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TITLE: Alaska Road Commission Crew Portrait Photograph

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.052

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1940-1949

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Alaska Road Commission was first established in 1905 as a board of the War Department, but was transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1932. The ARC was responsible for construction and maintenance of Alaskan highways.

Scope and Content Description:

One black-and-white 5 x 7" photograph showing a group of men, mostly Alaska Natives, standing in a line in front of a small tent. Two of the men wear aprons, while most of the rest wear work pants, boots, and caps. The photo is annotated on the verso: "Stuart Nicolai, Faye Sarren's dad in the 1940's, first Road Commission crew in Glennallen."

At the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in 2013, the group was identified as the Highway Commission crew on the Nabesna Road to Slana. Names were supplied for several individuals, including from right to left: Patty King, Chitina; Mentasta Pete, Mentasta; Paul Snell, Gulkana; Bill Joe, Gakona/Chistochina; [?]; Frank Charley, Chistochina. At AFN 2015, man 5th from left identified as Ralph Sanford, man 4th from left as Buster Gene.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

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SUBJECTS

Nicolai, Stewart, 1916-1986
United States. Alaska Road Commission
Roads—Design and construction—Alaska
Construction workers—Alaska
Athapascan Indians—Alaska—Glennallen
Glennallen (Alaska)

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