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TITLE: CIHS Griffin Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.026

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1938-1939, 1955

Extent: 6 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce began the Winter Carnival in 1934. The Miss Alaska pageant began in 1922.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of two black-and-white photographs of the Miss Alaska contest at the Fairbanks Ice Carnival in 1938 and 1939, along with ephemera pertaining to the Sons of the American Revolution. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

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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CIHS Griffin Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1963.26

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to Cook Inlet Historical Society by Wanda Griffin in February 1963. Transferred to Anchorage Museum.

Separated Materials

Items .5-6 transferred to cataloging.

SUBJECTS

Beauty contests—Alaska

Fairbanks (Alaska)

Winter festivals—Alaska—Fairbanks

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Photograph. “Miss Alaska” contest. Fairbanks Dog Derby & Ice Carnival. Left to right: King Regent John Groves. Queen Regent. Matanuska Maid Dorothy Vasanoja, Palmer. Nome. Miss Yukon. Miss Alaska Grace Bailey. Miss Cordova Mary Lynn Nichols. Miss University Gertrude Schlotfeldt. #297, March 1938
- .2 – Correspondence. To Mrs. Ned Griffin from A. Letcher Seamands, Alaska Society Sons of the American Revolution. Re Anchorage members. Dated July 30, 1955
- .3 – Envelope from .2
- .4 – Brochure. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. No date
- .7 – Photograph. Fairbanks Dog Derby & Ice Carnival. March 9, 10, 11, 12, 1939. “Miss Alaska” contest. Left to right: Miss Mary Margaret “Mickey” Abercrombie, Miss Anchorage. Miss Jane Gordon, Miss Fairbanks. Miss Ethel Elvin, Miss Juneau. Miss Edith Hoop, Miss Nome. Miss Irene Frances Reenstrom, Miss Seward. Miss Mary Elizabeth Eagan, Miss University. Winner: Miss Seward.

.8 – Sour Dough Hotel stationary with note that reads “Wanda Griffin bought all that was left of this in Valdez. She bought it from Elmer White who worked for the paper office part of the Time (the main job for the last 20 years has been with the Alaska Steamship Company in Valdez). She brought it to us February 21, 1963.”

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