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Photographs, 1964, Photographs of the Central Business District of Anchorage after the Earthquake of 1964.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of four photos of the Central Business District after the Earthquake of 1964. The subjects of the photographs are the Cordova Building, the J.C. Penny Building, and Mac's Photo Shop. The collection is housed in the photo file collection. Please see photo list for specific photograph information.

Historical Notes

The 1964 Alaska Earthquake or Good Friday Earthquake occurred on March 27, 1964 at 5:36 PM AST. The quake lasted for five minutes with a magnitude of 9.2. Across south-central Alaska, ground fissures, collapsing buildings, and tsunamis directly caused about 131 deaths. Most property damage occurred in Anchorage, 75 mi northwest of the epicenter. Anchorage was not hit by tsunamis, but downtown Anchorage was heavily damaged and parts of the city built on sandy bluffs near Cook Inlet, most notably the Turnagain neighborhood, suffered landslide damage. Land overlooking the Ship Creek valley near the Alaska Railroad yards also slid, destroying many acres of buildings and city blocks in downtown Anchorage. Most other areas of the city were only moderately damaged.

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Photo List

B64.x.6.1	Cordova Bldg. Rehabilitated after 1964 earthquake	B&W 8 x 10	Earthquake, 1964 – Anchorage
B64.x.6.2	J.C. Penny Building, March 27, 1964	B&W 8 x 10*	Earthquake, 1964 – Anchorage – Central Business District
B64.x.6.3	Mac's Photo Shop	B&W 10 x 8	Earthquake, 1964 – Anchorage – Central Business District
B64.x.6.4	Earthquake damaged column in the Cordova Bldg.	B&W 10 x 8	Earthquake, 1964 – Anchorage – Central Business District

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