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TITLE: Truman Markegard Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2016.016

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1942-1943

Extent: 1 box; 1 linear foot

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Truman Markegard

Administrative/Biographical History:

Truman Markegard (born December 1912) worked on the Alaska Highway for about seven months in 1943. He was stationed at construction camp 16E, where he was in charge of equipment and supplies.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of two photograph albums containing 103 black-and-white snapshots of scenes from the construction of the Alaska Highway, as well as one loose snapshot and eight loose postcards. There are also two empty photo album covers and one telegram. 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.

Physical Access: Original items in fair to 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 daughter Marlys Johnson in July 2016.

Processing Note

All pages in Album 1 were loose at the time of donation. Numbered in order as received.

Separated Materials

Alaska Highway pillow transferred to Collections.

RELATED MATERIALS

CIHS U.S. Army Engineer District Alaska, B1962.x.015

Alaska Highway Collection, B1984.082

Alaska Highway Construction, B1993.001

Alaska Highway Photographs, B2000.006

Irvin Collection, B2005.001

Cheatham Collection, B2005.030

Oris King Scrapbook, B2009.008

Alaska Highway Photograph Album, B2009.047

James J. Irvin Photographs, B2009.050

Robert Ewing Alaska Highway Construction Photographs, B2012.026

SUBJECTS

Roads--Design and construction—Alaska

Roads--Design and construction—British Columbia

Alaska Highway--Design and construction

Detailed Description of the Collection

Album 1

Measuring 13" x 10"

- .1 – Camp 16E, Alkan [sic] Road [row of buildings in construction camp in forested area]
- .2 – Suspension bridge [distant view of several men on pedestrian bridge over Miles Canyon, Yukon River]
- .3 – Shop at Camp 16E [trucks parked outside building at construction camp. Cf. .47]
- .4 – Trapper & his pack dog [bearded man wearing hat, carrying rifle and pack, standing with dog carrying pack]
- .5 – Mess hall 16E [interior of large building, tables set for food service]
- .6 – Main street, Camp #16E [view down two rows of buildings, large group of men in center distance]
- .7 – Parts & supplies [man standing outside building]
- .8 – Main street [view down gravel road to buildings, truck parked in trees at right. Cf. .45]
- .9 – Canadian honker chicks [two men with goslings next to building]
- .10 – Grown up [Canada geese next to building]
- .11 – Cub [five men posed with bear on chain]
- .12 – [moose calf in camp. Cf. .72]
- .13-16 – Alcan in process
 - .13 – [heavy equipment in clearing]
 - .14 – [road scraper]
 - .15 – [view down highway, man standing at left, road scraper at right]
 - .16 – [three men standing with heavy equipment along right-of-way, photographer's shadow in foreground]
- .17 – Glacier [sic] [valley glacier terminus]
- .18 – Trapper & supplies [man standing on riverbank with pile of sacks and crates. Cf. .76]
- .19 – [Peace River Bridge construction, view along pilings. Cf. .36]
- .20-23 – Scenery [four scenic views]
- .24 – [distant view of canoe or skiff under way on river. Cf. .55]
- .25 – [scenic of lake, small sign in foreground for Second Lake]
- .26 – [bird's eye view of hairpin turn in road]
- .27 – [scenic of taiga]
- .28 – [view down highway]
- .29 – Whitehorse, bird's eye view [distant view of town from highway. Cf. .64]
- .30 – Camp 16E [buildings along riverbank, as seen from water]
- .31 – [bear walking next to truck parked between buildings in camp. Cf. .46, .60]
- .32 – [view down road to crane at work]
- .33 – [man scrambling down steep hillside]
- .34 – [sections of pipeline stacked in yard]
- .35 – [Peace River Bridge construction as seen from riverbank. Cf. .51]
- .36 – Peace River Bridge [construction as seen from riverbank]
- .37 – Trappers line camp [log cache in wooded area]

