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**TITLE:** Thomas Shemwell Slides

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2016.014

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1953-1955

Extent: 22 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Thomas Shemwell

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Thomas Shemwell was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in the 1950s.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 22 color 35mm slides taken by Thomas Shemwell during his military stint in Anchorage in the 1950s, showing scenes from Anchorage, Elmendorf Air Force Base, the Seward Highway, and Seward. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by location

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. Three Ektachrome slides have color-shifted to red (.13-.15).

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials. A light box may be used to view transparencies.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Thomas Shemwell in July 2016.

### **SUBJECTS**

Fur Rendezvous World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, Alaska

Anchorage (Alaska)

Elmendorf Air Force Base (Alaska)

Seward Highway (Alaska)

Portage Glacier (Alaska)

Seward (Alaska)

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – EAFB & Anchorage, AK, 1954 [aerial view of base at sunset in winter, showing housing and storage tanks]

.2 – Elmendorf AFB, 1954 [aerial view of base in summer, showing housing]

.3 – Aerial view, Anchorage, AL., 1953, Elmendorf AFB [aerial of base in spring, showing housing and water tower]

.4 – Anchorage, AL, center 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, 1954 [aerial view of downtown looking east in spring]

.5 – Chugach Mts., Post Road [view looking east down road to mountains in winter]

.6 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Anchorage Fur Rendezvous, 1954 [musher wearing bib #4 with dog team at corner of Fourth Avenue and E Street, spectators lining street, Hewitt's Drug Store at left]

.7 – [musher rounding corner of Fourth Avenue onto E Street, Hewitt's Drug Store at right, spectators lining street]

.8 – [ice igloo in store parking lot in winter, possibly Carrs grocery store]

- .9 – Seward-Anchorage Highway [milepost sign at Hope Highway on Seward Highway in winter]
- .10 – Anchorage-Seward Highway [two people standing next to automobile with open trunk parked on side of road in winter]
- .11 – Highway, Seward-Anchorage [view down Seward Highway in winter]
- .12 – Seward Highway [scenic of partially frozen creek in winter, taken from bridge]
- .13 – Deep Creek, Seward Hwy [scenic of partially frozen creek in winter, taken from bridge]
- .14 – Seward Highway [two automobiles parked on side of road in winter]
- .15 – Entrance to glacier park, Portage, Alaska, 1954 [sign for Portage Glacier Recreation Area]
- .16 – Portage Glacier & lake and icebergs
- .17 – Portage Glacier lake with bergs
- .18 – Portage Glacier
- .19 – Part of glacier at bottom of mt. [Portage Glacier moraine]
- .20 – Army docks, Seward, Alaska [bird's eye view of docks, buildings, and storage tanks, with Resurrection Bay in background]
- .21 – Seward, Alaska [bird's eye view of town, Van Gilder Hotel in center, railroad tracks in right foreground]
- .22 – Russian grave [picket fence surrounding Russian Orthodox grave marker beside dirt road along ocean shore, with military truck passing at right, docks in distance at left; Shemya?]

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