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TITLE: Nye-Rhodes Photograph Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1992.032

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: ca. 1944-1946, 1956-1958, 1984

Extent: 181 items, 0.4 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Vida Nye, Doris Nye Rhodes, Arthur Eide, Don C. Knudsen, Schallerer, Winter & Pond Co., Lillian P. Ordway, Sawyer, Bedford, Charles S. Cann, Cecil Rhode

Administrative/Biographical History:

Vida Nye arrived in Anchorage in 1942 with her husband, Thurston Nye. The couple had been living in Toledo, Oregon, where Thurston worked at the sawmill. The two spent three months establishing residency in Alaska before being allowed to work; Thurston spent the three months working for alcohol supplier Milt Odom. Vida soon found work at Ft. Richardson in hangar D-47, where materiel for the war in the Aleutians was received and shipped out. Vida and Thurston stayed in Anchorage until 1946, when they drove out the Alaska Highway. The couple returned in 1955 and died in Anchorage, Vida in January 1978 and Thurston in August 1979. Their daughter, Doris Nye Rhodes, donated the photographs, along with a set of slides she created, in 1992.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of black-and-white photographic prints and color slides of Alaskan scenes, including Anchorage, Ft. Richardson, and Fairbanks. Ephemeral materials include 4 matchbook covers, one coaster, one train ticket stub, and one cartoon.

Arrangement: Arranged by format.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Restricted items noted in item-level description below.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials. Lightbox or projector may be used to view slides.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by ARC volunteer Doris Nye Rhodes in 1992. Original envelope containing materials "bought or taken by Vida Nye" included only 15 items. Donor confirmed that all non-slide materials were collected or created by Vida Nye. Slides were created by donor.

Processing Notes

Processed by ARC staff May 19, 2011. Original slide box discarded.

RELATED MATERIALS

Other collections donated by Doris Rhodes:

B1989.014

B1991.037

B1993.020

B1994.010

B2000.008.2-.3

B2001.002.22-23

B2001.037.22

B2003.005

B2008.033

B2010.019

B2011.011

SUBJECTS

Nye, Vida, 1902-1978
Rhodes, Doris
World War, 1939-1945
Fur Rendezvous (Anchorage, Alaska)
Nenana Ice Classic (Alaska)
Independence Mine (Hatcher Pass Region, Alaska)
Cemeteries – Alaska -- Nenana
Anchorage (Alaska)
Fort Richardson (Alaska)
McKinley Park (Alaska)
Matanuska River Valley (Alaska)
Palmer (Alaska)
Valdez (Alaska)
Nome (Alaska)
Juneau (Alaska)
Gulkana (Alaska)
Fairbanks (Alaska)
Richardson Highway (Alaska)
Nenana River (Alaska)
Tanana River (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Ephemera

Matchbook covers (4):

- .1 - Thompson and Hattrick, Ketchikan, Alaska, dated 1944
- .2 - Burch's Drug & Clothing Store, Valdez, Alaska, dated 1944-46
- .3 - N.C.O. Club, Fort Richardson, Alaska, dated 1940-44
- .4 - Seward Bar, Seward, Alaska, dated 1944-1946
- .5 - Coaster, Anchorage Cocktail Lounge

Photographic prints

- .6 - 1944 Ft. Rich D-47 crew, Eldora Meader, me Vida Nye, Dot
- .7 – Ft. Rich at D-47 (Supply Depot), Lew Wilbur, Vida Nye, Archie Gilberts
- .8 – 1944 Ft. Rich, mts & warehouses from D-47
- .9 – 1944 Ft. Richardson D-47 crew (Supply Depot), Vida Nye & Mike Graham
- .10 – 1944 WWII Ft. Rich D-47 Crew, Hoyt Brock, Vida Nye, Jim Graham
- .11 – Ft. Rich D-47 warehouse crew 1944, Mike Graham & Eldora Meader (Mrs. Lew Meader)
- .12 – Chet dumping cans Xmas [front]; Chet Goodman 1945 Anc Dump [back]
- .13 – Me Xmas Day snowing at dump [front]; Vida Nye 1945 Anc Dump

