

**WOLFE COLLECTION.** (Located in Small Collections File) **Photos. 1 file folder in .15 cu.ft. 1950s.**

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Esther (Heverling) Wolfe was born in Veronica, Oregon on April 5, 1903. She and her sister, Ruth Dodd, came to Anchorage on July 31, 1931 to work as a nurse with Doctor Joseph Romig for the Alaska Railroad Hospital. She married Ray Wolfe in 1934. Ray Wolfe was born September 22, 1905 in West Liberty, Iowa. He came to Alaska in January 1927 to work at his uncle's sheet metal store, Pioneer Sheet Metal, which was located at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street in Anchorage, Alaska. Ray and his twin brother Robert purchased the business and opened Wolfe's Department Store. Ray Wolfe served as mayor of Anchorage from 1944 to April 9, 1945, with a single term in office. Ray Wolfe unsuccessfully ran for a seat in the US Senate in 1960. Ester Wolfe was the superintendent of Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church, and was also a member of the Anchorage Women's Club and the Mother's Club. Ray Wolfe died in Anchorage on October 5, 1977. Esther Wolfe died in Anchorage on April 6, 2006.

The Wolfe Collection consists of one folder containing 10 photographs. The photographs are black and white and are primarily of Anchorage in the 1950s. The majority of the photographs are of Wolfe's Department Store and of Pioneer Sheet Metal, both of which were located at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street in Anchorage.

This collection was donated to the Anchorage Museum in 1981.

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BOX 1/Folder 1 – Photographs

### Photographs

B81.9.1

Interior view of Wolfe's Hardware.  
"Wolfe's Hardware, furniture and appliances. 5<sup>th</sup> & C. ca. 1950.  
From original by Mrs. Wolfe."

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Exterior view of Wolfe's Hardware  
"Wolfe's Hardware, furniture & appliance. 5<sup>th</sup> & C. ca. 1950. Copy  
from original from Mrs. Wolfe."

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Exterior view of Wolfe's Hardware  
"Wolfe's Hardware, furniture & appliance. 5<sup>th</sup> & C. ca. 1950.  
Photo by Robinson Studios. Original owned by Mrs. Wolfe."

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Interior view of Wolfe's Hardware  
"Wolfe's Hardware, furniture & appliance. 1950's. Corner 5<sup>th</sup> & C.  
Photo by J. Malcolm Greany. Original loaned by Mrs. Wolfe."

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Interior view of Pioneer Sheet Metal, two men pose inside  
"Pioneer Sheet Metal, 5<sup>th</sup> & C. Original loaned by Mrs. Wolfe."

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Interior view of Pioneer Sheet Metal, two men pose inside  
"Pioneer Sheet Metal, Corner 5<sup>th</sup> & C. Original loaned by Mrs.  
Wolfe."

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Exterior view of Pioneer Sheet Metal during winter  
"Pioneer Sheet Metal, 5<sup>th</sup> & C. Next building – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rooms.  
Original loaned by Mrs. Wolfe."

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Group of men posing outside of the Anchorage Fire Department  
“Anchorage Fire Dept. Loaned by Mrs. Wolfe.”

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Baseball diamond in Anchorage  
“Baseball Diamond. 6-7- B-C. Bieri house in background over  
fence. Loaned by Mrs. Wolfe.”

B81.9.10

Photo of Latouche, Alaska. Waterfront view of town of Latouche  
and harbor with mountains in background.  
Same image as [ASL-P44-06-107](#)  
“Loaned by Mrs. Wolfe.”