

BEULAH MARRS PARISI COLLECTION. Photos and ephemera. ft. 1941-1945.
B08.37. *Inventory.*

Beulah "Bee" Marrs Parisi came to Alaska in 1941. She lived in Anchorage and was employed by the Bristol Bay Air Service and the Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co. She was an active volunteer and helped establish the United Service Organization (USO) in Anchorage. She became the official hostess of the organization's "Friendly Log Cabin" in 1944. During World War II, she lived in a house in Anchorage with Polly Petty, Helen Lawrence, and Beverley Pettyjohn. Parisi's roommates were also active in the USO. Their house became known as the "Bee Hive", and the four women as the "Bee Hive Girls."

The Beulah Marrs Parisi collection consists of photographs and ephemera collected by Mrs. Parisi while she lived in Anchorage during World War II. Series 1 contains oversized photos from around Alaska, including scenery and Alaska Natives. Series 2 contains materials documenting USO activities including programs, photographs, and newspaper clippings. Series 3 contains photographs of Alaska native activities, especially reindeer herding, in western Alaska. Series 4 contains miscellaneous photographs of various activities around Alaska, including Bonanza Days, Reindeer Round-Up, mining, the Mat-Su Valley, and scenery.

This collection was donated to the Anchorage Museum in 1994.

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INVENTORY

BOX 1

Series 1: Oversize Photographs

Folder 1

Oversize photographs of Alaska scenes, including scenery and Alaska Natives.
20 items.

BOX 2

Series 2: United Service Organization Activities

Folder 1

Programs, USO; 12 items.

Folder 2

Programs, USO Sydney Laurence exhibition; 14 items.

Folder 3

“Story Letters” – form letters for soldiers; 5 items.

Folder 4

Photographs of USO office; 4 items.

Folder 5

Photographs, USO Bonanza Days; 6 items.

Folder 6

Newspaper clippings.

Series 3: Alaska Native Photographs

Folder 1

Photographs of Alaska Native activities, particularly reindeer herding, in western Alaska; 19 items.

Series 4: Miscellaneous Materials

Folder 1

Lyric sheets for sig-along parties; 5 items

Folder 2

Programs, guides, menu, map for local businesses; 7 items.

Folder 3

Photographs of reindeer Round-Up; 26 items.

Folder 4

Photographs, Bonanza Days; 5 items.

Folder 5

Photographs, Matanuska-Susitna Valley; 7 items.

Folder 6

Photographs, mining; 5 items.

Folder 7

Photographs, Dog teams; 8 items.

Folder 8

Photos, concert in Anchorage; 8 items.

Folder 9

Photos, reindeer herding; 28 items.

Folder 10

Photos, scenery and miscellaneous images; 45 items.