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TITLE: Paul Felter “Faces of the Iditarod” Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2014.027

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1977-1978

Extent: 190 items; 1.2 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Paul Felter

Administrative/Biographical History:
Paul Felter was educated at Marietta College, the University of North Dakota, and the University of Idaho. He taught in various locations in the Continental United States and Alaska, including Nome, Fort Yukon, Alakanuk, Bethel, and Anchorage. He retired in 2004.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 40 8” x 12” color photo enlargements made from 35mm Kodachrome slides taken by Paul Felter during the Iditarod Races of 1977 and 1978, as well as 150 original color 35mm slides. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Original order of prints maintained. Slides sorted by date.

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

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated by Felter in July 2014. An addendum containing 113 color 35mm slides was received December 9, 2014. Further addenda received in 2015.

Processing Note
Digital scans of 35mm slides donated by Felter were copied to Museum servers at the time of receipt.

RELATED MATERIALS
Redington Family Collection, B2006.023
Anchorage Times Iditarod Collection, B1995.027

SUBJECTS
Redington, Joe, 1917-1999
Mackey, Dick
Lindner, Sonny
Adkins, Terry O.
Butcher, Susan
Swenson, Rick
Nayokpuk, Herbie
Anderson, Eep
Smarz, Jim
Vandiver, Shelley
Peters, Emmitt
McConnel, Rick
Albert, Howard
Mercer, Jerry
Chlupach, Bob
Roberts, Roger  
Thompson, Varona  
Iditarod (Race)  
Sled dog racing—Alaska  
Sled dogs—Alaska  
Mushers—Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

Prints
.1 – ITDR-77 #1. Iditarod 1977, mushers Joe Redington, Sr., and Dick Mackey, “End of the Trail Talk,” Nome, Alaska [Redington, left, holding can of Coca-Cola, Mackey wearing fur hat and headlamp. Cf. .45]  
.2 – ITDR-77 #2. Iditarod 1977, musher Dick Mackey, Nome, Alaska [portrait of man wearing fox fur hat. Cf. .84]  
.5 – ITDR-77 #5. View #3, “Finally ... the End of the Trail,” musher just arrive under the burred gate finish line, Nome, Alaska, Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1977 [portrait of man with heavy ice in beard, Sonny Lindner. Cf. .50]  
.7 - ITDR-77 #7. Iditarod Sled Dog Race, musher at finish line, Nome, Alaska, 1977 [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing brown knitted cap and parka with fur ruff. Cf. .40, .67. At AFN 2015, tentatively identified as Isaac Okleasik of Teller] [Inupiaq Territory, Sitnasuak (Nome).]  
.12 – ITDR-77 #12. Musher’s wife from Elmendorf AFB and San Coulee, Montana, Iditarod Sled Dog Race, musher at finish line, 1977, Nome, Alaska [portrait of woman wearing red hat with Husky logo and white fur coat, wife of Terry Adkins. Cf. .92]  
.13 – ITDR-77 #13. Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1977, Inuit lady in handmade fur kuspuk, Nome, Alaska [portrait of woman wearing sunglasses and fancy fur parka, with beads in her hair; at AFN 2014, identified as Sandra Iknokinok of Gambell. Cf. .72]
.15 – ITDR-78 #1. Iditarod, 1978, Headed for the finish line coming off the beach up onto Main, Nome, Alaska [mushers wearing bibs #16 and #13 racing teams on trail, Rick Swenson and Dick Mackey. Cf. .154]
.17 – ITDR-78 #3. Iditarod, 1978, Susan Butcher, Nancy Lake, Alaska [woman with two braids in her hair bending over pile of supplies. Cf. .112]
.26 – ITDR-78 #12. Iditarod, 1978, Joe Redington Sr.’s team, the “sleeping” members, Nancy Lake, Alaska [dogs in dog truck, with advertisement for Mr. Prime Beef, snowshoes in truck. Cf. .81]
.34 – #2-78. Native Alaska lady (probably Inuit), Iditarod Sled Dog Race 1978, Nancy Lake, Alaska [portrait of woman wearing eyeglasses, yellow headscarf, and fur parka. Cf. .182. At AFN 2016, woman tentatively identified as Molly Seetot of Brevig Mission]
.35 - #3-78. Inuit male spectator, Iditarod 1978, Nancy Lake, Alaska [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps, blue down jacket, and plaid shirt. Cf. .183. At AFN 2018, tentatively identified as Spike or Ralph Willoya] [Inupiaq Territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome). At AFN 2022, man identified as Spike Willoya. Location identified as Nome area.]
.36 - #4-78. Inuit male spectator, Iditarod 1978, Nome, Alaska [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps, green down jacket, and eyeglasses. Cf. .147. At AFN 2016, identified as Alagaq Joe Kowchee from White Mountain]
.37 - #5-78. Musher after thawing out, Iditarod 1978, Nome, Alaska [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red shirt. Cf. .146. At AFN 2015, identified as Clifford Annogiyuk from Savoonga]
.40 - #B-BW. Musher – first interview at the burled arch finish line, Nome, Alaska, Iditarod 1977 [same image as .7. Black-and-white print]

