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TITLE: Marie Silverman Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.016

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1912-1955

Extent: 2 boxes; 0.4 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Marie Silverman, Sydney Laurence, Thomas Foto Shop, P.S. Hunt, C.P. Johnston, McCain, Robert Bragaw, O.G. Herning, L.H. Pederson, Lillie N. Gordon, Hewitt's Photo Shop, Guy F. Cameron, F.M.K.H., George L. Johnson, Robinson Studios, Gordon Henning, Anchorage Times, J.E. Thwaites, William A. Logemann, Peter Pan Photo

Administrative/Biographical History:
Marie Silverman came to Alaska from Norway in 1908. She married Sol Silverman in Ketchikan, and the couple lived in various locations before settling in Anchorage in 1915. Marie worked for the Anchorage Times and was active in community affairs. She died in 1967.

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 194 photographs (one color) and nearly 100 pieces of ephemera collected by Marie Silverman. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Loosely arranged by subject

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated to Cook Inlet Historical Society by Marie Silverman in March 1963. Transferred to Anchorage Museum.

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RELATED MATERIALS
FIC Collection, B2008.013.56

SUBJECTS
Silverman, Marie, 1878-1967
Laurence, Sydney, 1868-1940
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923
Alaska Railroad
Katmai, Mount (Alaska)--Eruption, 1912
Alaska—Frontier and pioneer life
Anchorage (Alaska)
Knik (Alaska)
Matanuska (Alaska)
Palmer (Alaska)
Seward (Alaska)
Sunrise (Alaska)
Valdez (Alaska)
Wasilla (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – [Sydney Laurence with his paintings in Anchorage Hotel] [From *My Life With Sydney* by Jeanne Laurence (p. 27), the location is his Los Angeles Studio at 1719 Clinton Street in the late 1920s or early 1930s.]
.2 – [three mounted photographs of Sydney Laurence, dated 1918, 1919, 1937]
.3 – [photograph of Laurence self-portrait with painting of Mount McKinley. Color]
.4 – [same image as .3. Black-and-white]
.5 – Anchorage, Oct. 8, 1915. The Sydney Laurence Co. [on verso:] 4th Ave., Anchorage [same image as B1965.002.2]
.6 – Anchorage Fourth Avenue, looking west between G & H sts. The snow falls in Anchorage, Oct. 8, 1915 [with businesses including Alaska Clothing Co., Cosy Inn, Miss Mac's Lunch Room, Finklestein & Sapiro Clothier, California Pool Room, Riverside Café. Sydney Laurence, photographer]
.7 – Anchorage, Alaska. Our first taxi [Art's Taxi Service, 1932]
.8 – Anchorage High and Grade Schools. Thomas Kavanaugh [with gymnasium. Thomas Foto Shop, photographer]
.9 – Anchorage Catholic Church and Parish [exterior of first Catholic Church in Anchorage, 1915. Bragaw, photographer?]
.10 – Laying Masonic Temple cornerstone Oct. 22, '16, Anchorage, Alaska [Fourth Avenue street scene with Brown & Hawkins. P.S. Hunt, photographer] [filed in AEC]
.11 – Loudermilch Funeral Chapel, corner 5th & D St., 1923
.12 – Anchorage, Aug. 14, 1915. Laurence [on label:] Aug. 1915 land auction [on verso:] Sale of lots, 1915. Large building to right of the old post office [distant view of crowd standing around walled tent in clearing]
.13 – Hotel Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska, 1920. Black bldg., Richter's Bath House
.14 – 2222. Air view, Anchorage, AK. Johnston [Aerial view of Anchorage, looking southwest to Cook Inlet. Alaska Native Service Hospital in lower right. Circa 1950s, after McKay Building]
.15 – Anchorage 3. McCain [on verso:] Early 1915, old channel of Ship Creek before it was changed. This is Anchorage in early spring of 1915 [referring to trees:] Marks the town site of Anchorage today This belongs to Marie Silverman. This photo shows where early day boats used to come in to Anchorage. See where the crowd of people are.
.16 – U.S. Jail, Anchorage, cor. of 4th Ave & F St. [U.S. Marshal's office, 1933]
.17 – Presbyterian Church & Manse, Anchorage, Alaska [postcard]
.18 – Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska. Thomas Foto Shop [postcard]
.19 – Anchorage, Alaska, grade school, 1939. Thomas Foto Shop [on verso:] Anchorage Grade School then Central Junior High then City Hall Annex
.20 – Anchorage 1912 Ship Creek
.21 – 4th Ave. between D & E Streets, 1915 [with sign for Motion Pictures, Montana Pool Room and C.W. Bolte Hardware]
.22a – Anchorage, 1915-1916. Town is now where the trees are in the background [Sydney Laurence, photographer. Part of panorama B1971.071.84]

