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TITLE: Randy Brandon Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2016.019

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1974-2004

Extent: 8.5 cubic feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): William Randy Brandon

Administrative/Biographical History:

Professional photographer William Randy Brandon has operated as Third Eye Photography in Girdwood since 1974. From 1984-2001, he also worked out of a commercial studio in Anchorage. He was a board member of the Alaska Photographic Center and is the founder and a past president of the Alaska chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of approximately 22,600 items of varying formats: approx. 16,500 35mm positive film slides; 256 medium format positive film slides; 1,182 4x5 and card-mounted transparencies; 1,579 strip transparencies; 167 panoramic transparencies; 3,248 strip negatives; 24 4x5 negatives; 32 prints; and 127 proof sheets. The contents include stock and commercial photography.

Addendum 2025 consists of approximately 700 35mm slides; 47 card-mounted transparencies; 27 strip transparencies; 2 panoramic transparencies; 78 strip negatives; 6 prints; 6 contact sheets; 2 publications; and 1 document.

See Subjects and Detailed Description for more content information.

Arrangement: Arranged by format, then by subject categories, then by donor's roll number.
Series are as follows:

- Series 1: 35mm slides**
- Series 2: Medium format slides**
- Series 3: 4x5 and card-mounted transparencies**
- Series 4: Strip transparencies**
- Series 5: Panoramic transparencies**
- Series 6: Strip negatives**
- Series 7: 4x5 negatives**
- Series 8: Prints and proof sheets**
- Series 9: Addendum 2025**
 - 35mm slides**
 - 4x5 and card-mounted transparencies**
 - Strip and Panoramic transparencies**
 - Strip negatives**
 - Prints and proof sheets**
 - Documents and publications**

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in 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 Randy Brandon starting in July 2016. Three addenda, donated January 2020, December 2021, and September 2022, were processed with the initial donation. Approximately 9,800 duplicate and similar slides, 79 4x5 negatives/card-mounted transparencies, and 3 prints were dispositioned during appraisal. In 2025 another addendum was received and processed between April-August 2026. Approximately 1600 duplicate and similar slides, 76 4x5 card-mounted transparencies, 101 strip transparencies, 89 negatives, 4

prints, 1 contact sheet, and 2 newspapers were dispositioned during appraisal. Ongoing addenda are expected.

Processing Note

Materials removed from original folders, sleeves, and envelopes.

Index cards printed from digital files. CDs with original digital files in accession folder.

SUBJECTS

Airplanes
Airports
Alascom, Inc.
Alaska Airlines
Alaska National Insurance Company
Alaska Pacific Bank [Northrim Bank]
Alaska Railroad
Alaska Regional Hospital [Humana Hospital]
Alaska USA Federal Credit Union [FCU]
Alyeska, Mount
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Alyeska Resort
Anchorage / Dgheyaytnu (Alaska)
Anchorage Camper Center
Anchorage International Airport [ANC, Ted Stevens, ASI Airline Support Inc.]
Anchorage People Mover [Transit Center]
Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Anglo Energy Building
Begich Boggs Visitor Center
Boats and boating
Bore Tides
Brandon, William Randy
Building [Construction]
Camping
Captain Cook Hotel
Christmas Village
Chugach Mountains (Alaska)
Church Buildings
CIRI Foundation
Concorde (Jet transport)
Conoco-Phillips Building [ARCO Tower]
Dawson (Yukon)
Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)
Dimond Center
Douglas Island (Alaska)
Dredges

Eklutna / Idlughet (Alaska)
Elmendorf Air Force Base (Alaska)
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
Epilobium Angustifolium [Fireweed]
Exxon Company U.S.A.
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Alaska, 1989
Fairbanks International Airport [FAI]
Festivals
Fishing
Flying Machine Restaurant
Frank Coluccio Construction
Fur Rendezvous World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, Alaska
Girdwood (Alaska)
Glaciers
Golf
Greek Dance
Gymnastics
Haines / Deishú (Alaska)
Helicopters
Hiking
Hope (Alaska)
Icebergs
Johnson's Tire Service
Juneau / Dzánti K'ihéeni (Alaska)
K-Mart Corporation
Katmai National Park and Preserve (Alaska)
Kenai (Alaska)
Kenai Fjords National Park (Alaska)
Ketchikan / Kichxáan (Alaska)
Knott's Berry Farm (Buena Park, Calif.: Amusement Park)
Kodiak / Sun'aq (Alaska)
Log Cabins
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Lupines
Mear's Middle School (Anchorage, Alaska)
Mendenhall Glacier (Alaska)
Merrill Field (Anchorage, Alaska)
Mines and Mineral Resources--Alaska
Mountains
Myosotis Scorpioides [Forget Me Not]
National Bank of Alaska
Ninilchik (Alaska)
Office Depot (Firm) [Office Max]
Oil well drilling rigs