35mm slides
1977
.41 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-trimmed red parka with patches for Nome Kennel Club and Iditarod Trail]
.42 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-trimmed red parka with patches for Nome Kennel Club and Iditarod Trail]
.43 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-trimmed red parka with Iditarod Trail patch]
.44 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-trimmed red parka with Iditarod Trail patch]
.45 – [Joe Redington, Sr., left, holding can of Coca-Cola, Dick Mackey wearing fur hat and headlamp. Cf. .1]
.46 – [Joe Redington, Sr., left, holding can of Coca-Cola, Dick Mackey wearing fur hat and headlamp]
.47 – [Dick Mackey wearing fur hat and headlamp, holding can of Coca-Cola]
.48 – [Joe Redington, Sr., and Dick Mackey, both holding cans of Coca-Cola]
.49 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing green billed hat and tan parka]
.50 – [Sonny Lindner with heavy ice in beard being interviewed. Cf. .5]
.51 – [Sonny Lindner with heavy ice in beard being interviewed, man at left with microphone]
.52 – [portrait of Sonny Lindner wearing fur-lined hat, with heavy ice in beard. Cf. .4]
.53 – [portrait of Sonny Lindner wearing fur-lined hat, wool sweater, and suspenders]
.54 – [portrait of Sonny Lindner wearing fur-lined hat, wool sweater, and suspenders. Cf. .3]
.55 – [Eep Anderson being interviewed, man at left with microphone]
.56 – [portrait of Eep Anderson wearing green knitted hat and parka with name embroidered on chest and patch for Dog Power]
.57 – [portrait of Eep Anderson wearing bib #14, green knitted hat and parka]
.58 – [portrait of Eep Anderson wearing bib #14, green knitted hat and parka]
.59 – [portrait of man with mustache wearing red knitted cap with tag pinned to it, reading from paper]
.60 – [portrait of man with ice in beard, wearing sunglasses and green knitted cap]
.61 – [portrait of man wearing fur lined hat, ski goggles on head]
.62 – [Jim Smarz wearing bib #7, being interviewed]
.64 – [portrait of man wearing sunglasses and fur hat, holding microphone. Cf. .39]
.65 – [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing brown knitted cap and parka with fur ruff]
.66 – [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing brown knitted cap and parka with fur ruff]
.67 – [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing brown knitted cap and parka with fur ruff. Cf. .7]
.68 – [husky dog with young man wearing parka and headband. Cf. .9]
.69 – [two women spectators, one wearing sunglasses and fur-lined parka with print cover, one wearing fur parka with geometric decoration and smoking cigarette]
.70 – [Alaska Native women wearing eyeglasses and fur-lined parka with print cover, same woman as on left in .69]
.71 – [Alaska Native women wearing eyeglasses and fur-lined parka with print cover. At AFN 2015, identified as Ursula Ellanna of King Island]
.72 – [portrait of woman wearing sunglasses and fancy fur parka, with beads in her hair, Sandra Iknokinok. Cf. .13]
.73 – [young girl seated on snow, wearing print parka with fur ruff, red knitted cap and mittens]
.74 – [young girl seated on snow, wearing print parka with fur ruff, red knitted cap and mittens]
.75 – [young boy wearing Baby Ruth knitted cap seated on snow with saucer-style sled]

