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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. In January 2025, photographs physically reviewed and descriptions updated

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

Fort Gibbon (Alaska)

Nenana (Alaska)

Telida (Alaska)

Toghotili (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Nenana, Alaska [dog with two individuals in front of building in Toghotili (Nenana). B&W 2 x 3]

- .2 – Old Ft. Gibbon, close to Tanana [photographic postcard. View of buildings at Fort Gibbon from the river. B&W 3.5 x 5.5]
- .3 – Nenana [youth in small barrel, Pearl Oil can in background. Toghotili (Nenana). B&W 4.5 x 3]
- .4 – St. Johns Mission. Back, Nenana Episcopal Church, F? Mueller, caretaker for years [exterior of church in winter, Toghotili (Nenana). 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 [two individuals standing on the deck of a ship. 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 – The "Lone Star" Road House. On the trail - Nenana to McGrath [view of seven individuals standing in front of a log cabin with dog sleds and wood pile in yard. 7.5 x 2.75]
- .8 – At the Lone Star Roadhouse. Owner: Herman Olson. On the trail - Nenana to McGrath [one individual standing on a log with a woodpile in the background. 7.5 x 2.75]
- .9 – Lake Minchumina Roadhouse [three log buildings with a dog sled team in the center. 7.5 x 2.75]
- .10 – Nikolai – on the trail [six log buildings with at least two sled dog teams and mushers at center. Edze Dochak' (Nikolai). 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. [?] standing in front of building, Toghotili (Nenana). Sepia 3.5 x 2.5]
- .13 – [group of individuals posed outside of the Cooney's Hotel Café, Toghotili (Nenana). B&W 7.5 x 9.5]
- .14 – Nenana, Alaska [Dogs with sled stopped on winter trail, two individuals in basket, Toghotili (Nenana). Sepia 9 x 13]
- .15 – Cooney Hotel, Nenana, Alaska [group of people pose in hotel interior, Toghotili (Nenana). B&W 6.5 x 8.5 mounted as 8 x 10]
- .16 – [missing][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 on a trail with snow and frosted trees. B&W 2.5 x 7.5]
- .18 – Telida [Native] Roadhouse [eleven individuals standing outside a log cabin with a cache and dog sled to the right. 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 [view of Tolovana and shoreline aboard ship on Tanana River. B&W 3.5 x 5.5]
- .20 – Hooking up at Tokatna [sled dog team between buildings at Takotna. B&W 2.5 x 7.5]
- .21 – Part of Tokatna, about 1935. In John Ruke and O'Halloran Road House [buildings including roadhouses at Takotna. 7.5 x 2.75]

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