PACE Membership Warehouse
 Palmer (Alaska)
 Portage (Alaska)
 Providence Alaska Medical Center [Hospital, Nutrition Center]
 Prudhoe Bay (Alaska)
 Rasmuson, Edward B. (b. 1940)
 Rosy's [Restaurant]
 Russian Jack Elementary School (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Seattle (Wash.)
 Seward / Qutalleq (Alaska)
 Sheraton Hotel (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Sitka / Sheet'ká (Alaska)
 Skis and Skiing
 Skyview High School (Soldotna, Alaska)
 Soldotna (Alaska)
 Third Eye Photography (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Thorpe Services (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Totem Poles
 Tourism
 Trans-Alaska Pipeline (Alaska) [TAP]
 Tudor Center (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Turnagain Arm (Alaska)
 USKH Inc. (Wasilla, Alaska)
 Valdez / Suacit (Alaska)
 Valley River Center (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Westmark Hotel (Anchorage, Alaska) [Sheffield House]

Detailed Description of the Collection

Approximate dates for film rolls:

1976: #1034-1258	1986: #5127-5613	1996: #11449-12070
1977: #1259-1525	1987: #5614-6077	1997: #12071-12575
1978: #1526-1775	1988: #6078-6790	1998: #12576-12976
1979: #1776-1947	1989: #6791-7453	1999: #12977-13270
1980: #1948-2191	1990: #7454-8258	2000: #13271-13652
1981: #2192-2729	1991: #8259-9224	2001: #13653-13849
1982: #2730-3298	1992: #9225-9684	2002: #13850-13969
1983: #3299-3954	1993: #9685-10391	2003-2004: #13970-14180
1984: #3955-4492	1994: #10392-11031	
1985: #4493-5126	1995: #11032-11448	

Transparencies

Series 1: 35mm slides

Box 1

Box 1a: Alaska Cities – General, Circle Hot Springs, Fairbanks

Box 1b: Alaska Cities – Halibut Cove, Homer, Hope, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kotzebue, Nenana, Nome

Box 1c: Alaska Cities – Portage

Box 1d: Alaska Cities – Portage [Begich-Boggs]

Box 1e: Alaska Cities – Prince William Sound, Sand Point

Box 1f: Alaska Cities – Sand Point, Seldovia, Seward, Unalaska (Dutch Harbor)

Box 2

Box 2a: Alaska Cities – Unalaska; Alaskan Indigenous People; Alaska State Fair

Box 2b: Alaska State Fair; Alaskan Workers – Broadcast Computer and Phone Technicians, Electrical

Box 2c: Alaskan Workers – Jade; Anchorage – Aerials

Box 2d-e: Anchorage – Aerials

Box 2f: Anchorage – Aerials, Anchorage Organizing Committee (AOC), Buildings [General]

Box 3

Box 3a: Anchorage – Buildings [General]

Box 3b: Anchorage – Buildings [General, ARCO, Captain Cook Hotel]

Box 3c: Anchorage – Buildings [Captain Cook Hotel, CIRI, Frontier, Hilton Hotel, Humana Hospital, Performing Arts Center (PAC)]

Box 3d: Anchorage – Buildings [PAC, Round Table Pizza, Sheffield House]

Box 3e: Anchorage – Buildings [Sheffield House, Sheraton Hotel, Sullivan Arena], Golf

Box 3f: Anchorage – McCaw Cellular Communications, Night Shots

Box 4

Box 4a: Anchorage – Night Shots, Parks and Monuments

Box 4b: Anchorage – People Shopping and Hotel Guests

Box 4c: Anchorage – Port of Anchorage, Residences, Schools

Box 4d: Anchorage – Schools, Seafood Market, Signs and Neon

Box 4e: Anchorage – Turnagain Arm and Bore Tide; Animals – Anchorage Zoo

Box 4f: Animals – Birds [General, Cormorants, Eagles]

Box 5

Box 5a: Animals – Birds [Eagles]

Box 5b: Animals – Birds [Eagles, Geese]

Box 5c: Animals – Birds [Gulls, Jays, Murres, Oystercatchers, Ptarmigans, Round Island]