.22b – [second part of panorama]
.23 – Aerial view of Anchorage, Alaska, looking west to east [1925. Bragaw, photographer]
.24 – Post office used up to 1940 [post office on Fourth Avenue]
.25 – 1916. Fast teams from the Interior, Anchorage Post Office. The Sydney Laurence Co. [on verso:] Where the Federal Building now stands, 4th St. F & G. The building at right is still our federal jail (up to 1943) [sled dog teams in front of post office and U.S. Marshal's office]
.26 – Fire station, Anchorage, Alaska [motorcycles and automobiles outside firehouse. postcard]
.27 – Anchorage old fire hall up to 1955 [fire station]
.28 – Rainbow trout, Anchorage, Alaska [postcard]
.29 – 625. Hotel Cannon at Knick, 1914, "Pioneer Hotel" [Knik]
.30 – 615. Pioneer Hotel Garden, Knik, Alaska. P.S. Hunt, G4153 [on verso:] Knik boathouse in distance [1914]
.31 – 614. Knik, Alaska. P.S. Hunt G4155 [on verso:] Knik in 1914, Pioneer Hotel, Knik Pool Hall, etc., Main Street [street scene with Knik Roadhouse and other buildings]
.32 – Knik [on verso:] Knik, not old Knik, harbor, 1914 (was #620) [view of town from water, with sign for Hardware and motor launches at dock. O.G. Herning photographer?]
.33 – 621. 4th July races, 1914, Knik, Alaska. O.G.H. [men competing in footrace in front of Pioneer Hotel. Postcard]
.34 – 616. July 4, 1914, Knik, Alaska. O.G.H. [same image as B1965.015.71. Postcard]
.34x – 624. Knik, Alaska. O.G.H. [with Knik Roadhouse and Knik Trading Co. Postcard]
.35 – Boat day, Knik, Alaska. O.G.H. [on verso:] Was photo #622. 1914 [same image as B1967.001.157. Sailing ships, launches, and barges, including *Traveler*]
.36 – Dock, K.T. Co., Knik, Alaska. 1914 [on verso:] Was #617 [same image as B1967.001.154. Launches at Knik Trading Co. docks]
.37 – Waterfront, Knik, Alaska. 619, O.G.H. Boat day, 1914 [sailing ships. Postcard]
.38 – Arrival govt. surveyors, Knik, Alaska. 623 [AEC survey party with horses and wagons. Postcard]
.39 – 1914, was photo #618, winter boating, Knik Arm, Alaska [poling boat and sleds. Postcard]
.40 – Looking east on McKinley St., Valdez, Alaska. Taken at midnight June 21, '08. P.S. Hunt P69 [Street scene with Valdez Bank & Mercantile Co., Tony's Bar. "Dear Marie. Just arrived here 12 midnight and will get to Seward about Wednesday morning. Have not been sea sick yet but is a long trip. This boat is very slow about 8 miles an hour but feeds well. Did not know it was." Postcard]
.41 – The Wilmoth Building at Wasilla, 1935
.42 – [image of Wasilla Library attached to program from the 8th Annual Matanuska Valley Fair. Cf. B19656.015.5]
.43 – May or June 1912, volcanic ash in Kodiak, Alaska, 55 miles from Katmai [Novarupta-Katmai Eruption]
.44 – First boat leaving Seward, Alaska, with relief for Kodiak sufferers Katmi [sic] Volcano, May or June 1912, L.H.P. [tug *Printer*, Novarupta-Katmai Eruption. L.H. Pederson, photographer. Postcard]
.45 – Hurrah for the woods, Sewards Picnic, July 24, 1913. LNG [Alaska Northern Railway car and crowds of people, Seward Alaska. From verso: "Mrs. Silverman is the one in the hat":

