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**TITLE:** Ken Hinchey Manuscript

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2025.005

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1955-1988, 1989

Extent: 1 folder

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ken Hinchey, William J. Tobin, Anchorage Daily Times, Francis J. Phillips

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Ken Hinchey was born in 1912 in Washington State. In 1933, Ken married Nadine Graves in Oregon, and the couple moved to Alaska in 1937.

The Hincheyes owned and operated a number of businesses in Alaska including transportation companies (Ken Hinchey Co., Pacific Western Lines), concrete and gravel operations (Alaska Aggregate Corporation (Alagco) and Idealaska Cement Co.), mining operations (placer gold in Hope and coal in the Talkeetna Mountains), the Black and White Restaurant in Anchorage, and other ventures. They also were active in politics, especially during 1955-1956 when Ken campaigned for and then served as the mayor of Anchorage. Ken commissioned or built several things including tracked vehicles, tug boats, barges, freighters, and the icebreaker Knik Bay.

Ken Hinchey died in 1994.

**Scope and Content Description:**

Collection is comprised of Ken Hinchey's writings including one manuscript, two memos, and one short narrative. Notably, the manuscript contains a brief anecdote of Mayor Hinchey meeting with local businesswoman, Zula Swanson.

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Acquisition and Appraisal Information**

Collection donated by James "Bradley" Young and Susan K. Young on November 26, 2025.

### **Processing Note**

Collection contains outdated and harmful language that does not reflect the mission and goals of the Anchorage Museum.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

B1977.104 Zula Swanson Photographs

B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection

B1990.014 Steve McCutcheon Collection

B2015.025 Ken Hinchey Collection

## **SUBJECTS**

Hinchey, Ken (1912-1994)

Swanson, Zula (1891-1973)

Alaska Aggregate Corporation

Mayors—Alaska—Anchorage

Businessmen—Alaska—Anchorage  
Mines and mining—Alaska  
Anchorage / Dgheyaytnu (Alaska)  
Hope (Alaska)  
Elmendorf Air Force Base (Alaska)  
Aircraft accidents—Alaska  
Roads—Alaska—Design and construction  
Cement plants  
Dams—Alaska  
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

#### **F1**

.1 – [Manuscript, contents dated 1955-1988]

#### **Personal Papers**

- Memo RE: 11 years of Alyeska Pipeline Production, January 24, 1989
- Memo to Brad Young RE: The Big Picture, February 4, 1989
- Short narrative regarding court proceedings and finances, February 7, 1989

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