Box 5d: Animals – Birds [Round Island]

Box 5e: Animals – Birds [Swans], Marine Life [General, Sea Otters]

Box 5f: Animals – Marine Life [Seals, Sea Lions]

Box 6

Box 6a: Animals – Marine Life [Whales], Sheep, Wildlife

Box 6b: Christmas in Alaska; Churches – General

Box 6c: Churches – Kenai, Kodiak, Ninilchik

Box 6d: Churches – Ninilchik, Sand Point, Unalaska; Clouds; Construction – General

Box 6e-f: Construction – General

Box 7

Box 7a: Construction – General, Sheirwin Caldwell/Tundra Rose, C. R. Lewis Co.
Box 7b: C. R. Lewis Co.; Dolls; European Mousse Commercial
Box 7c: Greek Dance Troupe; Iditarod
Box 7d: Iditarod and Jr. Iditarod
Box 7e: Jr. Iditarod
Box 7f: Jr. Iditarod; Matanuska Valley – General, Glennallen

Box 8

Box 8a: Matanuska Valley – Hatcher Pass, Hurricane Bridge, Knik Glacier, Matanuska Glacier; Mining and Dredging
Box 8b: Mining and Dredging; Mountains – General
Box 8c: Mountains – Mt. Redoubt, Mt. Spur Ash; National Parks – Denali
Box 8d-f: National Parks – Denali

Box 9

Box 9a: National Parks – Denali, Katmai
Box 9b: National Parks – Katmai, Kenai
Box 9c: Nature – Berries Fungi and Algae, Cabbage, Flowers
Box 9d-f: Nature – Flowers

Box 10

Box 10a: Nature – Geology, Grasses and Leaves, Trees
Box 10b: Nature – Trees; Oil Rigs and Pipelines – General
Box 10c: Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Alyeska Pipeline Spill Drill Sagavanirktok River, Alyeska Pipeline Spill Drill Valdez, Alyeska Pipeline Terminal Camp and Tankers Valdez
Box 10d: Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Alyeska Pipeline Terminal Camp and Tankers Valdez, Exxon Valdez Pre-Spill
Box 10e: Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Exxon Valdez Pre-Spill, Exxon Valdez 1989 Oil Spill
Box 10f: Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Exxon Valdez 1989 Oil Spill, Exxon Valdez Post-Spill

Box 11

Box 11a: Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Exxon Valdez 1990 Boom Training; Outdoor Activities – Camping, Fishing
Box 11b: Outdoor Activities – Fishing
Box 11c: Outdoor Activities – Fishing, Hiking, Skiing [Alyeska]; Outside Alaska (Los Angeles (LA) California, Canada, Hawaii, Washington)
Box 11d: Performances; Planes and Airports – General, AEDC/Aadland FedEx
Box 11e: Planes and Airports – AEDC/Aadland FedEx, Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports (ANC and FAI), Northern Air Cargo (NAC); Roads and Trucks
Box 11f: Roads and Trucks

Box 12

Box 12a: Roads and Trucks
Box 12b: Roads and Trucks; Satellite Dishes and Power Lines; Scenics – Eclipses, Fall
Box 12c: Scenics – Fall
Box 12d: Scenics – Fall, Summer
Box 12e-f: Scenics – Summer

Box 13

Box 13a: Scenics – Summer, Winter

Box 13b-d: Scenics – Winter

Box 13e: Scenics – Winter, Sundogs, Sunsets [General]

Box 13f: Scenics – Sunsets [Anchorage, Homer Spit]

Box 14

Box 14a: Scenics – Sunsets [Kachemak Bay, Prince William Sound, Turnagain Arm]

Box 14b: Scenics – Sunsets [Turnagain Arm]

Box 14c: Stock Photos – Diabetic, Lighting Workshop; Totem Poles; Tourism

Box 14d-e: Tourism

Box 14f: Tourism; University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Series 2: Medium format slides

Box 15: Alaskan Workers – Computer Technicians; Anchorage – Aerials, Buildings [General, Captain Cook, Hilton, Sheffield, Sheraton], Night Shots, Parks, People, Port of Anchorage, Residences [Jim Dokoozian], Signs and Neon; Churches – Ninilchik; Matanuska Valley and Glacier; National Parks – Denali; Nature – Flowers; Oil Rigs and Pipelines; Outside Alaska – Seattle; Scenics – Fall, Summer, Sunsets; Tourism