1978
.76 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing camouflage hat and blue parka with fur ruff. Cf. .76]
.77 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red suspenders, in dog truck]
.78 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red suspenders, in dog truck]
.79 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red suspenders, in dog truck]
.80 – [portrait of Joe Redington, Sr., wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red suspenders, in dog truck]
.81 – [Joe Redington, Sr., dogs in dog truck, with advertisement for Mr. Prime Beef, snowshoes in truck. Cf. .26]
.82 – [portrait of Dick Mackey wearing fox fur hat]
.83 – [portrait of Dick Mackey wearing fox fur hat]
.84 – [portrait of Dick Mackey wearing fox fur hat. Cf. .2]
.85 – [portrait of Shelley Vandiver with braided hair wearing eyeglasses, brown knitted cap, and red parka with Iditarod Trail patch]
.86 – [portrait of Shelley Vandiver with braided hair wearing eyeglasses, brown knitted cap, and red parka with Iditarod Trail patch. Cf. .21]
.87 – [portrait of Shelley Vandiver with braided hair wearing eyeglasses, brown knitted cap, and red parka with Iditarod Trail patch]
.88 – [portrait of Terry Adkins wearing bib #40, red parka, and red hat with white polka dots]
.89 – [portrait of Terry Adkins wearing red hat with white polka dots]
.90 – [portrait of Terry Adkins wearing red hat with white polka dots. Cf. .8]
.91 – [portrait of Terry Adkins wearing red hat with white polka dots, standing with wife, wearing red hat with Husky logo and white fur coat]
.92 – [portrait of woman wearing red hat with Husky logo and white fur coat, wife of Terry Adkins. Cf. .12]
.93 – [portrait of man wearing green jacket and orange vest, being interviewed]
.94 – [portrait of man wearing green jacket and orange vest, being interviewed]
.95 – [portrait of man wearing green jacket and orange vest, being interviewed]
.96 – [man wearing green jacket and orange vest at right, man wearing shearling coat at left]
.97 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses and baseball cap with Camco logo, Emmitt Peters?]
.98 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses and baseball cap with Camco logo, Emmitt Peters?]
.99 – [Rick Swenson wearing bib #16, sunglasses, and baseball cap with Dog Husky Power patch, standing with sled]
.100 – [portrait of Rick Swenson wearing baseball cap with Dog Husky Power patch. Cf. .19]
.101 – [portrait of Rick Swenson wearing baseball cap with Dog Husky Power patch]
.102 – [portrait of Rick Swenson wearing baseball cap with Dog Husky Power patch]
.103 – [Dick Mackey and Rick Swenson sitting together at the finish line in Nome]
.104 – [Dick Mackey and Rick Swenson sitting together at the finish line in Nome]
.105 – [portrait of Rick McConnel wearing bib #19 and fur hat. Cf. .22]
.106 – [Rick McConnel, right, wearing bib #19 and fur hat, with second man wearing fur hat and yellow-lined blue parka with Iditarod Trail patch]
.107 – [man wearing fur hat and yellow-lined blue parka with Iditarod Trail patch in dog truck]
.108 – [dog in dog truck, with bag of Gaines Meal dog food. Cf. .25]
.109 – [Eep Anderson, wearing bib #6, racing sled past spectators]
.110 – [Eep Anderson drinking out of a glass, reporter with microphone at left]
.111 – [portrait of Eep Anderson wearing blue knitted cap, blue parka, and green down vest]
.112 – [Susan Butcher with two braids in her hair bending over pile of supplies. Cf. .17]
.113 – [Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses and plaid shirt, drinking beer, Howard Albert?]
.114 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses and plaid shirt, Howard Albert?]
.115 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses and plaid shirt, Howard Albert?]
.116 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing eyeglasses, being interviewed, Emmitt Peters?]
.117 – [Jerry Mercer wearing red and blue knitted cap and blue down jacket, posed with husky dog]
.118 – [Jerry Mercer wearing red and blue knitted cap, blue down jacket and bunny boots posed with husky dog]
.119 – [Jerry Mercer wearing red and blue knitted cap, blue down jacket and bunny boots posed with husky dog. Cf. .6]
.120 – [portrait of Jerry Mercer wearing bib #24, red and blue knitted cap and blue down jacket]
.121 – [portrait of Bob Chlupach wearing parka with fur ruff, sunglasses, and fur hat]
.122 – [Bob Chlupach wearing parka with fur ruff, sunglasses, and fur hat, being interviewed]
.123 – [Bob Chlupach wearing bib #18, parka with fur ruff, sunglasses, and fur hat, posing with woman wearing green knitted cap and eyeglasses]
.124 – [portrait of Ron Aldrich wearing bib #20, orange parka, and snow goggles on head. Cf. .23]
