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TITLE: J. O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2014.006

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1964

Extent: 77 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): J. O. Anderson

Administrative/Biographical History:

J. O. Anderson and family lived in Anchorage at the time of the 1964 Good Friday earthquake.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 77 black-and-white prints of damage from the 1964 Alaska Earthquake in Anchorage. For more information see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by print size.

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

Donated by his daughter Margaret Ann Anderson in 2014.

Separated Materials

Publications removed to cataloging.

RELATED MATERIALS

CIHS McCutcheon Collection, B1964.x.006

AHFAM Earthquake Photographs, B1969.011

Betty Bannon Collection, B1970.015

Zappa Earthquake Papers, B1972.060

Portage Earthquake Photographs, B1973.070

Patricia Mayo Earthquake Time Ticket, B1974.013

Kroninger Photograph Collection, B1976.118

Army Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1977.118

Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1979.038

Woodman Photograph Collection, B1980.027

McDermott Collection, B1987.083

Ron Aldrin Earthquake Slides, B1994.024

Though the Earth Be Moved, B1997.021

Sanborn Recording of 1964 Earthquake, B1997.023

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Collection, B2002.002

Charles Koppel 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2002.008

Norman Campbell Photographs, B2005.041

Bronitsky Letter, B2006.021

4th and H St. Demolition Collection, B2007.002

Opal Myers 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2007.003

Christenson Slide collection, B2007.016

Bangkok Embassy Teletype Collection, B2009.044

Truth Coven Gray Earthquake Album, B2009.056

Kleihauer Slide Collection, B2010.004

Johnny Sartor Collection, B2010.020

Langford-Ose Photograph Collection, B2011.002

Kenneth C. Allen Earthquake Slides, B2012.027

Jean Kaufman Earthquake Photographs, B2012.032
John Mull III Alaskan Earthquake Reflections, B2012.036
Sportsman's Club Earthquake Photographs, B2013.001
Bill and Ellyn Frye letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, B2013.011
Harold and Malita Hitchen Collection, B2013.010
Milo Fritz Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.046
Grace Tucker Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.051
Col. Paul W. Stephens 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2013.061
Helen M. Bucy 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.008

SUBJECTS

Alaska Earthquake, Alaska, 1964
Earthquakes – Alaska – Anchorage
Earthquake damage – Alaska – Anchorage
Anchorage (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – The bottom of the sign was 10 ft. above 4th Ave [Denali Theater]
- .2 – 4th Avenue [McLain's Camera Center, Northern Jewelers, Anchorage Hardware, Anchorage Westward Hotel]
- .3 – On 4th Ave [Anchorage Hardware]
- .4 – [Damage to First Federal Savings façade with sign "1st Fed open in Spenard"]
- .5 – J. C. Penney's [damage to parking garage, with automobiles and barricade in foreground]
- .6 – 4th Avenue [storefronts on north side of street]
- .7 – Filling in street that settled [workman next to dump truck piling dirt into drop zone in residential area, barricade on sidewalk in foreground]
- .8 – Interior of building that went down, windows broken, building settled about 10 ft. Sign read "I knew we would go in the hole in Alaska but I didn't know it would be this deep"
- .9 – [exterior of Inlet Hotel]
- .10 – New sales & repair facility for General Motors
- .11 – New sales & repair facility for General Motors [closer shot than .11]
- .12 – New Chrysler Corp. building [automobile in foreground with debris on trunk, vehicle next to building crushed by rubble]
- .13 – These buildings are down 8 to 10 ft. [rift in alley in residential area, sign for private parking at right]
- .14 – View of office building that went down 10 ft, all windows broken [sign for Kenneth Jensen Law Office in window]
- .15 – [side view of building in .14]
- .16 – Bldg that is about ready to go down, apts on hill above are condemned (99) [automobiles parked outside Anchorage Cold Storage]
- .17 – Bldg went down several feet, note crack in corner
- .18 – New 6 story apt bldg [Four Seasons Apartments]
- .19 – Apt bldg, one end settled, condemned
- .20 – [house dropped below street level, damaged apartment building behind]
- .21 – This house went down about 10 ft. [log cabin]