- .14 – Ellen “Weenie” Bernie, Ronny Jr. & Ronny strike at Knik bridge on beach [front]; 1944-1946, an Army family in WWII stationed in Anc.
- .15 – Depot at McKinley Park 1945
- .16 – Power house, McKinley Park 1945
- .17 – Scene near McKinley Park Hotel 1944 or 45 [view from highway]
- .18 – Hotel in Fairbanks we stayed at Chena River [Pioneer Hotel, floatplane]
- .19 – McKinley Park Hotel 1945
- .20 – McKinley Park Alaska 1945
- .21 – Frost on bushes across from our house [front]; 1945 Anc corner of 13 & Gambel [sic] St. almost exactly where Carr’s Gambel St store is in 1991; Lexie’s picture – she took
- .22 – Man ski jumping [front]; 1945 ski jump on bluff behind Native hospital Anchorage
- .23 – River Matanuska
- .24 – Little Su [Susitna] River [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .25 – “The chain” 1945 [Aleutian chain, aerial photograph]
- .26 – Matanuska Glacier
- .27 – Truck and [four?] crew on trip to [Independence] mine [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .28 – Independence Gold Mine [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .29 – Independence Mine [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .30 – “Cubby” [bear] holding his own stick of honey [front]; Ft. Rich Army pet, 1944-46 [back]
- .31 – Investigating a car [front]; “Pet” bear on Ft. Richardson 1944-46, Army personnel fed the wild bears regularly
- .32 – Winter time [front]; 1944-46 Anchorage area [back]
- .33 – The lady who owns the dogs, 31 of them [front]; in Anchorage 1944-46 [back]
- .34 – “Laska” a leader [sled dog] [front]; in Anc 1944-46 [back]
- .35 – Army rescue team [sled dog team] – took 2 place [front]; 1945 Rondy old Anc school in back [back]
- .36 – “Igloo” [front]; dog team at an Anchorage home 1944-46 [back]
- .37 – “Kyak” [dog] [front]; in Anc 1944-46 [back]
- .38 – Flash, lead dog of Butler’s team [front]; 1945 Rondy Jake Butler team [back]
- .39 – Flash, lead dog of Butler team, Ken O’Harra owner [front]; 1945 Rondy [back]
- .40 – [Photographic postcard] 1944-46 [front]; Alaska R.R. near Anchorage [caption on print]
- .41 - [Photographic postcard] 1944-46 [front]; Anchorage, Alaska [caption on print] [aerial]
- .42 - [Photographic postcard] 1944-46 [front]; Spencer Glacier, Alaska [caption on print]
- .43 - [Photographic postcard] Eskimo Home, Barrabara, A. Eide [caption on print]
- .44 - [Photographic postcard] Eskimos Longshoring, A. Eide [caption on print]
- .45 - [Photographic postcard] Six Little Artic [sic] Natives – Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .46 - [Photographic postcard] Alaska R.R. near Anchorage [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

- .47 - [Photographic postcard] Hotel Anchorage and Annex [caption on print]; 1944-45 [back]
- .48 – Mt McKinley Park Hotel, 1944
- .49 – Russian graves at Eklutna
- .50 – Glenn Highway en route to Fairbanks, 1944-46 [front]; Not Glenn Hwy – she’s mislabeled this – it shows RR bridge and is Riley Creek at McKinley Park hdqtrs [back]
- .51 – 1944 Palmer Matanuska Valley
- .52 – Matanuska Valley 1944
- .53 –Anchorage-Fairbanks Highway #1 Anchorage Photo Supply c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .54 – Lake Spenard #3 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .55 – Matanuska Glacier & Caribou Creek [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .56 – Glenn-Allen Highway #43 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .57 – Rhapsody in White #9 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; This shows the spruce size... 1944-46 [back]
- .58 – Time out [sled dogs] #16 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .59 – Midnight sunset on Cook Inlet [front]; looking across the bay from Anchorage to Mt Susitna, there’s a fish cannery on the dock, 1944-46 [back]
- .60 – City of Palmer #31 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .61 – Albino fur seal #52 Anchorage Photo Supply, c. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .62 – [Truck towing early vintage automobile which is hauling a wagon]
- .63 – [Photographic postcard] S-184 Air view of floating salmon trap, Alaska c. Schallerer [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .64 - [Photographic postcard] Curry Hotel, Alaska B-1, Photograph approved by the Theatre Censor A.D.C. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .65 – [Photographic postcard] Matanuska Valley L-2, Photograph approved by the Theatre Censor A.D. [caption on print]; 1945
- .66 – [Photographic postcard] Matanuska haying [front]; 1944-46 [back]
- .67 - [Photographic postcard] Anc Federal Bldg 1944 to 46
- .68 - [Photographic postcard] P-683 Street scene, Anchorage, Alaska [caption on print]; The main drag, 4th St looking west, 1944-46
- .69 - [Photographic postcard] P-1604 “Nite” 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .70 – [Photographic postcard] P-1600 33 ft. Tide, Anchorage, Alaska c. A. Eide [caption on print]; WWII 1944 to 46, caption said “this was taken nearly back of Milt Odom’s house [back]
- .71 - [Photographic postcard] P-1597 Lake Eklutna, Anchorage, Alaska c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.72 - [Photographic postcard] P-1599 Federal Building, Anchorage Alaska, c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.73 - [Photographic postcard] Alaskan winter [home] W-2 Photograph approved by the Theatre Censor A.D.C. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.74 - [Photographic postcard] Sunset on Cook Inlet 1944 to 46

