TITLE: John Coghill Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1957.002

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1930s

Extent: 21 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): John B. Coghill, Sr.

Administrative/Biographical History:
John “Jack” Bruce Coghill, Sr., was born in 1926 to William Alexander Coghill (1884-1947) and his wife Frances, early residents of Fairbanks and Nenana. A businessman and politician, Coghill served as mayor, territorial representative, Constitutional Convention delegate, state representative, state senator, lieutenant governor, and chairman of the state Republican Party.

Scope and Content Description:
The Coghill collection includes 21 photographs of Alaskan taverns and roadhouses, people and dog sleds. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated to Cook Inlet Historical Society by John Coghill in June 1957. Subsequently transferred to Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note
Guide created from card catalog and other print metadata; photographs not physically consulted at time of writing.

Notes
Two photographs missing as of 2011.

SUBJECTS
Coghill, John B., Sr.
Bennett, Almer A., b. 1888
Roadhouses – Alaska
Frontier and pioneer life – Alaska
Dogsledding – Alaska
Dogsled mail – Alaska
Nenana (Alaska)
Fort Gibbon (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [Dog in front of building in Nenana. B&W 2 x 3]
.2 – Old Ft. Gibbon, close to Tanana [photographic postcard. Fort Gibbon. B&W 3.5 x 5.5]
.3 – Nenana [Baby boy in small barrel, Pearl Oil can in background. B&W 4.5 x 3]
.4 – St. Johns Mission, Nenana Episcopal Church [exterior of church in winter. B&W 3 x 5.5]
.5 – I don’t look much like a dog musher here. Two Nenana pals. Note my mouth open, ha ha
[John Coghill. B&W 5.5 x 3.5]
.6 – Old Ft. Gibbon close to Tanana [telegraph building at Fort Gibbon. B&W 5.5 x 3.5]
.7 – [Lone Star Roadhouse. 7.5 x 2.75]
.8 – At the Lone Star Roadhouse [7.5 x 2.75]
.9 – Lake Minchumina Roadhouse [7.5 x 2.75]
.10 – Nikolai. On the trail [7.5 x 2.75]
.11 – On the trail close to Lake Minchumina. Bill Burke's outfit. Mail carrier, Nenana to
McGrath. [View of postal service dog team, with sleds and riders. B&W 2.5 x 7.5]
.12 – A.A. Bennett and M.M., Nenana front of Pioneer Hall [Almer Bennett and M.M. [?]. Sepia
3.5 x 2.5]
.13 – Cooney’s Hotel, café, Nenana. B&W 7.5 x 9.5]
.14 – Nenana, Alaska [Dogs with sled stopped on winter trail, two women in basket, Nenana.
Sepia 9 x 13]
.15 – Cooney Hotel, Nenana, Alaska [hotel interior. B&W 6.5 x 8.5 mounted as 8 x 10]
.16 – [Man in uniform. 4.5 x 3.25]
.17 – 21 dogs, 3 sleds, & 7 passengers. Bill Burke's outfit. Mail carrier, Nenana to McGrath
[postal service dogs, sleds, and passengers. B&W 2.5 x 7.5]
.18 – Telida [Native] Roadhouse [7.5 x 2.75]
.19 – Old Tolovana Station, between Nenana and Tanana on the trail (and also the river)
where the Tolovana and Tanana Rivers meet [aboard ship on Tanana River. B&W 3.5 x 5.5]
.20 – Hooking up at Tokatna [sled dog team at Takotna. B&W 2.5 x 7.5]
.21 – Part of Tokatna, about 1935 [Takotna. 7.5 x 2.75]

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