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**TITLE:** Wanda Griffin Ephemera Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1968.021

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1953-1968

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Wanda Mildred Gelles Griffin (1922-2015) was born, and spent her whole life, in Anchorage, Alaska. After graduating from Anchorage High School in 1940 and working at Providence Hospital on 9<sup>th</sup> and L St, she married Ned Griffin on May 9, 1942. Together, they raised 4 children (Chuck, Marie, Tim, and Mark) in Wanda's childhood home at 6<sup>th</sup> and L St. In 1950, the couple opened the Knik Arms Apartments on Northern Lights and Spenard Rd, which Wanda managed and Ned maintained until they sold the building in 1968.

Wanda was the longest-term parishioner of Holy Family Cathedral and was heavily involved in the church, including serving as chair to the Altar Society. Wanda was also a longtime member of the Cook Inlet Historical Society and was involved with the Anchorage Museum, helping to identify photographs of early Anchorage.<sup>1</sup>

**Scope and Content Description:**

This collection consists of various pieces of ephemera relating to the arts, sports, and other community activities in Anchorage.

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<sup>1</sup> "Wanda M. Griffin," *Anchorage Daily News*, February 19-22, 2015, accessed April 15, 2022, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/adn/name/wanda-griffin-obituary?id=14325759>.

Arrangement: This collection was arranged by the Cook Inlet Historical Society upon acquisition. Original order is unknown.

## **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

This collection was donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Wanda Griffin on December 11, 1968. CIHS then transferred the collection to the Museum.

Processing Note

This collection was re-appraised on May 13, 1975, at which time many items were moved to the Vertical File. Most have been returned to the collection since, but some were unable to be located and are considered missing. Also in 1975, 2 items were returned to CIHS, and 4 items were discarded, as follows.

Missing:

- .1 – University of Alaska catalog for 1961-1962 [moved to VF – University of Alaska]
- .8 – “Let’s Build a Capital” brochure [relating to changing Alaska State Capital from Juneau], September 1962 [moved to VF – Politics and Government]
- .49 – Anchorage Symphony, Peter Britch conducting, Shirley Schirmer, guest soloist, program, November 22, 1960 [moved to VF – Anchorage Community College]
- .50a – [same as .50; moved to VF – Alaska Festival of Music]

Discarded:

- .62 – License plate number 21911, 1966
- .63 – License plate number 22195, 1967

- .66 – 5 small glass fishing floats; 2 with hemp rope, 1 with plastic rope and 2 without rope
- .75 – [Anchorage Daily News clipping], January 26, 1968

Returned to CIHS:

- .73 – “Mystery solved: U.W. Scientists Find Where Salmon Go,” *Seattle times*, [clipping], October 8, 1967
- .74 – “Alaska – ‘67 Centennial Offers Fun for All” and “Governor [Walter J. Hickel],” *Los Angeles Times*, [clipping], August 15, 1967

Separated Materials

- .9 – located in Map 1/7 as of April 15, 2022 [AMRC ID 30748000199099; <https://consortiumlibrary.on.worldcat.org/oclc/56716205>]

## RELATED MATERIALS

- B1995.004 – Wanda Griffin Copy Photograph Collection
- B1999.010 – Wanda Griffin Collection

## SUBJECTS

- Anchorage Community Chorus
- Anchorage Symphony Orchestra
- Catholic Youth Organization
- City Planning – Alaska – Anchorage
- Community Theater
- High School Student Activities
- School Sports
- Urban Development – Alaska – Anchorage

Detailed Description of the Collection

### F1

- .1 – [missing]
- .2 – 1964 Miss Anchorage Pageant, brochure, February 15, 1964
- .3 – Earthquake Classification of Buildings as promulgated by the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau, pamphlet, April 1, 1957
- .3a – Information Bulletin from Insurance Incorporated to All Architects and Building Contractors Anchorage and Vicinity, July 1, 1964
- .4 – City of Anchorage Traffic Code, booklet, February 1963

