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TITLE: Robert Ewing Alaska Highway Construction Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.026

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1940s

Extent: 55 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Robert Ewing

Administrative/Biographical History:
Robert Ewing worked on highway construction in Alaska in the 1940s.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 55 black-and-white photographic prints of highway construction.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by daughter Judy Johnson in October 2012.

RELATED MATERIALS

CIHS U.S. Army Engineer District Alaska, B1962.x.015

Alaska Highway Collection, B1984.082

Alaska Highway Construction, B1993.001

Alaska Highway Photographs, B2000.006

Irvin Collection, B2005.001

Cheatham Collection, B2005.030

Oris King Scrapbook, B2009.008

Alaska Highway Photograph Album, B2009.047

James J. Irvin Photographs, B2009.050

SUBJECTS

Roads--Design and construction—Alaska

Roads--Design and construction—British Columbia

Alaska Highway--Design and construction

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – [Convoy of trucks on the Alaska Highway]
- .2 – [Six men watching a seventh man digging a hole, with a bulldozer in the center of the picture]
- .3 – [Suspension bridge on the Alaska Highway possibly in British Columbia]
- .4 – [Construction camp (?) along the Alaska Highway]
- .5 – [A row of four Pacific huts, with man standing by door of the hut on the left]
- .6 – [Two trucks that have gone over the shoulder of the Alaska Highway; the one on the right has spilled a load of fuel drums]
- .7 – [A scene along the early highway]
- .8 – [Eleven unidentified men: man on right, front row, is wearing a sweatshirt with the logo of the U.S. Army, Kodiak, Alaska]
- .9 – [Bridge on the highway, possibly in Canada]
- .10 – [Truck hauling steel I beams; man sits on the hood of another truck on the right]
- .11 – [Truck crossing a bridge somewhere on the highway]

- .12 – [Suspension bridge under construction along the highway]
- .13 – [Scenery]
- .14 – [Lake along the highway]
- .15 – [Lake along the highway, with construction camp on lower left]
- .16 – [Lake along the highway, with construction camp in right foreground]
- .17 – [Hudson's Bay Company store]
- .18 – [Four trucks, a mobile crane, and automobiles on the highway]
- .19 – [Seven men and two tanker trucks along the highway; a truck hauling steel I beams is on the right]
- .20 – [Wrecked BEACON fuel truck alongside the highway]
- .21 – [Two men standing by a wrecked truck, possibly a 2.5 ton 6 x 6, that has spilled its load of fuel drums]
- .22 – [Three men on a boardwalk in an unidentified camp; four more men and two vehicles in background]
- .23 – [Camp under construction somewhere along the highway; a crane without its boom and a pile driver are in the center of the photo]
- .24 – [Small ferry approaching its landing]
- .25 – [Scenery]
- .26 – [Scenery]
- .27 – [Highway passing through the Turtle Mountains in British Columbia at milepost 183]
- .28 – [A construction camp along the highway; buildings are covered with Celotex, and there is a caterpillar tractor in center foreground with three fuel drums nearby]
- .29 – [Scenery]
- .30 – [A construction camp along the highway; buildings are covered with Celotex, and there is a small truck with number C901 in the foreground]
- .31 – [Scenery]
- .32 – [Scenery]
- .33 – [Taku Trading Company]
- .34 – [possibly a sawmill]
- .35 – [Two horses in harness for pulling a sleigh or wagon]
- .36 – [Construction camp along the highway; partially disassembled steamroller in front of the building at left center; two horse- or tractor-towed road graders are to the right]
- .37 – [Three unidentified men and three trucks along the highway]
- .38 – [Scenery]
- .39 – [Alaska Highway in winter near Trutch Mountain in British Columbia at milepost 191]
- .40 – [Construction camp in winter]
- .41 – [Signpost reading, from top to bottom: Lower Post, Fort Nelson, Teslin, Watson Lake, 2nd Bn Hq, CP-CO.D, CP-CO.E, CP-CO, Tokio 1723 m.]
- .42 – [Aerial view of several large buildings, possibly a ranch or a large group of automobiles]
- .43 – [Scenery]
- .44 – [Scenery]
- .45 – [Temporary bridge on the Alaska Highway in winter]
- .46 – [Winter scene on the highway]
- .47 – [Winter scene on the highway]
- .48 – [Two buildings under construction in winter]

- .49 – [Hudson’s Bay Company store; note the log construction. Sign reads: Hudson’s Bay Company, incorporated 2nd May 1670]
- .50 – [Winter scene on the highway]
- .51 – [Scenery]
- .52 – [Scenery]
- .53 – [Greyhound bus of the Northwest Service Command that has gone off the side of the road, possibly CANOL; “Canol 3006” stenciled on bus door, and number W4317414 on hood; eight unidentified men are in the picture]
- .54 – [Scenery]
- .55 – [Two unidentified men with a dog team and sled]

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