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TITLE: Alaska Road Commission Crew Portrait Photograph

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.052

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1940-1949

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Alaska Road Commission was first established in 1905 as a board of the War Department but was later transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1932. The ARC was responsible for construction and maintenance of Alaskan highways.

Scope and Content Description:

One black-and-white 5 x 7" photograph showing a work crew of primarily Indigenous Alaskans.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original item in good condition.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Found in collection in May 2013. In envelope with return address of Mrs. Eben H. Lewis, sent to Annie Laurie Howard.

SUBJECTS

Nicolai, Stewart, 1916-1986

United States. Alaska Road Commission

Roads—Design and construction—Alaska

Construction workers—Alaska

Indigenous people – Alaska

Glennallen (Alaska)

Detailed Description

.1 – Stuart Nicolai, Faye Sarren's dad in the 1940's, first road commission crew in Glenallen [The Alaska Road Commission crew on Nabesna Road to Slana. At AFN 2013, people identified as follows from right to left: Patty King of Chitina, Mentasta Pete of Mentasta, Paul Snell of Gulkana, Bill Joe of Gakona/Chistochina, (unidentified person), Frank Charley of Chistochina. At AFN 2015, person 5th from left identified as Ralph Sanford and person 4th from left identified as Buster Gene.]

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