Series 3: 4x5 and card-mounted transparencies

Box 16: Alaska Cities – Homer, Portage, Sitka; Alaskan Workers – Computer and Phone Technicians; Anchorage – Aerials, Buildings [General, ARCO, Hilton, Performing Arts Center, Sheffield, Sheraton, Sullivan Arena]

Box 17: Anchorage – Golf, Night Shots, Parks, People, Port of Anchorage, Residences, Turnagain Arm; Animals – Eagles; Christmas; Churches – Eklutna, Kenai, Ninilchik; Matanuska Valley and Glacier; Mining

Box 18: National Parks – Denali

Box 19: National Parks – Denali, Kenai; Nature – Flowers, Geology [Jade], Trees; Oil Rigs and Pipelines – Exxon; Outdoor Activities – Cycling, Fishing, Hiking, Skiing [Alyeska]; Planes and Airports; Roads and Trucks

Box 20: Scenics – Fall, Summer

Box 21: Scenics – Summer, Winter, Sunsets; Totem Poles; Tourism

Series 4: Strip transparencies

Box 22: Alaska Cities – Nome, Portage; Alaskan Workers; Anchorage – Aerials, Buildings [General, Sheffield], Night Shots, Parks

Box 23: Anchorage – People, Residences; Churches – Eklutna; Greek Dance Troupe; Gymnastics; Matanuska Valley and Glacier; National Parks – Denali; Nature – Flowers; Planes and Airports; Roads and Trucks; Satellite Dishes; Scenics; Tourism

Series 5: Panoramic transparencies

Box 24: Alaska Cities – Douglas Island, Haines, Juneau, Portage, Sitka; Anchorage – Turnagain Arm; Christmas; Mining and Dredging

Box 25: National Parks – Denali, Kenai; Oil Rigs; Outdoor Activities – Camping; Outside Alaska – Yukon

Box 26: Scenics – Fall, Winter, Sunsets; Totem Poles; Tourism

Negatives

Series 6: Strip negatives

Box 27: Alaska Cities; Alaska Railroad; Anchorage – Aerials, Buildings

Box 28: Anchorage – Buildings, Parks, People, Residences, Schools

Box 29: Construction; Jr. Iditarod; Matanuska Glacier; Nature – Flowers; Oil Rigs – Exxon; Outside Alaska – Knotts Berry Farm; Performances; Planes and Airports; Roads and Trucks

Series 7: 4x5 negatives

Box 30: Anchorage – Buildings [Sheraton], Night Shots, People, Schools; Christmas; Gymnastics; Planes and Airports; Roads and Trucks

Prints

Series 8: Prints and proof sheets

Box 31: Alaska Cities – Palmer, Portage, Kenai, Soldotna; Alaskan Workers – Phone Technicians; Anchorage – Aerials, Buildings, People, Residences, Schools

Box 32: Christmas; Construction; Jr. Iditarod; Matanuska Glacier; Nature; Oil Rigs – Exxon; Outside Alaska – Knotts Berry Farm; Performances; Planes and Airplanes; Roads and Trucks

Addendum 2025

Series 9: Addendum 2025

35mm slides

Box 33

Box 33a: Oil Rigs – Nabors [Prudhoe Bay]; Fur Rendezvous; Matrix Construction, Co.; ALPS, Valdez [aerials]; TAPS [1990, 1991, 2000]

Box 33b: Portage Glacier; Portage Glacier - Tourism; Matanuska Glacier; Matanuska Glacier – Tourism; Circumpolar Trip 1994; Concorde (Jet transports)

Box 33c: Airplanes and Helicopters; Boats [Not recreational]; Kodiak – Exxon Protest March 1989, Boat Harbor, Baranof Museum, Russian Orthodox Church, Rainforest, Coastlines, Highland Cattle, Annual Crab Festival

Box 33d: Kodiak – Annual Crab Festival; Anchorage International Airport

4x5 and card-mounted transparencies

Box 34/F1 – Fur Rondy; Portage Tourism; Portage Glacier

Box 34/F2 – Matanuska Valley and Glacier; Anchorage International Airport; Boats (Not recreational)

Strip transparencies

Box 34/F3 – Doyon; Airplanes and helicopters; Boats (Not recreational)

Panoramic transparencies

Box 34/F3 – Matanuska Valley and Glacier

Strip negatives

Box 34/F4 – Alaska Cities – Anchorage; Doyon; Airplanes and helicopters; Concorde

Prints and contact sheets

Box 34/F5 – Doyon; Concorde

Documents and publications

Box 34/F6 – Circumpolar Trip 1994; Concorde

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