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TITLE: Old Glory Rises Over Alaska Posters

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1968.024

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: c. 1920s-1960s

Extent: 2 oversize posters

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Briggs, Austin, 1908-1973

Administrative/Biographical History:

Austin Briggs (1908-1973) was an American illustrator and cartoonist.¹ Old Glory Rises Over Alaska was originally painted oil on board and was commissioned by Exxon for Calendar Art.²

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of two poster reproductions of "Old Glory Rises Over Alaska" by Austin Briggs.

Item a is captioned on the left "great moments in American history," and on the right "© Humble Oil & Refining Company." Item b includes these captions as well as the title "Old Glory Rises Over Alaska" and the following paragraph describing the illustration:

"The 15-year-old son of Maj. Gen. Lovell Harrison Rousseau raises the Stars and Stripes at Sitka, October 18, 1867, to mark the transfer of some 586,000 square miles of territory to the

¹ "Austin Briggs," *Wikipedia*, updated February 22, 2022, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austin_Briggs

² "'Old Glory Rises Over Alaska' Lot No. 3737," *The Illustrated Gallery*, accessed June 6, 2022, <https://www.illustratedgallery.com/artwork/original/3737/by-austin-briggs/>

United States. Purchased from Russia at the insistence of Secretary of State William H. Seward for only \$7,200,000, Alaska soon returned its purchase price a hundredfold in minerals alone and in 1959 became the forty-ninth state in the Union.”

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 Museum by Lyman Woodman on November 15, 1968.

SUBJECTS

Alaska – Annexation to the United States

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