shows drawing of tall, somewhat pointed hat, which places Mrs. Silverman just left of center in photo. Lille N. Gordon photographer. Postcard]
.46 – Sewards picnic, Chad's [?] Bridge, July 24, 1913. L.N.G. [on verso:] Taken at Seward, 1913. [Men and women picnic goers posing on a log and plank bridge, Seward, one man carrying fishing rod and creel. Lille N. Gordon photographer. Postcard]
.47 – German doctor [with arrow]. [on verso:] This was taken at Seward, either in 1911-1912 or 1913. The Outing Club. Cannot remember whou [sic] they are. [Portrait of members of Outing Club taken on dock at Seward, with animal trophies. Postcard]
.48 – 1911-1913? Seward Outing Club, Seward, Alaska [Formal group portrait of members of the Seward Outing Club, in their meeting hall with animal trophies. Postcard]
.49 – Taken Seward 1913, picture in right panel is Mrs. Lobner of Seward [postcard]
.50 – Bu[i]ld[i]ng on corner was (& I still think [is]) the Bank of Seward when I lived there 1912-1913 & 1914. Leog [sic] building, Marshals [sic] office. [view of buildings, Seward. Buildings shown include Bank of Seward and U.S. Marshal's office. Postcard]
.51 – Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska
.52 – USC Maryland, Seward, Alaska, July 30, 1912 [Pennsylvania class armored cruiser U.S.S. *Maryland* arrived in Seward with a crew of 810; Naval staff investigated Alaskan coal reserves while in port.]
.53 – Knik River Bridge
.54 – [people standing in front of old government building at Matanuska, 1916]
.55 – P4. Palmer, Alaska, Aug. 1936. Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage [aerial]
.56 – Matanuska Valley, Alaska [U.S. Agricultural Experiment Station]
.57 – Groundhog Camp, m. 11, Sunrise trail [men with packboards at camp. Postcard]
.58 – Fairweather, Valdez Trail. V58, Guy F. Cameron [dog team with sled]
.59 – Alaska joy ride. Guy F. Cameron, 79. Valdez [bear pulling sled]
.60 – Wells Bros. camp, Gold Zone Dist. Broad Pass, Alaska. F.M.K.H. [men and dogs at gold mining operation in Golden Zone]
.60a – Wells Bros. camp, Gold Zone Dist. Broad Pass, Alaska. F.M.K.H. [men and dogs at gold mining operation in Golden Zone]
.61 – Mineral zone, Broad Pass, Alaska. F.M.K.H.
.62 – The "Loop," Alaska Railroad. G.L.J. [on verso:] The Loop no longer exists [George L. Johnson, photographer] [2 copies]
.63 – Hurricane Gulch, Alaska. G.L. Johnson, Anchorage, Alaska
.64 – General headquarters, the Alaska Railroad, Anchorage, Alaska, 1920
.65 – A.R.R. base hospital, Anchorage, Alaska [Alaska Railroad hospital]
.66 – Put on Fifth Avenue during Fur Rendezvous, Anchorage Railroad first train. Robinson [H Street display on 5th Avenue, Alaska Railroad Engine No. 1]
.67 – Inaugaration [sic] of first streamliner service (AuRoRa), Oct. 18, 1947. [crowd gathered at Alaska Railroad station in Anchorage, 1950s]
.68 – President & Mrs. Harding at a road house. Private home? Possibly Fairbanks? Talkeetna. When he visited Alaska, 1923. [President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding standing in front of a log house which is draped with flags, Interior Alaska]
.69 – Pres. Harding boarding train at Anchorage, Alaska, July 17, 1923
.70 – President Harding in Anchorage, July 17, 1923. Bragaw

.71 – First dog race, Anchorage Kennel Club, Old Knik and Return. McCain Studio [scoreboard, with names of mushers, number of dogs, times] [2 copies]
.72 – Wilbur Wright, Alaskan champion [Anchorage Fur Rendezvous dog sled races. Gordon Henning, Anchorage Times, photographer]
.73 – [no card]
.74 – [Alaska Native woman with sled dog team, Anchorage Fur Rendezvous. Fourth Avenue street scene with businesses including J. Vic Brown & Sons Jewelers, Dr. L.W. Hines Optometrist, Food Center, Crocker's Dept. Store, Lee's Menswear. Gordon Henning, Anchorage Times, photographer. At AFN 2016, musher identified as Lena Charley from the Tok/Chistochina area]
.75 – Shadow pulling world's record, 1650 lbs. [of] cement. [Dog weight pull, Anchorage Fur Rendezvous. Gordon Henning, Anchorage Times, photographer]
.76 – Al and Ward Gay, guides, skin wolves caught or shot from plane [hunters cleaning carcasses, snowshoes visible. Gordon Henning, Anchorage Times, photographer]
.77 – Targhee hounds rec'd at Alaska, Joyce Wells and Targhee hound (cross Irish setter & deer hound), 1953 [Anchorage Times, photographer]
.78 – Picture of dancehall scene, "The Cheechako" motion picture. Mrs. Grace Richmond, Mr. & Mrs. Bud Whitney, Mr. Solomon Silverman, Charlie Bush. Nellie & Jack Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Whitney [were] 1st in area. Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Anderson had one of the first dozen houses. Whitney Road and Whitney Station named for them. [group portrait of extras on set]
.79 – Evening on "Inside Passage" to Alaska. Thwaites, 149
.80 – Mrs. Sol Silverman (Marie) and one of her cabbages, 1918, Anchorage, Alaska
.81 – Old Brown & Hawkins store. Left to right: Sol Silverman, Jack Robarts, P, Charley Bush, Win Erwin
.82 – Anchorage band. Sol is at the lower right. Paul Swanson trombone [Anchorage City Band]
.83 – Anchorage – Seward 1915, Anchorage, Alaska [people identified as: Mrs. Howard Walter, Mrs. Kathryn Howard Dorman, Marie Silverman, Harry Hobsen, Ernie Ammonson, Archie Lewis]
.84 – Seward ball team. Harry Hoben No. 3 – back row. 1915 in Anchorage [baseball team]
.85 – ARR car that Pres. Harding rode in. Pioneers visiting same [five people inside Alaska Railroad "Denali" car, identified as left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth Bliss, Marie Silverman, Leif Strand, Lois Paderson, Heinie Snider]
.86 – [Pioneers of Alaska group portrait, including: Jimmy VanZanten, Pat McMann, Agnes Climie, Herman Genche, Mrs. Enatti, Oscar Nielsen, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Marie Silverman, Mrs. John Hedberg, Mrs. U.G. (Mary) Crocker, Mrs. Oscar Olson, Mr. Enatti, Mr. Phillips, Matilda Olson, Mrs. Barber, Roy Southworth, Arthur Eide]
.87 – Northern Supply, Cappy Faroe's opening, March 1955 [store interior]
.88 – Anchorage Women's Club Banquet & Election, Anchorage, Alaska, May 20, 1920. Logemann Photo [on verso:] Taken where the Smart Shop & Carlquist Jewelry Store is now, 4th Ave. & F St. [with signs for Anchorage Gold Mines Co. and Pioneer Express. People identified as Mrs. Lewis Coffey, Mrs. Ramsey, Sol & Marie Silverman, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Harry Cribb, Mrs. Dr. Beason, Mrs. Jack Robarts, Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald, Pansy Adams, Mrs. Shoddy, Mrs. Chris Ekman, Mrs. Craig (Emily) Romig, Katherine Ashton Bittner]

