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TITLE: Copper River Indians at Matanuska Valley Fair Photograph

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.x.010

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1955

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

Nothing was known about the dancers or the photographer at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

One black-and-white photograph enlargement, measuring 11" x 14". Caption on verso:
"Copper River Indians, of Athapaskan stock, performing tribal ceremonies welcoming dance at Matanuska Valley Fair, 5 Sept. 1955."

The image shows two men, wearing tunics and feather headdresses, dancing outdoors. One man holds a drum; the other holds feather dance fans. At AFN in 2015, the men were identified as Ahtna Indians. The man at left was tentatively identified as Ben Neeley, and the man at right as surname Kelsey.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donor unknown at time of processing. Accessioned by Museum staff in 1963.

SUBJECTS

Ahtena Indians—Social life and customs

Ahtena Indians—Rites and ceremonies

Indian dance—Alaska

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