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TITLE: Bertha Haynes Hanson Albums

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2019.016

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1909-1941

Extent: 3 albums

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): J.P. Anderson, Bertha Haynes Hanson, Theodore L. Hanson, Hewitt's, Ketchikan Chronicle, Pacific Aerial Surveys, The Sluice Box, Otto Schallerer, The Trapline, Walter Weston, Winter & Pond

Administrative/Biographical History:

Little was known about the creator of these albums when this Finding Aid was written. It is known that Bertha (Bertie) Haynes (later Bertha Haynes Hanson) assembled this collection of photo albums while living in Alaska. In 1933, Bertha married Theodore (Ted) Hanson. In 1937, their daughter Victorina was born.

During the family's time in Alaska, Ted may have worked for the Forest Service or the Civilian Conservation Corp. He spent eight years at Kenai Lake Station where he filled a variety of positions, but most often that of Fire Warden.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection is comprised of three family photograph albums and is mostly organized chronologically. The albums contain primarily black and white photo prints, as well as postcards, ephemera, typed narrative pages, news and magazine clippings, and hand-tinted photographs. Depicted are the Hanson family and friends, wildlife, landscapes, travels, and the communities where Ted worked in Southcentral and Southeast Alaska. The typed narrative pages cover a range of topics, including life events, information about Alaskan animals, and

descriptions of landscapes and places. Notably, there is mention of Filipino cannery workers in Tyee (opposite .336), the invention of "Ice Worms" (opposite .338), a day spent in the Vancouver Chinatown (opposite .385-.386), and stories about Indigenous Alaskan early encounters with settlers (opposite .426).

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

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 in 2019 by Victoria Wyrick, daughter of Bertha and Theodore.

Processing Note

In Albums 1 and 2, the tape adhesive on the typed narrative pages is sticking some pages together near the binding.

There is one photo loose with Album 1, and six pages and five photos loose with Album 3.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1979.002 Alaska Railroad Collection

B1982.181 Howard Hansen Collection

B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection

SUBJECTS

Alaska Railroad

Anchorage (Alaska)

Boats and boating

Cooper Landing (Alaska)
Craig (Alaska)
Fish Hatcheries
Ketchikan (Alaska)
Fairbanks (Alaska)
Fire fighters
Fish traps
Fishing
Forest Service
Fox farming
Girdwood (Alaska)
Glaciers
Haines (Alaska)
Hunting
Hyder (Alaska)
Hydraulic mining
Juneau (Alaska)
Kenai Peninsula (Alaska)
Kenai River (Alaska)
Ketchikan (Alaska)
Kustatan (Alaska)
Lawing (Alaska)
Mines and mining
Moose Pass (Alaska)
Port Chilkoot (Haines, Alaska)
Steese Highway (Alaska)
Wrangell (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

B1

Album 1

.1-.240

B2

Album 2

.241-.391

B3

Album 3

.392-.622

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