.125 – [portrait of man wearing sunglasses, fur hat, and yellow gloves, Ken Chase?]
.126 – [portrait of man wearing sunglasses, fur hat, and yellow gloves, Ken Chase?]
.127 – [portrait of man wearing sunglasses and fur hat with earflaps]
.128 – [Ernie Baumgartner wearing bib #14, fur hat, and blue parka standing with sled]
.129 – [portrait of Ernie Baumgartner wearing fur hat, and blue parka]
.130 – [portrait of Ernie Baumgartner with beard wearing fur hat and blue parka with Iditarod Trail patch, holding rope. Cf. .24]
.131 – [portrait of Dick Mackey being interviewed by KNOM]
.132 – [dogs in dog truck with sign “Dick Mackey’s Iditarod Team sponsored by D & A Supermarkets.” Cf. .27]
.133 – [husky dog in dog truck, probably Dick Mackey’s team. Cf. .28]
.134 – [portrait of man with mustache wearing fur hat with frost]
.135 – [portrait of man with mustache wearing fur hat and blue parka, same man as in .134]
.136 – [portrait of Alaska Native man with mustache wearing sunglasses, blue knitted cap, and red jacket]
.137 – [close-up of Dick Mackey racing, wearing fox fur hat and holding whip. Cf. .16]
.138 – [portrait of Roger Roberts wearing bib #8, red knitted cap, and blue parka]
.139 – [Howard Albert wearing bib #26, green parka, plaid shirt, and red cap with Harold Air Service logo, standing with sled]
.140 – [portrait of man with red beard wearing sunglasses and blue knitted cap. Cf. .33]
.141 – [portrait of man with goatee wearing mirrored sunglasses and fur-lined hat with earflaps]
.142 – [portrait of man with full beard wearing mirrored sunglasses, red down vest, plaid shirt, and fox fur hat]
.143 – [Alaska Native man with bare head wearing blue parka standing behind sled]
144 – [Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps, plaid shirt, and blue jacket, smoking cigarette, standing at fence talking with man wearing fur hat. Cf. .20]
145 – [portrait of Alaska Native man wearing brown parka with fur ruff, laughing]
146 – [Alaska Native man wearing fur-lined hat with earflaps and red shirt standing next to yellow truck. Cf. .37]
147 – [Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps, green down jacket, and eyeglasses, standing with other spectators. Cf. .36]
148 – [dog portrait, sled dog with young handler. Cf. .148]
149 – [two sled dogs in harness, being held by handler]
150 – [dog portrait]
151 – [dog portrait]
152 – [handler with dog, de-icing paws. Cf. .29]
153 – [mushers wearing bibs #16 and #13 racing teams on trail near Nome, Rick Swenson and Dick Mackey]
154 – [mushers wearing bibs #16 and #13 racing teams on trail near Nome, Rick Swenson and Dick Mackey. Cf. .15]
155 – [mushers wearing bibs #16 and #13 racing teams on trail near Nome, Rick Swenson and Dick Mackey]
156 – [mushers wearing bibs #16 and #13 racing teams on trail near Nome, Rick Swenson and Dick Mackey]
157 – [man wearing overalls and red, white, and blue knitted tam, standing near sled]
158 – [man wearing overalls and red, white, and blue knitted tam, smoking cigarette, helping man wearing blue down jacket pack sled]
159 – [man wearing blue down jacket inspecting sled, sponsored by Teeland’s Country Store, Moose Creek Lodge, Lolly’s Harness Shop, Rae’s Harness Shop, and others]
160 – [handlers working on sled, possibly Varona Thompson standing at left]
161 – [portrait of man wearing brimmed hat, parka with fur ruff, and Anchorage Fur Rendezvous pin on lapel, 1984? Cf. .190]
162 – [portrait of Varona Thompson wearing bib #28 wearing red parka and fur-lined hat]
163 – [portrait of two boys wearing “Chute Crew” bibs. Cf. .171]
164 – [young boy wearing Chute Crew bib, white knitted cap, and red down jacket working with another boy]
165 – [portrait of young boy wearing Chute Crew bib, white knitted cap, and red down jacket]
166 – [portrait of young boy wearing Chute Crew bib, white knitted cap, and red down jacket]
167 – [portrait of young boy wearing red knitted cap hugging dog]
168 – [portrait of young boy wearing red knitted cap hugging dog]
169 – [portrait of young Alaska Native girl wearing blue coat and fur hat. Cf. .14]
170 – [portrait of young Alaska Native girl wearing blue coat and fur hat]
171 – [portrait of young boy wearing Chute Crew bib, blue knitted cap, and blue down jacket]
172 – [portrait of young boy wearing Chute Crew bib, blue knitted cap, and blue down jacket]
173 – [portrait of young child wearing multicolored knitted cap and blue down jacket]
174 – [woman wearing red jacket and red knitted cap carrying young boy wearing green knitted cap reading “Savoonga”]
175 – [two men smoking cigarettes, wearing fur-trimmed parkas, sitting on snow bank]
.176 – [woman and man with long white beard, both wearing fur-trimmed parkas, standing outdoors, with falling snow]

