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**TITLE:** W. L. McCulloch Alaska Railroad Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2015.016

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1924-2010

Extent: 1 box and 1 map folder

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Alaska Railroad

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Wallace L. "Big Mac" McCulloch was born in 1927 in Milwaukie, Wisconsin. He came to Anchorage in 1961, and worked for the Alaska Railroad for 30 years, retiring as a conductor. McCulloch died in April 2014.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of printed timetables, Alaska Railroad Week posters, postcards, brochures, news clippings, and other ephemera pertaining to the Alaska Railroad. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by format

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by McCulloch's brother-in-law Glenn and Darla Buchta in May 2015.

Processing Note

Newspaper clippings photocopied; originals discarded. Two books transferred to cataloging. Posters unframed; all hinged to board.

Separated Materials

Duplicates returned to donor.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

Alaska Railroad Collection, B1979.002

Alaska Railroad Week Posters, B2013.013

**SUBJECTS**

Alaska Railroad

Railroads—Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

**F1: Images**

.1 – Seward Visitor Information Cache, with Mount Marathon in background, site of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mt. Marathon Race. D. Marshall Clark Photography [color postcard. Alaska Railroad coach car]

.2 – The Goldpanner, Chicken, Alaska. Photo by Mel Anderson [color postcard]

.3 – Alaska. c. 1898 Keystone steam operated churn drill for drilling water wells, Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry. Photo by Lavon Barve [color postcard]

.4 – M.V. Malaspina – Alaska Ferry. Photo: David Wientraub [color postcard. 2 copies]

.5 – Haines, Alaska. An aerial view of Haines and Port Chilkoot, Alaska, taken to the south.  
Photo credit: Dedman's Photo Shop [color postcard]

.6 – [Alaska Railroad Loop District in winter. Color digital print]

## **F2: W.L. McCulloch Papers**

- Memo. W.L. McCulloch to M.O. Dodge, dated April 4, 1984, re resignation as yardmaster
- Typescript. Alaska Railroad Transportation Branch Brakeman Seniority List, dated July 1, 1962
- Manuscript notes of trip from Anchorage to Tok

## **F3: Timetables, no. 8-100**

Includes numbers 8, 11, 47, 49, 51, 55, 62, 67, 69, 72-73, 75-80, 86, 88-92, 95, 97-100

## **F4: Timetables, no. 101-118**

Includes numbers 101-118

## **F5: Alaska Railroad Ephemera**

- Invitation. Release of limited edition print and commemorative poster "Potter Pantry" by Jan Kuschner, June 4, 1989 [2 copies]
- Brochure. "Alaska Railroad Scenic Rail Tours, rail tours 2001."
- Brochure. "Ride guide to the historic Alaska Railroad" by Anita William and Linda Ewers. 2003
- Brochure. "The best way to see Alaska is on the Railroad. Alaska Railroad Vacations." 2008
- Brochure. "Alaska Railroad 2009 vacations."
- Brochure. "Alaska Railroad 2010 vacations."
- Magazine. *Panoramas*. Summer 2008
- Flyer. "Building on a Vision. Alaska Railroad Operations Center Dedication, April 16, 2005"
- Menu. "Alaska Railroad Onboard Dining." No date

## **F6: Alaska Railroad Ephemera**

- Ticket wallet, notepad and playing card set from GoldStar Service on Denali Star train, 2008

## **F7: Clippings**

- "The Alaska Railroad, exhibition traces history of the 470-mile rail system through rare images." [Anchorage Museum newsletter, 2006]
- "Whistle-stop rail service opens doors to Chugach." [*Anchorage Daily News*? 2009?]
- "Alaska Scrapbook, this week in Alaska history: March 27, 1964, Great Alaska Earthquake." [*Anchorage Daily News*, March 25, 2007]
- "Alaska Scrapbook, this week in Alaska history: Nov. 14, 1938, the end of the Copper River and Northwestern Railway." [*Anchorage Daily News*, November 13, 2005]
- "This week in Alaska history: Anchorage, 1916." [*Anchorage Daily News*, no date]
- "Alaska Railroad's 2009 poster." [*Anchorage Daily News*, no date]

- "Man's love of railroad remembered." Re Ken C. Brovald [*Anchorage Daily News*, August 18, 2001]

**Oversize folder**

- Anniversary poster. "The Alaska Railroad, 60 years and going proud, Nenana, July 16, 1983."
- Alaska Railroad Week poster. "Alaska Railroad Week, September 10-16, 1979." Art by Jon Van Zyle.
- Alaska Railroad Week poster. "Alaska Railroad Week '82. Bringing the coal from Healy – Hurricane Bridge." Art by Susan Ogle.
- Alaska Railroad Week poster. "Alaska Railroad." 1983. Art by Susan Ogle.
- Alaska Railroad Week poster. "Alaska Railroad Week, Sept. 20-26." Art by Susan Ogle. Shows Locomotive 1500 atop route map. No date

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