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**TITLE:** Alaska Highway Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2000.006

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1942-1943

Extent: 1 box; 0.42 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Construction on the Alaska Highway was begun in March of 1942, and the road was officially opened at Soldiers Summit that November.

The photographs in the collection may have been purchased or created by Ray Laird, whose name appears on the three photo booklets.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of three booklets of photographs (each containing 40 images) and 95 loose photographs of scenes of Alaska Highway construction and life along the highway in the 1940s.

Arrangement: Not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

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

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Candy Waugaman in March 2000.

Processing Notes

Individual images removed from booklets for sleeving. Booklet wrappers and contents lists placed in front of first image from that booklet.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

CIHS U.S. Army Engineer District Alaska, B1962.x.015

Alaska Highway Collection, B1984.082

Alaska Highway Construction, B1993.001

Charles A. Hurlbutt, Jr., Photographs B1993.005.029-065

Cheatham Collection, B2005.030

Oris King Scrapbook, B2009.008

Alaska Highway Photograph Album, B2009.047

James J. Irvin Photographs, B2009.050

Robert Ewing Alaska Highway Construction Photographs, B2012.026

**SUBJECTS**

Roads—Canada—Design and construction

Roads—Alaska—Design and construction

Alaska Highway

Whitehorse (Yukon)

Fort St. John (B.C.)

Skagway (Alaska)

Eklutna (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

[.1-.40: "Whitehorse Set" in "Safe-File Snapshot Album, Artisto Snapshots, Album Photo Service, Rockford, Illinois" with manuscript name "Ray Laird"]

- .1 – Street scene, Whitehorse, Y.T. [sign for Whitehorse Inn]
- .2 – Mountie maintains order [Line of men standing in front of MacPherson liquor store]
- .3 – Cemetery near Whitehorse [monument and fence]
- .4 – Christ Church, Whitehorse [sign “Christ Church the Old Log Church”]
- .5 – The Alcan lunch [sign “Alcan Quick Lunch”]
- .6 – Island in Lake Kluane
- .7 – Oh! For that bottle of scotch [line of men standing in front of Government Liquor Store]
- .8 – BPC Camp No. 1, Dowell’s, Whitehorse [Bechtel-Price-Callahan work camp]
- .9 – Equipment yard, BPC Camp No. 2
- .10 – Dispatcher’s office, Camp No. 2
- .11 – Waiting, mess hall A
- .12 – Chow call
- .13 – BPC Camp No. 2
- .14 – Refinery & Lewes River [small petroleum refinery on the bank of the Yukon River near Whitehorse. The Lewes River is the old name for the upper portion of the Yukon River from Marsh Lake to its confluence with the Pelly River in Yukon]
- .15 – BPC Line Camp E
- .16 – Mountain peaks thru burned timber
- .17 – The Island, Lewes River [scenic view of the Yukon River near Whitehorse. A small petroleum refinery is just below the bluffs on the right]
- .18 – Whitehorse from the airport
- .19 – Another view of Whitehorse
- .20 – Lewes River [scenic view of upper Yukon River]
- .21 – P.R.A. Camp, Whitehorse [U.S. Public Roads Administration]
- .22 – The Yukon Rose [*Yukon Rose* riverboat, hull number 8367]
- .23 – Mail Line, 1943 [line of men standing in front of a Quonset hut, second Quonset hut on the right]
- .24 – Whitehorse boat landing [showing four riverboats, Yukon River in foreground]
- .25 – Lewes River near Whitehorse [scenic view of upper Yukon River]
- .26 – Miles Canyon
- .27 – Whirlpool in the frozen Lewes [upper Yukon River in winter]
- .28 – Lewes River [scenic view of frozen upper Yukon River]
- .29 – Miles Canyon
- .30 – Open water [Miles Canyon on the Yukon River near Whitehorse, showing the Robert Lowell footbridge, built in 1922]
- .31 – Winter sport in the Yukon [two people with a dog team]
- .32 – Miles Canyon in summer
- .33 – Suspension bridge in Miles Canyon [Robert Lowell footbridge]
- .34 – Ice crevasses in the Lewes [upper Yukon River in winter]
- .35 – Another view of the canyon [Miles Canyon]
- .36 – Gray skies
- .37 – Winter wonderland
- .38 – The ice breaks up [Yukon River]
- .39 – Winter scene near Whitehorse
- .40 – 60° below zero

[.41-.80: "Scenes of the Yukon" set in "Safe-File Snapshot Album, Artisto Snapshots, Album Photo Service, Rockford, Illinois" with manuscript name "Ray Laird"]

