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TITLE: Anchorage Baseball Postcard

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.004

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1917

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): W.L.S.

Administrative/Biographical History:

Margaret Soderman was born on December 28, 1909, in Washington State. She came to Alaska in 1929 on the steamship *William Tupper* and settled in McGrath. She worked as cook at the Nixon Fork Mine near McGrath and later married one of the partners, Rudolph Mespelt. The mine was closed during World War II, and the couple moved to McGrath, where she was employed by the Northern Commercial Co. and later the Civil Aeronautics Authority. She retired in the late 1960s. For 40 years she and her mining partner, Theodore Almas, kept the Nixon Fork Mine options open. She died on May 16, 2003.¹

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of one black-and-white postcard, showing spectators watching a baseball game at the ball field in Anchorage, Alaska. A large viewing stand is at left, and houses can be seen in the background. The photograph is signed "W.L.S. 9." A manuscript note on verso reads: "The ball park taken at Anchorage Alaska the 4th of July 1917." The note was probably written by Margaret Mespelt.

Arrangement: Not applicable

¹ Staff. "OBITUARIES." Anchorage Daily News (AK) 8 Jun. 2003, Final, Alaska: B7. NewsBank. Web. 28 Jan. 2013.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

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RELATED MATERIALS

B2013.006 Don Horter Photographs

SUBJECTS

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