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**TITLE:** Joan Hurst Letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2015.010

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: April 2, 1964

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Joan Hurst

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Born in Illinois in 1927, Joan Hurst came to Alaska in 1963 to serve as director of the local Camp Fire Girls, a role she filled until her retirement in 1998. Hurst died in 2004.

**Scope and Content Description:**

Four-page mimeographed letter, titled "Earthquake Express," dated Thursday, April 2, 1964, with manuscript postscript signed "Joan." The letter was sent to Fairbanks resident Pat Fleetwood. In it, Hurst describes the events of Friday March 27: she was in her office on Fourth Avenue when the quake hit; afterwards, she and a friend went to check on an acquaintance living at the L Street Apartments. She describes the devastation in Turnagain, and mentions many Camp Fire families by name. Hurst also discusses the communications problems hindering the location of individuals.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Jo Lamson of Camp Fire Alaska in March 2015.

### **RELATED MATERIALS**

CIHS McCutcheon Collection, B1964.x.006

AHFAM Earthquake Photographs, B1969.011

Betty Bannon Collection, B1970.015

Zappa Earthquake Papers, B1972.060

Portage Earthquake Photographs, B1973.070

Patricia Mayo Earthquake Time Ticket, B1974.013

Kroninger Photograph Collection, B1976.118

Army Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1977.118

Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs, B1979.038

Woodman Photograph Collection, B1980.027

McDermott Collection, B1987.083

Ron Aldrin Earthquake Slides, B1994.024

Though the Earth Be Moved, B1997.021

Sanborn Recording of 1964 Earthquake, B1997.023

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Collection, B2002.002

Charles Koppel 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2002.008

Norman Campbell Photographs, B2005.041

Bronitsky Letter, B2006.021

4th and H St. Demolition Collection, B2007.002

Opal Myers 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2007.003

Christenson Slide collection, B2007.016

Bangkok Embassy Teletype Collection, B2009.044  
Truth Coven Gray Earthquake Album, B2009.056  
Kleihauer Slide Collection, B2010.004  
Johnny Sartor Collection, B2010.020  
Lankford-Ose Photograph Collection, B2011.002  
Kenneth C. Allen Earthquake Slides, B2012.027  
Jean Kaufman Earthquake Photographs, B2012.032  
John Mull III Alaskan Earthquake Reflections, B2012.036  
Sportsman's Club Earthquake Photographs, B2013.001  
Bill and Ellyn Frye letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, B2013.011  
Harold and Malita Hitchen Collection, B2013.010  
Milo Fritz Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.046  
Grace Tucker Letter to Folks, 1964, B2013.051  
Col. Paul W. Stephens 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2013.061  
J. O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.006  
Helen M. Bucy 1964 Earthquake Collection, B2014.008  
Walter Deane 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs, B2014.011

#### **SUBJECTS**

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