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TITLE: Colleen Ryan Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2016.003

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1940, 1964

Extent: 2 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Colleen Ryan

Administrative/Biographical History:

Colleen Ryan was a resident of Anchorage. Her father, Glenn Edward Ryan (b. 1907), came to Alaska from Montana in the 1930s. He married Georgia Baker in Wasilla in 1941, and the couple had two children: Colleen Ada Ryan (b. 1942) and Terrance Michael Ryan (b. 1944).

Scope and Content Description:

The collection includes a two-page typescript letter from Colleen Ryan to her grandmother Ada Ryan, dated April 15, 1964, detailing her experiences during and immediately after the 1964 Alaska Earthquake. She was living alone in an apartment with her dog, Panda, at the time. Also included is a photograph captioned "Myself and two friends the day I left Fairbanks, July 18, '40," showing Glenn Ryan and two other men standing in front of a Stinson Model A airplane.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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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 relative Jaime Johnstone in January 2016. Photograph received as addendum in March 2018.

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
Lankford-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
J. O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.006
Helen M. Bucy 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.008
Walter Deane 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2014.011
Joan Hurst Letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, B2015.010
Col. John H. Sullivan 1964 Earthquake Slides, B2015.013
Maj. William D. Wright 1964 Alaska Earthquake Collection, B2016.001

SUBJECTS

Ryan, Glenn Edward, 1907-
Ryan, Colleen Ada, 1942-
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