.89 – "The Alaskans of Latouche" in Anchorage. Peter Pan Photo [on verso:] This is the bunch. The guitar player doubles on tenor banjo. Pretty near all double on other instruments. "S[?]hoot Babies." Rex Seymore at drums [band playing inside business]
.90 – This is the city band. [Check] mark is Kimball's store 5th & E [group portrait of Anchorage City Band members standing on lawn]
.91 – Victor Gill where Parson Hotel is now (1963), taken in 1916 [man with dog on Fourth Avenue]
.92 – The Sydney Laurence Co. [on verso:] Joe Conroy 2nd mayor. Judge Leopold David, 1st mayor. Bill Mulcahy 3 from right standing
.93 – [no card]
.94 – [group portrait taken on steps of telegraph office, people identified as: Hiram Mitchell, Rob Watson, Peter Cook, Clarice Weiss, Louise Gill, Margaret Porter Hannon, Roy Mathewson, Mrs. Robinson Mendel]
.95 – Rex Seymore at Valdez, 1922 [street scene with man]
.96-184 – [publications and ephemera]
.185 – [interior view of Congregational Church, Anchorage, Alaska, about 1918. Identified by Liz Donatello's grandmother Mrs. Johnson. Sydney Laurence, photographer]
.186 – One of the Wood Undertaking Company's Russian funerals, Anchorage, Alaska. Funeral of the first shooting scrape in Anchorage, July 9, 1916. The Sydney Laurence Co. [band playing at funeral service on Fourth Avenue, with businesses including Baxter's, Brown & Hawkins, Montana Pool Room, B.C. Nichols Store, Polley Bros. General Merchandise, Reilly's Café]
.187 – [no card]
.188 – First militia on parade on 4th Ave., Anchorage, 1917 [Army units marching on Fourth Avenue, with businesses including Alaska Laundry, Dick's Kitchen, Union Café, Collins Cigar Store]
.189 – Masonic Temple, spring of 1917. Storage bldg. in rear used as 1st Presbyterian Church during construction of original church. A small corner of the roof can be seen. 1962: Masonic Temple. 1963: Woolworth's 10¢ store [sled dog team standing on snowy street in front of building]
.190 – Arrival of 100 round trippers on SS Alameda at Anchorage, July 14, 1923 [same image as B1975.134.5]
.191 – [no card]
.192 – McCain [composite photograph of Frisco Café, California Café, Brown & Hawkins, with Mrs. T.D. Corlew Store and Empress Building]
.193 – McKay on dock, Sec. of Interior, July 19, 1954. ARR Col. Claussen, ARR dock [Douglas McKay at Seward, Alaska Railroad docks]
.194 – Secretary of Interior McKay, ARR Anchorage yards, July 1954. Supt. M.P. Randall, Chief Eng. Pat Cook [Douglas McKay in Alaska Railroad yards at Anchorage]

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