

B94.22 Hoyt Family Collection. Photograph Album. c1910-1940.

Harry Hoyt and his brothers, Charles Levi Hoyt and Ray Hoyt, came to the Gulkana roadhouse about 1907. Charles served as postmaster of Gulkana from 1909-1916. It appears that Charles and Harry worked for the Alaska Road Commission and were involved in freighting on the Richardson highway. Ray Hoyt, to whom the album belonged, became a mechanic for aviator Carl Ben Eielson in Fairbanks. Harry Hoyt married Norma Hoyt shortly after she arrived to work as a teacher in Fairbanks. They had a son, Harold, and moved to Anchorage where they owned the Hoyt Motor Company.

The photograph album contains 511 images, originally belonging to Ray Holt, who lived in the Copper River Valley in the early 1900s. The album contains postcards and photographs dating from c1910-1940. The collection includes images of Chitina, Gulkana, Cordova, Valdez, Copper Center, Fairbanks, ships and boats, transportation, and mining.

This collection was donated to the Anchorage Museum in 1994.