- .41 – Yukon "on ice"
- .42 – Winter scene near Carcross, Y.T.
- .43 – Peace River from the air
- .44 – Along the Alcan in Eastern Yukon
- .45 – Fort St. John Ferry
- .46 – P.R.A. Camp, Fort St. John
- .47 – Town of Fort St. John
- .48 – Along the Peace River
- .49 – Lake Tagish
- .50 – Lewes River in winter [upper Yukon River]
- .51 – Prince Rupert bound [train on the White Pass & Yukon Route]
- .52 – The Narrow Gauge [locomotive taking on water on the White Pass & Yukon Route; plow blade on front of locomotive]
- .53 – Pullen House fire, Skagway, Alaska [firemen putting out a fire at the Pullen House]
- .54 – Skagway fire, Pullen House
- .55 – Aishihik River
- .56 – Southeast of Whitehorse
- .57 – A Yukon native [bear]
- .58 – A peak in South Yukon
- .59 – Along the Peace River
- .60 – Peace River bed at low water
- .61 – Indians of the Yukon [two Native women with three children]
- .62 – Lake Bennett
- .63 – On the road to Watson Lake
- .64 – Pack dogs of the Yukon [man standing between two pack dogs]
- .65 – Huskies at play
- .66 – Lewes River starts spring break-up [upper Yukon River]
- .67 – Near Johnson's Crossing
- .68 – Lake Kluane
- .69 – Scene along the Alcan [river in foreground, glacier and mountains in distance]
- .70 – Bridge across Takahini River
- .71 – A mountain view, Central Yukon
- .72 – Winter along the Lewes River [upper Yukon River]
- .73 – Fish Lake, fisherman's paradise
- .74 – Lakes from the clouds
- .75 – Ferry and barge [sternwheeler ferry pushing a barge loaded with trucks]
- .76 – Corduroy road, early Alcan Highway
- .77 – Peace River Valley
- .78 – Another Peace River view
- .79 – Scene near Marsh Lake [river, possibly Yukon, near Marsh Lake]
- .80 – View from Lake Desdeash [Dezadeash Lake]

[.81-.120: "Sunset Group" in "Safe-File Snapshot Album, Artisto Snapshots, Album Photo Service, Rockford, Illinois" with manuscript name "Ray Laird"]

- .81 – Lake LaBarge at midnight [Lake Laberge]
- .82 – Sunset on Lewes River [upper Yukon River]
- .83 – Safety cemetery [cemetery with the sign “Safety First Cemetery” over the entrance gate, picket fence and log railing]
- .84 – Along the shore of Kluane Lake
- .85 – Miles Canyon in winter
- .86 – Kluane Lake from the south
- .87 – Marsh Lake
- .88 – Teslin River [bridge across the Teslin]
- .89 – Miles Canyon in summer
- .90 – Aishihik River
- .91 – Boats at Whitehorse [four sternwheeler riverboats tied up on the Yukon River, showing railroad tracks of White Pass & Yukon Route]
- .92 – Burwash Landing, Lake Kluane [three trucks and an automobile in front of log buildings by Kluane Lake]
- .93 – Along the Alcan, west
- .94 – Lake Kluane at dusk
- .95 – Rock Mountain along Lewes River [upper Yukon River]
- .96 – Burned over timber near Camp E
- .97 – Small breakers on Lake Kluane
- .98 – Canyon Camp & Aishihik River [construction camp]
- .99 – Steamboat on the Lewes River [upper Yukon River]
- .100 – Laying water main, BPC Camp No. 2 [three construction workers operating a ditch-digging machine-]
- .101 – Mountain ranges near Camp D
- .102 – Mrs. MacIntosh’s Trading Post
- .103 – The Alcan
- .104 – BPC Camp F
- .105 – Glacier above Lake Kluane
- .106 – Burwash Landing, Y.T.
- .107 – Five Finger Rapids
- .108 – Lake Kluane
- .109 – Miles Canyon & suspension bridge [Robert Lowell footbridge]
- .110 – The glacier at Glacier, Y.T.
- .111 – The church of 1898 at Lake Bennett [St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church]
- .112 – Port-A-Seal huts [four Quonset-style huts along dirt road]
- .113 – The wood camp at dusk [two tar-paper buildings and a sawhorse]
- .114 – White Pass & Yukon work train [steam locomotive pushing a flatcar loaded with a bulldozer]
- .115 – New grade on the Alcan
- .116 – The boat landing at Whitehorse [steamboat *Casca* tied up at a wooden wharf, four men on wharf, firewood stacked alongside building]
- .117 – Yukon “dandy” [man standing by sign “Road to Fairbanks, Los Angeles City Limits, Alcan Highway North”]
- .118 – Study in white [scenery]
- .119 – Recreation hall and the first snow

.120 – “Willie Snowman” at mess hall A

[Loose prints]

.121 – [four men standing in front of a wooden building that has an electrical department sign]

.122 – [five men grouped around a small Bell Telephone switchboard]

.123 – [three men standing in front of an automobile that has Alaska license plate #20832]

.124 – [three men standing on top of a cliff]

.125 – [three men standing on top of a cliff]

.126 – [scenery]

.127 – [scenery]

.128 – [woman standing by the door to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Eklutna]

.129 – [two men standing by the spirit houses in Eklutna cemetery]

.130 – [spirit houses in Eklutna cemetery]

.131 – [a 2.5 ton truck, called a deuce and a half or a 6x6, in front of a camp]

.132 – 40 (some days) [Fort St. John ferry]

.133 – [21 men in front of a building]

.134 – [8 men in front of a building]

