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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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