.75 - [Photographic postcard] 339 Lights o' Juneau c. Winter & Pond [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.76 - [Photographic postcard] S.S. Alaska [ship aground] Elliott Is., B.C. 10-27-40 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.77 - [Photographic postcard] S.S. Alaska, 35416 c. Ordway 36 P-82 [caption on print]; 1944 to 46 [front]

.78 - [Photographic postcard] Twenty thousand salmon, Cordova, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.79 - [Photographic postcard] P-725 Episcopal Church in winter, Valdez, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.80 - [Photographic postcard] Port of Valdez, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.81 - [Photographic postcard] Alaskan snowdrifts [caption on print]; Nome in winter [front]; 1944-46 [back]

.82 - [Photographic postcard] Summer in the north [caption on print]; Nome [front]; 1944-46 [back]

.83 - [Photographic postcard] Snow freighter [caption on print]; Nome in winter [front]; 1944-46 [back]

.84 - [Photographic postcard, color] 271. Evening in Juneau, on the Gastineau Channel, Inside Passage, Alaska, 44616 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.85 - [Photographic postcard, color] 272. Tallest totem in the world, Sitka National Monument, Sitka, Alaska, 44617 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.86 - [Photographic postcard, color] 5612. Haines and Fort W.H. Seward, Alaska, c. WRCO [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.87 - [Photographic postcard] Rotary snow-plow in action, the Alaska Railroad [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.88 - [Photographic postcard] From top of Sheep Mountain #11, Post Photo Shop C. D.C.K. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.89 - [Photographic postcard] Path of mid-winter sun in Far North, O-32, Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.90 - [Photographic postcard] Wonder Lake, McKinley Park #26, Anchorage Photo Supply [caption on print]; 1944-46 [front]

.91 - [Photographic postcard] 609. Where winter is king, Alaska, Sawyers [caption on print]; 1944 [back]

.92 - [Photographic postcard] P-1240 Mt. McKinley, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.93 - [Photographic postcard] Northern Lights N-5 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.94 - [Photographic postcard] Northern Lights N-5 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

.95 - [Photographic postcard] P-1610 Eskimo home, barrabara [sic] [caption on print]; 1944 to 46 photo [front]
.96 - [Photographic postcard] P-626 Eskimos drilling ivory and making mukluks [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.97 - [Photographic postcard] P-1400 Eskimo and his kyak [sic], Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.98 - [Photographic postcard] P-1625 Eskimos longshoring c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.99 - [Photographic postcard] Jap equipment captured in Aleutians S-24 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]
.100 - [Photographic postcard] [Tree on Attu Island] S-21 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]; made and erected by GIs [front]
.101 - [Photographic postcard] Jap equipment captured in Aleutians S-23 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]
.102 - [Photographic postcard] 611 Alaskan eagle [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.103 - [Photographic postcard] P-627 Alaska husky [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.104 - [Photographic postcard] P-589 Famous Alaska dog team [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.105 - [Photographic postcard] Two pair of Arctics [puppies in boots] Bedford [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.106 - [Photographic postcard] P-1617 Alaska reindeer c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.107 - [Photographic postcard] 615 Giant spider crab, Alaska, Sawyers [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.108 - [Photographic postcard] An Aleutian boot [with fox kit] A-45 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.109 - [Photographic postcard] 612 Cow seals hauled out, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.110 - [Photographic postcard] P-1613 Arctic babies [polar bear cubs] c. A. Eide [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.111 - [Photographic postcard] P-1397 Polar bears on artic [sic] ice floe, Alaska 34633 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.112 - [Photographic postcard] Alaska ermine [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.113 - [Photographic postcard] Herd of Alaska moose [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.114 - [Photographic postcard] Alaska willow ptarmigan [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.115 - [Photographic postcard] Alaska sheep [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.116 - [Photographic postcard] Dog team on ice, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.117 - [Photographic postcard] Moose calf, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
.118 - [Photographic postcard] Tom cod fishing in Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]

