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TITLE: Clyde King Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1992.008

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1935-1944

Extent: 9 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Hewitt's Photo Shop

Administrative/Biographical History:

Clyde Elmer King was working at Burt's Drugstore in Palmer when the Matanuska colonists arrived in 1935. King first came to Alaska in 1923 as a crew member aboard the *C.A. Thayer*, a three masted sailing schooner that sailed from San Francisco to Western Alaska. At the time of donation, King was living in Friday Harbor, Washington.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of nine photographic prints and postcards related to the Matanuska Colony and settler colonists in the Matanuska Valley between 1935 and 1944.

Arrangement: Arranged by previous archivist

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 Clyde King in April 1992.

Processing Note

Guide created from accession file inventory and card catalog. The items were not physically consulted at the time of writing.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection

B1993.020 Doris Rhodes Slides

B2013.065 2nd Mapping Squadron Photographs

B2016.006 William C. and Frances P. Ray Slides

SUBJECTS

King, Clyde Elmer

Hewitt's Photo Shop

Ahtna (Indigenous peoples) – Alaska

Matanuska River Valley (Alaska)

Matanuska Valley Colony

Palmer (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – #5, Palmer, Alaska, August 1935. Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage. [framed black and white aerial of temporary town of Palmer. Water tower under construction. Ahtna Territory]

.2 – P-401, Palmer, Alaska, Aug. 1936. Hewitt's Photo Shop. [framed black and white aerial of Palmer with complete Alaska Railroad buildings. Ahtna Territory]

.3 – "Greetings, Matanuska Valley, Alaska" [Composite image with scroll in center bearing signatures of individuals. Ahtna Territory]

.4 – 3. A city in the making, Matanuska Valley Project. Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage [photo postcard. Oblique of one tent encampment. Ahtna Territory]

.5 – 4. Assembling colonist power, Matanuska Valley. Hewitt’s Photo Shop, Anchorage [photo postcard. View of at least nine Caterpillar tractors. Ahtna Territory]

.6 – 15. Colonists making themselves “to home.” Matanuska Valley Project. Hewitt’s Photo Shop, Anchorage [photo postcard. View of settler colonists with tents and supplies. Ahtna Territory]

.7 – 30. S.E.R.A. transit camp, Matanuska Colonists Project. Hewitt’s Photo Shop, Anchorage [photo postcard. Long view of camp]

.8 – Hewitt’s Photo Shop, Anchorage [photo postcard. View of settler colonists’ camp. Ahtna Territory]

.9 – ‘Photograph approved by Theatre Censor, A.D.C. L-2” [oblique of Matanuska farm with hay stacks. Ahtna Territory]

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