.135 – [7 men in front of a building]

.136 – [24 men in front of an Electrical Department building]

.137 – [10 men standing in front of a building]

.138 – [man and woman sitting on park bench]

.139 – [construction camp along the Alaska Highway, Quonset hut in the right foreground]

.140 – [construction camp along the Alaska Highway, possibly near Whitehorse]

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.142 – [oil refinery at Whitehorse, Yukon River barely visible above the refinery]

.143 – [oil refinery at Whitehorse]

.144 – [camp along the Alaska Highway, large pile of logs in the center, building with tower may be fire house]

.145 – [oil refinery at Whitehorse]

.146 – [scenery]

.147 – [C-47 transport airplane in flight]

.148 – [airplane, possibly Douglas A-26 Invader in flight]

.149 – [BPE Dispatch Office, Camp No. 2, three trucks parked by a small wooden building. 2 copies]

.150 – This is one of our trucks up on the Alaska Highway [pickup truck in front of burned over timber area near Line Camp E]

.151 – [mountain range near Camp D on the Alaska Highway]

.152 – [scenery]

.153 – There huts are covered with sun and are a pretty sight [Quonset huts in construction camp]

.154 – [Alaska Highway]

.155 – [men at a New Year’s banquet]

.156 – [group photo with people identified by name. 2 copies. Names are: Bill Laird, Leonard Beard, Al Reyac, Newt Moss, John Russell, Frank Hinsey, E. Korpman, Joe Morris, Joe Kuryki, W.W. Lunutow, Ted Sustrom, Don Frayers, Frank Hulsey, Jim Guest, J. Gersham, Frank Martin, Frank Barton, Vic Nelson, Hultgers, Geo. Leiman, Ray Davies, Dick Miller, Jim

Beard, Frank Bussey, Dick Markgraff, L. Shields, Jim Owens, Guy Griffith, Fred Bell, Jack Hite, Besse Hite, Elmer Soderquist, Walt Wermenskerkin, Henry Johns, F. Mortenson, R. Laird, C.E. Schell, Smith Nolan]

- .157 – [man in front of log cabin]
- .158 – [man dressed in parka and stocking cap squatting next to an Alaskan husky]
- .159 – [man displaying the antlers of a dead caribou]
- .160 – [man displaying caribou antlers]
- .161 – [man butchering frozen caribou or moose]
- .162 – [man holding up large salmon]
- .163 – [similar to .162]
- .164 – [similar to .162]
- .165 – [unidentified people]
- .166 – [five men clearing brush and trees using a bulldozer]
- .167 – [log house with picket fence, three automobiles on right]
- .168 – [Native men, women, and children standing in front of a walled tent]
- .169 – [herd of caribou, photo taken from bow of canoe]
- .170 – [motor sailboat *Shamrock*]
- .171 – [log cabin in winter, dogsled turned upside down to right of door]
- .172 – [shed in winter]
- .173 – [man operating a bulldozer]
- .174 – [ceremonial pole with ermine tails attached, probably a Gwich'in Athabascan dance pole that is used in coming home or after war potlatches; upside-down cart with attached wooden box at left]
- .175 – [log cabin, washing machine and laundry hanging from a line to the left of the cabin, three wooden buildings on right]
- .176 – [scene on the Alaska Highway, small building in center of image]
- .177 – [five log cabins]
- .178 – [Noorduyn Norseman float plane with Canadian markings CF DDD taxiing up to a pier with six men on it, canoe tied up to left of pier]
- .179 – [riverboat]
- .180 – [wolf furs hanging from a line, two rifles leaning against a pole at center]
- .181 – [dog team and sled, four animals, probably ermine, in center feeding on caribou carcass]
- .182 – [two men standing on rock in river]
- .183 – [man fishing in river]
- .184 – [dogs]
- .185 – [scenery]
- .186 – [waterfall]
- .187 – [scenery]
- .188 – [scenery]
- .189 – [scenery]
- .190 – [male willow ptarmigan in breeding plumage]
- .191 – [lynx caught in a leghold trap, small dog team in background]
- .192 – [two caribou swimming across lake or river]
- .193 – [large caribou herd on tundra]
- .194 – [small herd of woodland caribou or reindeer]
- .195 – [similar to .194]

- .196 – [black bear cub and dog playing together]
- .197 – [similar to .196]
- .198 – [black bear in woods]
- .199 – [thirteen men and a railroad snowplow clearing snow along a railroad track, probably the White Pass & Yukon Route]
- .200 – Chow call
- .201 – Equipment yard, BPC Camp No. 2
- .202 – BPC Camp No. 2
- .203 – Refinery & Lewes River [upper Yukon River]
- .204 – [scenery]
- .205 – [scenery]
- .206 – [scenery]
- .207 – [small riverboat pushing a barge loaded with two trucks]
- .208 – [scenery]
- .209 – [scenery]
- .210 – [timber bridge across river, possibly the Takahini?]
- .211 – [timber bridge under construction, men working on the bridge possibly members of the 97th Engineering Regiment, General Service. 3 photos]

Guide written: March 6, 2013