- .22 – Fissure on Govt. Hill [automobiles falling into cracks on Government Hill]
- .23 – Fissure on Govt. Hill [similar to .22]
- .24 – Fissure on Govt. Hill [similar to .22]
- .25 – This apt house went down 8 to 10 ft., no damage to building
- .26 – [house lifted off ground, white picket fence in front, cf. .59]
- .27 – [house falling into crack]
- .28 – Govt. Hill school
- .29 – Fissure through playground on Govt. Hill [water tower and Cook Inlet in background]
- .30 – Fissure through playground, Govt. Hill school [water tower in background]
- .31 – Govt. Hill school, Margie's room [exterior]
- .32 – Govt. Hill school
- .33 – Road to Govt. Hill [bird's eye view of road and slide area]
- .34 – Road to Govt. Hill, note slide area upper right [similar to .33]
- .35 – Warehouse on Elmendorf
- .36 – Warehouse on Elmendorf
- .37 – 4th & B [street scene with Denali Theater, Flowers By Bagoy, Green Dragon]
- .38 – Saturday morning [view looking east of crack running along storefronts on Fourth Avenue near D, with signs for Koslosky's and Hobby Lobby]
- .39 – Sunday morning [same location as in .38, with widened crack]
- .40 – The buildings on 4th next to NB of A [signs for The Hub Clothing Co., Dolly's Tailor Shop, Alaska Treasure Shop]
- .41 – The 1200 L St. Apts
- .42 – 5th & D, Penneys [men, some wearing hard hats, standing outside J.C. Penney parking garage]
- .43 – Penneys from the roof of NB of A [bird's eye view of damage to J.C. Penney parking garage, signs in foreground for Club Paris and Barrett Office Supply]
- .44 – 4th between D & B [businesses including Frisco Bar & Café, BJ's Billiards, Mac's Foto, Pawn Shop Loans, Scandinavian Club & Bar]
- .45 – 4th between B & C [businesses include Sam's Liquor Store, Alaska Trading Post Loans, Union Leader]
- .46 – 4th between C & D [businesses include Koslosky's Store, D & D Bar & Café, Sportsman's Club, Frisco Bar & Café, BJ's Billiards, Mac's Foto]
- .47 – Penneys [soldiers and men in hard hats outside the J. C. Penney parking garage]
- .48 – Penney's from the roof of NB of A [debris on automobile, signs for Singer Sewing Center and Craig's Family Footwear]
- .49 – First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
- .50 – 4th & B [automobiles outside building with sign for Flowers by Bagoy]
- .51 – Union Leader
- .52 – 4th & D [Arctic Plumbing and Heating van outside damaged building]
- .53 – 4th looking down C St. [soldiers patrolling near automobiles in crack at intersection]
- .54 – Looking down 4th from NB of A [view looking east to L Street Apartments, with businesses including Hofbrau, McLain's Camera Center, The Hub, Alaska Treasure Shop]
- .55 – 4th & C [soldiers patrolling near barricade outside Sam's Liquor Store and Alaska Trading Post Loans]
- .56 – The Four Seasons Apt. Bldg. [distant view across snowy lot]

- .57 – An alley in the downtown area [automobiles and dumpsters next to houses, large uplifted ridge at right]
- .58 – Near L St. [uplifted ridge in front of house, damaged apartment complex in background]
- .59 – A house on the L St. fissure [uplifted house with white picket fence in front, cf. .29]
- .60 – L St. Saturday morning [automobile parked next to barricade in foreground, fissure in middle ground, multi-story building in background]
- .61 – On L St. [damaged house next to apartment building]
- .62 – On L St. [fissure leading up to stop sign at intersection, houses along street]
- .63 – L St. [street scene with automobiles and buildings along crack in pavement]
- .64 – Doctor's clinic [barricade in front of building at 6th Avenue and K Street]
- .65 – Doctor's clinic [similar to .64]
- .66 – 4th & D [street scene with barricades, pedestrians and automobiles near McLain's Camera Center, Anchorage Westward Hotel in background]
- .67 – 4th Avenue [street scene with businesses including Scandinavian Club & Bar, Pawn Shop Loans, Mac's Foto, BJ's Billiards, Frisco Bar & Café, Sportsman's Club, D & D Bar & Café, Koslosky's Store, Anchorage Westward Hotel in background]
- .68 – 4th & D [pedestrians outside Anchorage Hardware & Sporting Goods]
- .69 – 4th & D [similar to .68]
- .70 – [McLain's Camera Center, man holding video camera in foreground]
- .71 – [Union Leader]
- .72 – Looking down C St. [looking north to Government Hill, with automobiles, teetering light pole]
- .73 – Looking up D to 5th [damaged J. C. Penney parking garage and businesses including Arthur's Jewelry Nugget Shop, Mary Lou's Café, Mehner's Restaurant, Pacific Finance Loans]
- .74 – Mr. Rasmussen's house in Turnagain [Elmer Rasmuson home, bird's eye view of automobile in driveway, large section of ground dropped more than ten feet]
- .75 – Turnagain area [automobile perched on cracks in foreground, group of people moving boxes in background]
- .76 – Turnagain area [heaved earth with damaged homes, Cook Inlet in background]
- .77 – Mr. Rasmussen's house in Turnagain [Elmer Rasmuson's damaged home, Cook Inlet in background]

Guide written: April 11, 2014