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TITLE: Fr. Donald Cadden S.J. Slides

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2017.030

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1960s

Extent: 53 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Fr. Donald Cadden SJ

Administrative/Biographical History:

Donald R. Cadden was born in Darrington, Washington, in 1924. After serving with the U.S. Army Transport Service during World War II, he entered the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus in 1946. He was ordained as a priest in 1958, and served as a parish priest, a teacher, and a chaplain. He was a sculptor-in-residence at Gonzaga University. Cadden died March 4, 2018.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 53 color 35mm slides taken during a trip down the Yukon River in the 1960s. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Loosely arranged by subject and location when known.

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. A lightbox may be used to view transparencies.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by nephew Patrick Cadden in December 2017. Addendum received March 2018.

Processing Note

Eleven slides of generic scenery discarded. Three slides in addendum discarded as duplicative.

Notes

We consent to input and recommendations from communities as we work on decolonizing our collections. Due to potentially sensitive or harmful content, the following materials in this collection have been restricted:

.10, .23-.25, .52

SUBJECTS

Subsistence fishing—Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)

Catholic church buildings—Alaska

Cemeteries—Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)

Funeral rites and ceremonies—Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)

Yukon River (Yukon and Alaska)

Kaltag / Ggaat Doh (Alaska)

Nulato / Noolaaghe Doh (Alaska)

Holy Cross / Ingirraller, Deloy Chet (Alaska)

Ruby / Tl'aa'ologhe (Alaska)

Fairbanks (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [riverboat pilot in pilothouse, probably *Cabna*. Cf. .32. At AFN 2018, tentatively identified as Arthur Frank] [on Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.2 – [tugboat *Cabna* at dock, men on dock, pilot in pilothouse. *Cabna* destroyed by fire in 1969. Cf. .32] [likely Koyukon territory]

.3 – [distant view of tugboat under way on river] [likely Koyukon territory]

.4 – [view of Kaltag from the water, with church in center] [Koyukon territory, Ggaal Doh (Kaltag)]

.5 – [man standing next to church, Kaltag] [Koyukon territory, Ggaal Doh (Kaltag)]

.6 – [view of church from rear, metal barrels next to buildings, Kaltag] [Koyukon territory, Ggaal Doh (Kaltag)]

.7 – [people lining riverbank at Kaltag, as seen from boat, church steeple in background] [Koyukon territory, Ggaal Doh (Kaltag)]

.8 – [view of Nulato from the water, church at left] [Koyukon territory, Noolaaghe Doh (Nulato)]

.9 – [parishioners walking out of church, Nulato] [Koyukon territory, Noolaaghe Doh (Nulato)]

.10 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]

.11 – [view of village from water] [likely Koyukon territory]

.12 – [church at Holy Cross, vegetable garden in foreground] [Possibly Central Yup'ik and/or Deg Hit'an territory, Ingirraller and/or Deloy Chet (Holy Cross)]

.13 – [view of village from water, religious monument on side of bluff at right, Ruby?] [likely Koyukon territory]

.14 – [view of village from water, general store in center, Ruby?] [view of village from water, general store in center, Ruby? Cf. .40] [likely Koyukon territory]

.15 – [view of village from water, church in center. Cf. .41] [likely Koyukon territory]

.16 – [view of village from water, green and yellow building at right] [likely Koyukon territory]

.17 – [view of village from water, green and yellow building at right. Cf. .42] [likely Koyukon territory]

.18 – [Indigenous woman cutting fish as young girl looks on, drying racks and caches in background. At AFN 2022, community identified as Kaltag; At AFN 2025, location confirmed Kaltag in the 1960s on the Yukon River.] [Koyukon territory, Ggaal Doh (Kaltag)]

.19 – [children sitting on logs on path from river to village, possibly Kaltag] [likely Koyukon territory]

.20 – [view of possibly fish camp from water, with boat tied to beach, drying houses and racks] [likely Koyukon territory]

.21 – [view of fish camp from water, boat and canoes on beach, drying racks at right, tents at left] [likely Koyukon territory]

.22 – [distant view from water of village at base of bluff. Cf. .43] [likely Koyukon territory]

.23 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]

.24 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]

.25 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]

.26 – [view of taiga from paved airstrip, possibly radar structure in background]

Addendum

.27 – [gold dredge in pond, automobile at right, tailings piles in background]

.28 – [exterior of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Fairbanks, automobiles parked in foreground] [Tanana territory]

.29 – [view across Chena River at Cushman Street bridge, marker for end of the Alaska Highway in center background]

.30 – [Pan American Airways airplane on tarmac at Fairbanks, moveable stairway at open door, small bus parked at left] [Tanana territory]

.31 – [man posed in passenger area on tarmac at Fairbanks airport, Airport Police vehicle in background] [Tanana territory]

.32 – [five men, probably crew, posed on deck of tugboat *Cabna*. Cf. .1-2]

.33 – [two young white men and young Indigenous man posed on boat deck, one man holding binoculars]

.34 – [white man wearing eyeglasses posed on boat deck]

.35 – [Indigenous woman posed on boat deck, fish wheel along riverbank in background] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.36 – [tugboat under way on river] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.37 – [front view of paddle steamer under way on river] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.38 – [rear view of paddle steamer under way on river, settlement in background left] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.39 – [scenic of slough area]

.40 – [view of village from water, general store in center, Ruby? Cf. .14] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.41 – [view of village from water, church at left. Cf. .15] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.42 – [view of village from water, green and yellow building at right. Cf. .17] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.43 – [distant view from water of village at base of bluff. Cf. .22] [Yukon River, likely Koyukon territory]

.44 – [view of village from water, church in center, partially submerged canoe at left. At AFN 2018, identified as St. Mary's or Andreefsky] [Yukon River, possibly Central Yup'ik or Koyukon territory]

.45 – [view of village from water, church at right] [Yukon River, possibly Central Yup'ik or Koyukon territory]

.46 – [view down path in village, river at right, large building in distance, tugboat at dock in right background. At AFN 2018, identified as St. Mary's or Andreefsky] [Yukon River, possibly Central Yup'ik or Koyukon territory]

.47 – [dogs lying on riverboat dry-docked next to drying rack with fishing nets] [possibly Central Yup'ik or Koyukon territory]

.48 – [Indigenous woman posed with three children on path in village] [Yukon River in background, possibly Central Yup'ik or Koyukon territory]

.49 – [view of village from water, boat landing area in center, scattered buildings in background. At AFN 2018, identified as old Minto, with store at left] [Tanana territory, Menhti Xwghotthit (Old Minto)]

.50 – [view of possibly fish camp from water, with drying houses and tents] [Yukon River]

.51 – [view of fish camp from boat on water, with tents in trees, fish wheel in river at left, boat deck in foreground] [Yukon River]

.52 – [Restricted due to sensitive content]

.53 – [scenic of river and prominent hill] [Yukon River]

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