- .5 – Regulations Relating to Game and Fur Animals, Birds, and Game Fishes in Alaska, United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Game Commission Regulatory Announcement 40, 1953-54, effective July 1, 1953
- .6 – Carr’s Presents The Mall Opening Art Exhibit, January 30-February 11, 1968
- .7 – Alaska Railroad “Story of the Mt. McKinley Park Route,” July 1964
- .8 – [missing]
- .9 – Proposed Promontory Park [copy of drawn map, encompassing the present Elderberry Park, separated into Map 1/7]
- .9a – Proposed “Promontory Park” on Cook Inlet, submitted to Mayor and City Council Members of Anchorage by Gene Struck, c. 1960-69
- .9b – “Architect Proposes Park,” Cecil Smith, newspaper clipping, March 4, 1968
- .10 – Sitka, Alaska, Chamber of Commerce brochure, 1969
- .11 – Guide to Fairbanks, “Hub of Alaska,” brochure, August 1960
- .12 – “People the World Over Like What They See in . . . Fairbanks, Alaska,” Chamber of Commerce brochure, undated

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- .13 – Deanery Convention of the Catholic Youth Organization, Anchorage Deanery Council Diocese of Juneau, program, December 1964
- .14 – Stair Way To The Stars, Greater Anchorage Catholic Youth Council first annual Dinner-Dance, program, May 29, 1961
- .15 – Anchorage Church League Basketball Presents, Sr. Division Game Latter Day Saints vs. Coaches, Jr. Division Game Salvation Army vs. Jr. Division All Stars, program, undated
- .16 – Fourth Annual CYO [Catholic Youth Organization] One Act Play Contest, program, March 28, 1965
- .17 – All-Alaska Championship Games Program, March 17, 18, and 19, undated
- .18 – Mt. McKinley Lions Club All-Alaska Little League Baseball Tournament, District 1 Section 8 Region VIII, Anchorage, program, July 28, 29, 30 [no year]
- .19 – Western Alaska High School Activities Association Basketball Tournament Program, March 1-5, 1955
- .20 – Mt. McKinley Lions Club All-Alaska Little League Baseball Tournament, District 4 Section 8 Region VIII, Anchorage, program, August 16, 17, 18 [no year]
- .21 – Western Alaska Basketball Conference [with player signatures], program, March 5-10, 1956
- .22 – Western Alaska Class A High School Basketball Tournament, program, March 1-5, 1960
- .23 – Boxing State Championship, middle weight division, program, October 2, 1965
- .24 – State of Alaska Department of Public Works Division of Marine Transportation, M.V. Malaspina – Anchorage to Homer, ticket, June 15, 1963
- .25 – Dedication of the Sitka Centennial-Civic Center Building invitation and Alaska Centennial Stamp sheet, March 30, 1967
- .26 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Anchorage Science Fair cooperating with Science Clubs of America, Alaska Methodist University, program, March 22-24, 1963
- .27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Anchorage Science Fair collaborating with Science Clubs of America, Alaska Methodist University, sponsored by Anchorage Section of the Institute of

Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Alaska Chapter of the Armed Forces  
Communications and Electronics Association, Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol,  
program, March 26-28, 1965

- .27a – [same as .27]
- .28 – The Eagle’s Cry, Anchorage High School periodical, April 15, 1955
- .29 – Eagle’s Cry, Anchorage High School periodical, September 1956
- .30 – East Anchorage High School vs. Fairbanks High School, [basketball] program, January 15, 16, 1960
- .30a – East Anchorage High School vs. Palmer High School, [basketball] program, January 8, 1960
- .31 – West Anchorage High School vs. Seward High School, [basketball] program, January 22, 1960
- .32 – West High Eagles Peep, West Anchorage High School yearbook 1961-62
- .33 – Eagle’s Peep, West Anchorage High School yearbook, 1963-64
- .34 – Band-O-Rama (Musical Americana), West Senior High School Symphonic Band program, April 3, 1964
- .34a – Alaskan Air Command Band Third Annual Christmas Concert, program, December 10, 1967
- .35 – Santa Claus Bowl, football program, September 17, 1955

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- .36 – Second Annual Santa Claus Bowl Game, Muskagee, Oklahoma, Roughers vs. Anchorage, Alaska, Eagles, football program, September 29, 1956
- .37 – Things to Do and See in Dawson City [includes map], undated
- .38 – “Foxy,” [musical presented by Dawson City Festival Foundation], program, undated
- .39 – Ruben Gaines’ “Adam’s Harvest,” Anchorage, Alaska, play program, June 10-14, 1960
- .40 – “Bell, Book and Candle,” Anchorage Community Theatre, Inc., program, November 10-12, 1960
- .41 – Class of 1962 of Anchorage High School presents Three One Act Plays: Beauty Parade by Conrad Seiler; Sorry, Wrong Number by Lucille Fletcher; The Valiant by Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass, May 5-6, 1961
- .42 – An Enemy of the People, directed by Jack Wandell, Anchorage Community College Theatre Workshop, program, March 22-24, 1962
- .43 – Southwestern Alaska Music Festival, Anchorage, April 15-16, 1955
- .44 – The Anchorage Concert Association presents Stanley Plummer, Violinist, Horace Martinez at the Piano, program, November 20, 1958
- .45 – Fourth Annual Anchorage Alaska Festival of Music, program, June 15-26, 1959
- .46 – The Anchorage Concert Association presents The Claremont Quartet, program, October 22, 1959
- .47 – The Mt. McKinley Lions Club presents The Tony Lavelli Show [signed], program, August 26-27, 1959
- .48 – Anchorage Symphony Association presents Anchorage Symphony in a Fall Concert, Ahleen Heynen, Guest Soloist, program, November 23-24, 1959