- .38-41 – Bears galore
 - .38 – [bear at garbage dump in forested area]
 - .39 – Mr. Bear investigating [bear next to truck marked COSH Const. Co. No. 1]
 - .40 – [scenic of landscape]
 - .41 – [bear in forested area]
- .42 – [bear in forested area]
- .43 – [scenic of landscape]
- .44 – [view down highway. Cf. .50]
- .45 – [view down gravel road to buildings, truck parked in trees at right. Cf. .8]
- .46 – [bear walking next to truck parked between buildings in camp. Cf. .31, .60]
- .47 – [trucks parked outside building at construction camp. Cf. .3]
- .48-51 – Alcan Highway views
 - .48 – [view down road]
 - .49 – [distant view of men standing on riverbank next to tug and barge, possibly car ferry]
 - .50 – [view down road. Cf. 44]
 - .51 – [Peace River Bridge construction. Cf. .35]
- .52 – [scenic with small lake in foreground]
- .53 – [scenic of river valley]
- .54 – Lake Muchoo [sic] [scenic of Muncho Lake]
- .55 – [distant view of canoe or skiff under way on river. Cf. .24]
- .56 – Moose calves [men gathered around two calves in cleared area. Cf. .71]
- .57 – [man feeding bear near garbage dump in forested area. Cf. .74]
- .58-61 – Canadian camps 1-2-3
 - .58 – 1 [buildings, walled tent, men walking near pile of fuel wood and truck]
 - .59 – 2 [men standing outside building]
 - .60 – [bear walking next to truck parked between buildings in camp. Cf. .31, .46]
 - .61 – [distant view of buildings and walled tents in clearing]
- .62-63 – Hudson Bay Trading Post
 - .62 – [two women and young boy standing in doorway of log cabin]
 - .63 – [distant view of men standing in doorway of Hudson's Bay Company store, truck parked at left, log buildings at right]
- .64 – [distant view of Whitehorse. Cf. .29]
- .65-68 – Bears at 16E [four images of groups of bears at garbage dump in wooded area]
- .69 – [view down right-of-way to mountains]
- .70 – Mountain sheep [two hunters sitting next to tent, two sheep trophies propped on log]
- .71 – Moose calfs [men gathered around two calves in cleared area. Cf. .56]
- .72 – [moose calf in camp. Cf. .12]
- .73 – [scenic of lake, man standing in foreground]
- .74 – Feeding the bear [man feeding bear near garbage dump in forested area. Cf. .57]
- .75 – [man holding rifle posed outside log cabin]
- .76 – Trapper and his supplies [bird's eye view of man in skiff next to riverbank. Cf. .18]
- .77 – [scenic of landscape]
- .78 – [four men next to log building, automobile parked at right]

- .79 – [distant view of mining operation, dredge at left, large tailings pile in background]
- .80 – [bird’s eye view of river canyon, with clearing for highway construction or mining]
- .81 – [view across river to buildings and car ferry, wooden fences. Cf. .85]
- .82 – [distant view of tents on taiga]
- .83 – [scenic of ocean]
- .84 – [scenic of tundra]
- .85 – [men erecting small tents on ground between buildings, two women walking along dirt road, truck parked next to wooden fence in background. Cf. .81]
- .86 – [scenic of shoreline as seen from water]
- .87 – [view from shore of boats tied to dock extending out into lake]
- .88 – [building with signs for Trading Post and Post Office]

Album 2

In leather covers measuring 6” x 5”, cover decorated with Alaska Highway emblem and embossed Canada maple leaf

Inscribed inside: “To Marlys from Dada, 1943”

Contains copies of photographs from Album 1, as follows:

- .48
- .26
- .27
- .29
- .36
- .49
- .45
- .55
- .42
- .63
- .62
- .38
- .71
- .11
- .52

Loose images

- .89 – [two bears at garbage dump in forested area, one bear on hind legs looking in window of automobile]
- .90 – [Photographic postcard] 3. Along the Alaska Highway through Canada’s wilderness built by a welcome army of U.S. soldiers. Permission Wartime Information Board. [military Jeep parked on road next to river valley]
- .91 – [Photographic postcard] 4. View along the Alaska Highway through Canada’s wilderness built by a welcome army of U.S. soldiers. Permission Wartime Information Board. [aerial of bridge across river in forested area]

.92 – [Photographic postcard] 8. Clearing the way for the new Alaska Highway, Canadian timber was a pushover for powerful tractors. Permission of Public Roads Administration [bulldozer clearing land]

.93 – [Photographic postcard] 9. Sunset near the Alaska Highway. Permission of Public Roads Administration [trucks on barge on lake in foreground]

.94 – [Photographic postcard] 10. Looking upstream at the Peace River which is crossed by the Alaska Highway. Permission of Public Roads Administration [aerial]

.95 – [Photographic postcard] 14. Scene along the Alaska Highway through Canada's wilderness built by a welcome army of U.S. soldiers. Permission War-time Information Board. [truck on dirt road through mountainous area]

.96 – [Photographic postcard] A tug of war. At Morse Bros. Camp, 16-E, Watson Lake, Y.T. 7, copyright Canada 1943 by Canadian Post Card Co., Toronto [composite photograph. Four men and dog hauling huge fish out of lake]

.97 – [Photographic postcard] A good day for ducks. At Morse Bros. Camp, 16-E, Watson Lake, Y.T. 14, copyright Canada by Canadian Post Card Co., Toronto [composite photograph. Two men holding rifles standing next to boat loaded with duck carcasses, ducks on ground and in air]

Memorabilia

- Empty leather album cover measuring 6" x 5", embossed title "Snap Shots", decorated with Alaska Highway emblem
- Empty leather album cover measuring 4.5" x 4", with burned title "Watson Lake, Y.T. Snap Shots" and painting of teepee
- Telegram. From Mrs. John Markegard to Trueman [sic] Markegard, care Morse Bros. Constn. Co. camp NR 16 E mile post 323, Watson Lake, YT. "Fathers condition critical come at once."

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