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**TITLE:** Jerry Forsyth McKeen Railmotor Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2016.009

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 2016

Extent: 55 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Gerald M. Forsyth

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

McKeen Company began producing its self-propelled railmotor car in 1905. Car no. 83 is a 1910 model, and was acquired by the Alaska Railroad in the mid-1920s from the Yuma Valley Railroad. It was modified several times before being retired in the late 1940s. During its Alaska run, it served primarily to carry students between Fairbanks and the university campus; during World War II, it was used as a PX car for the 714<sup>th</sup> Railway Operating Battalion, running between Seward and Fairbanks.

In 1999, the car was purchased by Pat Hickey, who sold it to Anchorage Historic Properties in 2004. Madison Kirkman of Ramona, California, raised funds to ship the car from Anchorage to California for restoration in 2016.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 55 digital photographs of the McKeen railroad motorcar prior to its shipment to California, all taken by Jerry Forsyth in March of 2016. Images depict deterioration of the car and preparations for shipment.

Arrangement: Original order maintained

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Forsyth in March 2016.

### Processing Note

Digital files transferred from CD to Museum servers. Files copied to create access versions. All images printed out on standard office paper for physical access.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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