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**TITLE:** Donna Deegan 1964 Earthquake Letter

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2025.001

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Date: 1964 April 15

Extent: 3 Pages

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Donna Deegan

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Donna Deegan and her husband, Dean, lived and worked in downtown Anchorage at the time of the 1964 earthquake. The couple had two young children, and they owned or managed two stores in downtown Anchorage.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of a typescript letter, dated April 15, 1964, signed by Donna Deegan and sent to friends and/or family members outside of Alaska. The letter details Donna's experience in the earthquake with her two young children at home. She also describes the work in their stores over the next few days and the destruction around the city.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information:

Donated by Betty L. Deegan, daughter-in-law of Donna Deegan, in May 2025.

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B1979.038 Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs

B1980.027 Woodman Photograph Collection

B1987.083 McDermott Collection

B1994.024 Ron Aldrin Earthquake Slides

B1997.023 Sanborn Recording of 1964 Earthquake

B2002.002 Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Collection

B2002.008 Charles Koppel 1964 Earthquake Collection

B2005.041 Norman Campbell Photographs

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B2007.003 Opal Myers 1964 Earthquake Collection

B2007.016 Christenson Slide Collection

B2009.044 Bangkok Embassy Teletype Collection

B2009.056 Truth Coven Gray Earthquake Album

B2010.004 Kleihauer Slide Collection

B2010.020 Johnny Sartor Collection

B2011.002 Langford-Ose Photograph Collection

B2012.027 Kenneth C. Allen Earthquake Slides

B2012.032 Jean Kaufman Earthquake Photographs

B2012.036 John Mull III Alaskan Earthquake Reflections

B2013.001 Sportsman's Club Earthquake Photographs

B2013.011 Bill and Ellyn Frye letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake

B2013.061 Col. Paul W. Stephens 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs  
B2014.006 J.O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Photographs  
B2014.008 Helen M. Bucy 1964 Earthquake Collection  
B2014.011 Walter Deane 1964 Alaska Earthquake Photographs  
B2015.010 Joan Hurst Letter regarding the 1964 Alaska Earthquake  
B2015.013 Col. John H. Sullivan 1964 Earthquake Slides  
B2016.001 Maj. William D. Wright 1964 Alaska Earthquake Collection  
B2017.003 Andrea Ramsey 1964 Earthquake Collection  
B2018.010 1964 Earthquake Collection  
B2019.010 Stewart's Photo Shop 1964 Earthquake Photographs  
B2019.013 Gust Johnson 1964 Earthquake Album  
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B2024.001 Ken L. Parker Family Photographs

## **SUBJECTS**

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