader making films; 1968-1971]
People [18; Wally Hickel, Brad Washburn, Edmund Hillary; no date]

Military [circa 150; Coast Guard, Army-Air Force war games, DEW Line or White Alice radar site with tramway, radome, tropospheric scatter and microwave antennas, abandoned military fortification; 1967-1986]

Religion [circa 250; Holy Resurrection Cathedral and Russian Orthodox cemetery, Canonization of St. Herman, Kodiak; 1968, 1970]

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Outside Alaska

USA

California [circa 650; San Francisco Bay area, fishing, oil industry; 1968-1986]

Nevada [circa 225; Reno, Culver City, Virginia City; 1972-1986]

Arkansas [69; watermelon, Bowie knives, Washington, Arkansas; 1971-1972]

Florida [41; Everglades; May 1971]

Colorado [26; Air Force Academy; May 1970]

New York [20; New York City, Coast Guard; June 1968]

West Germany [circa 1100; vineyards, architecture, tourism; 1975-1978. Note: many images lack photographer's number]

Belgium [circa 440; flea market, architecture, tourism; 1978. Note: images lack photographer's number]

Switzerland [circa 220; Davos, railroad, dairy farming; 1978. Note: images lack photographer's number]

Luxembourg [63; tourism, customs administration; 1978. Note: images lack photographer's number]

Japan [31; aerials, tourism; 1984. Note: images lack photographer's number]

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Monograph

Joe Rychetnik reflects on guns, hunting, and days gone by / Joe Rychetnik. Manchester, CT: Precision Shooting Inc., 1999.

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