- .49 – [missing]
- .50 – Alaska Festival of Music, program, June 19-28, 1960
- .50a – [missing]
- .51 – The Anchorage Concert Association presents the Claremont Quartet, program, January 12, 1961
- .52 – Sidney Laurence Auditorium, Damn Yankees Overture, program, April 27-29, 1961
- .53 – The Anchorage Concert Association presents New York Philharmonic, Leonard Bernstein, Music Director and Conductor, program, May 9, 1961
- .54 – Alaska Festival of Music, program, June 1961
- .54a – Season Ticket, Sixth Annual Alaska Festival of Music, June 12-29, 1961
- .55 – Captivating Tempos [Anchorage High School talent show], program, November 10, 1961
- .56 – The Anchorage Symphony presents Ruth Slenczynska, Guest Soloist, Peter Britch conducting, program, November 21-22, 1961
- .57 – Thirteenth Annual Southwestern Alaska Music Festival, program, April 26-28, 1962
- .57a – [same as .57]
- .57b – Southwestern Alaska Music Festival Anchorage, Alaska, [informational booklet], April 26-28, 1962
- .58 – Community Chorier [Anchorage Community Chorus periodical], March 1965
- .59 – The Mikado by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, Anchorage Community Chorus, program, March 20-22, 1966
- .60 – Rendezvous Pops, Anchorage Symphony, program, February 15, 18, 1968
- .61 – Action, Greater Anchorage National Security Seminar, pamphlet, January 18-29, 1965
- .62 – [discarded]
- .63 – [discarded]
- .64 – [1 manila folder containing .64a-l]
- .64a – The Spa, Inc. By-Laws, December 1955
- .64b – Swimming is Fun at the Spa, pamphlet, January 1960
- .64c – The Spa, Inc. Suggested Changes in By-Laws, May 24, 1960
- .64d – The Spa, Inc. Balance Sheet, May 31, 1960
- .64e – [The Spa, Inc. postcard], February 1959
- .64f – [Letter to members from Bruce Ficke, Manager of The Spa, Inc.], June 20, 1960
- .64g – The Spa, Inc. By-Laws, November 1960
- .64h – The Spa, Inc. Balance Sheet, November 30, 1960
- .64i – The Spa, Inc. By-Laws, May 30, 1962
- .64j – [Letter to members from Jack M. Learitt, President of The Spa, Inc.], October 28, 1963
- .64k – [Letter to members from Jessie Bentley, Secretary of The Spa, Inc.], December 22, 1966
- .64l – [Letter to members from Tom F. Warren, Manager of The Spa, Inc.], March 1, 1967
- .65 – [List of recreational and outdoor groups in and around Anchorage], April 1967
- .66 – [discarded]
- .67 – “Skagway’s Busy Do-It-Yourself Road Builders,” Barbara D. Kalen, *Seattle Times*, [clipping], November 14, 1965
- .68 – “Whidbey Island Archeologist,” Gladys Nelson, *Seattle Times*, [clipping], December 19, 1965

- .69 – “Priceless Objects Recall Czarist Rule,” Sitka Cathedral, *Los Angeles Times*, [clipping], August 15, 1967
- .70 – “Alaska”, *Time Magazine*, [clipping], August 25, 1967
- .71 – “Alaska: Can it Survive as a State?” Robert Schulman, *Saturday Evening Post*, [clipping], October 12, 1963
- .72 – “KOMO-TV Series Spotlights Alaska,” C.J. Skreen, *Seattle Times*, [clipping], December 1965
- .73 – [returned to CIHS]
- .74 – [returned to CIHS]
- .75 – [discarded]

Guide written: April 2022