- .119 - [Photographic postcard] Looking for seal, Alaska [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .120 - [Photographic postcard] Spring break up on the Tanana [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .121 - [Photographic postcard] Work of the wind in Alaska [snowdrifts] [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .122 - [Picture postcard, color] 1401 Husky family, Alaska 49042 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .123 - [Picture postcard, color] 19 Largest Kodiak bear ever caught, Alaska 7A-H118 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .124 - [Picture postcard, color] 700 Two of a kind sisters [Alaska Natives] 49035 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .125 - [Picture postcard, color] 14 Northern Lights, Alaska 6A-H527 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .126 - [Picture postcard, color] 592, Mt. McKinley, Alaska, Photo by Roger Dudley 48782 [caption on print]; 1944-46 [back]
- .127 – Train ticket stub, Alaska Railroad, Mt. McKinley Park Route, Curry Hotel, Curry Alaska
- .128 – Summit Lake, Richardson Highway
- .129 – Fairbanks Depot & 1st locomotive used in Alaska
- .130 – May be Santa Clause Lodge at Gulkana (O'Hara Bus Line built it and it burned); may be Copper Center Roadhouse at Copper Center
- .131 - [Photographic postcard] University of Alaska [caption on print]
- .132 - [Photographic postcard] University of Alaska [aerial] [caption on print]
- .133 - [Photographic postcard] College, Alaska, Cann Photo [caption on print]
- .134 - [Photographic postcard] Richardson Hwy, Alaska [caption on print]; 1940's [back]
- .135 - [Photographic postcard] Hotel lobby, Curry, Alaska B-17 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]
- .136 - [Photographic postcard] ARR depot [Fairbanks] APS [caption on print]
- .137 – Indian's home on Richardson Hwy
- .138 - [Photographic postcard] Old timer, Fairbanks, Alaska [locomotive] APS 2 [caption on print]
- .139 - [Photographic postcard] P-1256 Fairbanks, Alaska [caption on print]
- .140 - [Photographic postcard] Front Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, Cann [caption on print]
- .141 - [Photographic postcard] Alaska gold dredge APS [caption on print]
- .142 - [Photographic postcard] Interior of an Alaskan roadhouse O-29 Photograph approved by theatre censor A.D. [caption on print]
- .143 – [Dog team along barbed wire fence] One of the soldiers made these ... This is the "international camp for Jap prisoners" ... The dog team is one of the "Alaskan scouts" ... 1944-46
- .144 – [Winter road scene] ... Taken tho from the Fort towards the Chugach Mts.... 1944-46
- .145 – [Mimeographed cartoon] The true Alaskan wolves...

Rhodes slides

- .146 – Ice classic tripod 3 days before breakup, Tanana River, 6 May 84
- .147 - Ice classic tripod and shore lead 3 days before breakup, Nenana, 6 May 84
- .148 - Ice classic tripod 3 days before breakup, Nenana, 6 May 84
- .149 – Ice classic tower & watchman hut-time shack, Nenana, 6 May 84 Sunday
- .150 – ARR x's the RR bridge at Nenana, 6 May 84
- .151 – Tripod rescued & used as a yard ornament from another ice classic, Nenana, 6 May 84
- .152 – Main St looking N. as one enters Nenana, 6 May 84
- .153 – Ice classic time shack, Nenana, 6 May 84
- .154 – KTUU Channel 2 videotaping ice classic, Nenana, 7 May 84
- .155 – Nenana child in kuspuk, ice classic fan, Nenana, 7 May 84
- .156 – KTUU Channel 2 covers the ice classic 2 days before breakup, Nenana, 7 May 84 Mon[day]
- .157 - Channel 2 KTUU videotapes ice classic, Nenana, 7 May 84
- .158 – [Doris Nye Rhodes] Sun at Nenana Ice Classic as we wait breakup, Nenana, 8 May 84
- .159 – Glen & Doris Rhodes point to Doris' guess at 1:28 p.m. Wed May 9th. It went out at 3:33 p.m. that day, Nenana, 8 May 84
- .160 – Yutana barges being readied for 1st sailing after ice goes out, Nenana Ice Classic, 8 May 84
- .161 – Nenana River (L) flows into Tanana River not yet ice free, Nenana Ice Classic, 8 May 84
- .162 – Tanana River is open on S. bank as it flows into the open Nenana River, taken from hwy bridge, Nenana Ice Classic, 8 May 84
- .163 – Ice classic tripod firm in Tanana Riv. ice one day before breakup, looking E. from hwy bridge, Nenana, 8 May 84
- .164 - Tripod firm in ice viewed from N side of river w/city in back, Nenana, 8 May 84
- .165 – Birch forest, spring, Nenana Ice Classic, 8 May 84
- .166 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .167 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .168 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .169 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .170 – [Restricted because of sensitive content]
- .171 – Fairbanks stripping, Alaska 6082f, Morton's Travels Around the World [caption on slide]
- .172 – R-42 Moose, Cecil Rhode, Alaska Wildlife Films, Moose Pass, Alaska [caption on slide]
- .173 – R.F. Rainbow trout
- .174 – R.F. Ptarmigan
- .175 – Statehood woodpile, 1958
- .176 – Derby crowd, 1957
- .177 – Bud Alden, 1956 Rendezvous, Anc, KENI TV personality
- .178 – Kotzebue

.179 - R-17 Mt. goat, Cecil Rhode, Alaska Wildlife Films, Moose Pass, Alaska [caption on slide]

.180 – Alaska gold, gold dredge, Sawyer’s Scenic Slide [caption on slide]

.181 – Russian Church, Kodiak, Alaska, Sawyer’s Scenic Slide [caption on slide]

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