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TITLE: AHFAM Earthquake Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1969.011

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1964

Extent: 40 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

Nothing is known about the donor at the time of processing other than the gift was received.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 40 pictures of scenes from the 1964 Earthquake in Anchorage. Individual subjects that are in the photographs include the following:

Alley Cat Bar
Army Navy Surplus Store
D&D Bar & Café
Denali Theatre
Edmunds Apts.
Emporium Bowling
Findleys Shoes
Flowers by Bagoy
Four Seasons Apts.
Frisco Café
Government Hill School

Hunter Bar
Irene Griffin Samson
Kennedy's Store
Loussac Public Library
Mac's Photo
McKinley Apartments
McLain's Camera Center
Monty's
Safari Hotel
Scandinavian Club
Union Leader Store
Water Tower
Westward Hotel
West High School

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 to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by the City of Anchorage in May 1969. Transferred to the Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note

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Photographs not physically consulted at time of writing.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1964.x.006 CIHS McCutcheon
B1969.006 Spotlight Anchorage
B1970.015 Betty Bannon Collection
B1972.060 Zappa Earthquake Papers
B1975.129 Bertha Buelow Collection
B1976.118 Kroninger Photograph Collection
B1977.118 Army Corps of Engineers 1964 Earthquake Photographs
B1979.002 Alaska Railroad Collection
B1983.091 Ward Wells Collection
B1986.096 Anchorage Public Information Office
B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection
B1990.014 Steve McCutcheon Collection
B1995.010 George E. Allen Collection
B1996.032 John Bagoy Collection
B1997.021 Though the Earth Be Moved
B1997.023 Sanborn Recording of 1964 Earthquake
B1998.014 Vern Brickley Collection
B2000.017 Morris Reese Slides
B2002.002 Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Collection
B2005.041 Norman Campbell Photographs
B2006.023 Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection
B2007.016 Christenson Slide Collection
B2009.056 Truth Coven Gray Earthquake Album
B2011.002 Lankford-Ose Photograph Collection
B2011.011 Doris Rhodes Scrapbooks
B2012.006 William Jennings Bryan Swank
B2012.030 Hobart Hyatt Collection
B2013.001 Sportsman's Club Earthquake Photographs
B2013.010 Harold and Malita Hitchen Collection
B2013.064 John Broostrom Photographs
B2013.070 Joe Crusey Photographs
B2014.001 Louise Gallop Collection
B2014.005 Thomas "Cliff" Fuglestad Photographs
B2014.006 J. O. Anderson 1964 Earthquake Photographs
B2014.030 Charles and Wiona Browning Collection
B2016.006 William C. and Frances P. Ray Slides
B2016.017 Rose Kerfoot Slides
B2017.007 Leonard and Geraldine Thomas Photographs
B2019.013 Gust Johnson 1964 Earthquake Album
B2019.017 Alice Puster Collection
B2020.001 Cliff and Joan Fuglestad Collection
B2021.002 Samuel Fleming Collection
B2024.001 Ken L. Parker Family Photographs

SUBJECTS

Alaska Earthquake, 1964
Alaska Railroad
Anchorage / Dgheyaytnu (Alaska)
Cook Inlet / Tikahtnu (Alaska)
Earthquakes—Alaska—Anchorage

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – 4th and B. Denali Theatre to left. [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .2 – Mt. McKinley Building (now McKay Building) [street view of building with visible cracks in the walls and plywood covering a window at bottom left. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .3 – 6th Avenue and K [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .4 – Fourth Ave. Looking West from C Street [street view of Fourth Avenue with collapsed road with individuals and automobiles. Westward Hotel in the background. Signs for businesses include: Scandinavian Club and Bar, Mac's Photo Shop, Frisco Bar and Café, D & D Bar and Café, McLain's Camera Center, Findley's Shoes, Kennedy's Store. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .5 – North side of 4th and K St 1004 Fourth Avenue [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .6 – Alaska Railroad yard below Gov't Hill [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .7 – 4th and B looking west [view corner building next to Denali Theatre with collapsed sidewalk. Signs for business along the street include the Union Leader Store, Army Navy Surplus Store, and 4th Avenue Theatre. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .8 – 9th Avenue looking east from O St. [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .9 – 4th and B looking east toward McKinley Bldg. [street view. Signs for businesses include Denali Theatre, Flowers by Bagoy, Emporium Bowling, and McKinley Apartments. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .10 – Unidentified home [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .11 – 4th and C St. [street view. Signs for businesses include Hunter Bar, May (?) Café, and Alley Cat Bar. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .12 – Unidentified damage [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .13 – Turnagain area [view of collapsed house with automobile and exposed bathroom at center. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .14 – Looking west from Denali, 4th and B St. [street view. Signs for businesses include Denali Theatre, Union Leader Store, Safari Hotel, Mac's Photo Shop, and D&D Bar and Café. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .15 – 143 Third Avenue and B St. [view of building, possibly Edmunds Apartments, with collapsed foundation. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]
- .16 – 4th Ave and B looking south on B St. [street view with building to the left, Flowers by Bagoy, with a partially collapsed foundation and five individuals standing by a barrier and parked automobile. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena'ina territory]

- .17 – [Alaska Aggregate. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .18 – Turnagain area [view of collapsed buildings and uplifted ground with tilting and felled trees. Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) in the background. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .19 – Turnagain area [view of collapsed buildings and uplifted ground with tilting and felled trees. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .20 – Turnagain area [view of land slide and shelf with collapsed buildings and uplifted ground. Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) in the background. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .21 – [Four Seasons Apartments. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .22 – [two individuals, including Irene Griffin Samson at right, reviewing books that fell off the shelves at Loussac Public Library. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .23 – [Alaska Aggregate. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .24 – Turnagain area [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .25 – [view of broken windows and cracked walls at West Anchorage High School. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .26 – [Portage. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .26a – [Turnagain. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .27 – Turnagain area [view of collapsed buildings and uplifted ground with tilting and felled trees. Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) in the background. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .28 – [Alaska Aggregate. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .29 – [Four Season Apartments. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .30 – [Government Hill Elementary School. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .31 – Turnagain area [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .32 – 3rd and D St. [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .33 – Turnagain area [view of collapsed buildings and uplifted ground with tilting and felled trees and powerlines in the foreground. Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) in the background. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .34 – Turnagain [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .35 – Unident building and ground cracked [view of cracked and collapsed ground with fence to the left and buildings with supplies to the right. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .36 – 4th and A [Monty’s. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .37 – Turnagain area [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .38 – On 6th to west of L St. or 7th to the west of L St. [Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]
- .39 – In back of Gov’t Hill School [Government Hill Elementary School. Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage), Dena’ina territory]

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