.177 – [Alaska Native woman wearing eyeglasses and fur-trimmed parka standing behind fencing with other spectators. At AFN 2015, identified as Helen Senungetuk] [Inupiaq Territory, Sitnasuaq (Nome). At AFN 2022, woman confirmed Helen Senungetuk.]

.178 – [Alaska Native man and woman standing behind fencing at Nome; at AFN 2014, identified as Herbie Nayokpuk and his wife Elizabeth. Cf. .32]

.179 – [Alaska Native woman wearing fur-trimmed print parka standing behind fencing]

.180 – [Alaska Native woman wearing fur-trimmed print parka standing behind fencing]

.181 – [spectators standing behind fencing, post with Iditarod Trail signs at left]

.182 – [Alaska Native woman wearing eyeglasses, yellow headscarf, and fur parka, standing next to Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps and plaid shirt. Cf. .34]

.183 – [Alaska Native woman wearing eyeglasses, yellow headscarf, and fur parka, standing next to Alaska Native man wearing fleece-lined hat with earflaps and plaid shirt. Cf. .35]

.184 – [portrait of Alaska Native woman wearing knitted cap and blue parka with fur trim and geometric decoration, carrying baby in backpack carrier. Cf. .31]

.185 – [portrait of woman wearing parka with fur ruff. Image backlit]

Non-Iditarod

.186 – [male drummers seated on folding chairs in hall, man in foreground wearing eyeglasses and green kuspuk with patch from 1976 Festival of Native Arts; print date Mar 78]

.187 – [Alaska Native man wearing green kuspuk and eyeglasses preparing to put on mittens, possibly for Wolf Dance; print date Mar 78. At AFN 2015, identified as Bernard Kasgnoc]

.188 – [spectators sitting in folding chairs in hall, woman in foreground wearing print parka and holding cane, woman at far right with facial tattooing, wearing print parka; print date Mar 78. At AFN 2015, women seated in front row identified as (left to right) Ruth Kaepoong, Dinah Iknokinok, and Flora Imergan, women in second row as unknown, Lucy Wongatillin (with glasses), and Rosie Kulukhan (in red parka)]

.189 – [two women standing outside business, woman at left wearing sunglasses, knitted cap and parka with fur ruff, Alaska Native woman at right wearing eyeglasses, print parka with fur ruff, and headscarf, holding purse; print date Aug 75. At AFN 2015, identified as Helen Fagerstrom of Nome (left) and possibly Hannah Hawley (right)] [Sitnasuaq (Nome). At AFN 2022, woman on left confirmed Helen Fagerstrom.]


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