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**TITLE:** Railroad Photograph Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1970.x.002

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1906 - 1924

Extent: 70 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): P.S. Hunt, H.G. Kaiser, Gordon, Gilbertson, George L. Johnson, and Guy F. Cameron

**Scope and Content Description:**

This Alaska Railroad collection consists of photographs of the Alaska Railroad, the Alaska Engineers Commission, Anchorage, Matanuska Valley, Boating, Chickaloon, Dyea, Fairbanks, Denali, Mendenhall Glacier, Nenana River, Seward, and Sitka. Alaska Railroad scenes include baseball, Chickaloon, Anchorage, Birchwood, Montana, Curry, Healy to Nenana, Moose Pass to Portage, Moose Creek, Indian, and Rainbow. Matanuska Valley scenes include photos of Ranches, cultivation of potatoes, and Matanuska River. Photographers of the collection include P. (Phineas?) S. Hunt, H.G. Kaiser, Gordon, Gilbertson, George L. Johnson, and Guy F. Cameron. The collection is housed in the photo file collection.

**Arrangement:**

Original order

**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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Railroad Photograph Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1970.x.2

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

This collection was donated anonymously in 1970.

Notes

Two photographic prints are missing as of April 14, 2022. The numbers are B1970.x.002.2 and .40.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

B1979.002 Alaska Railroad Collection

**SUBJECTS**

Alaska Engineering Commission  
Alaska Railroad  
Anchorage (Alaska)  
Baseball – Alaska  
Cantwell (Alaska)  
Chickaloon (Alaska)  
Chickaloon Coal Mine  
Chulitna (Alaska)  
Coal mines and mining – Alaska  
Curry (Alaska)  
Dyea (Alaska)  
Eska Creek (Alaska)  
Fairbanks (Alaska)  
Juneau (Alaska)  
Kenai Lake (Alaska)  
Matanuska (Alaska)

Railroad workers – Alaska  
 Reindeer herding -- Alaska  
 Seward (Alaska)  
 Skagway (Alaska)  
 Steamboats – Alaska  
 Turnagain Arm (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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B70.x.2.1 ARR G181	First train leaving new depot, 1916	B&W 6 x 8*	Alaska Railroad – Anchorage
B70.x.2.2	Labor Day Parade, Anchorage, 1916 [missing]	B&W 6 x 8	Anchorage – 1916
B70.x.2.3	Mole being constructed to be used as coal loading station for U.S. Navy, Alameda Steamship, Anchorage	B&W 6.5 x 8.5	AEC G1733
B70.x.2.4 ARR G531	Empress Theater, Anchorage	B&W 6.5 x 8.5	Anchorage
B70.x.2.5	Ike Heffentrager, Maurice Scott, Boiler room, AEC Ry. Power Plant	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G483
B70.x.2.6	AEC Ry yards from Chris. Road hill, Anchorage	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Anchorage
B70.x.2.7 ARR G170	Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage	B&W 6 x 8*	AEC
B70.x.2.8	Baseball players, 1 Van Houton, 8 Jim Powrie, 9 Curtiss (Grover), Anchorage	B&W 8x 10	Alaska Railroad – Personnel
B70.x.2.9	Baseball team, “Pennant Winners”, Anchorage, 1921	Sepia 8 x 10*	Alaska Railroad – Personnel

B70.x.2.10	Railroad YMCA Committees, 1916	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Personnel
B70.x.2.11	Seven Unidentified men	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Personnel
B70.x.2.12		B&W 4 x 7*	U.S. Army, Alaska
B70.x.2.13	Ptarmigan Creek and Kenai near mile 23	B&W 8 x 10*	Kenai Lake
B70.x.2.14	Suspension bridge, Placer river canyon, Alaska Central Railroad	B&W 8x 10	Alaska Railroad – Moose Pass to Portage
B70.x.2.15	Men constructing switchback and the trestle “mile 49”, 1919	B&W 8 x 10	AEC G1465
B70.x.2.16	Station gang, camp mile 249, Miss E. Swanson, only woman contractor on the government R.Y.	B&W 8 x 10*	Alaska Railroad – Curry to Cantwell
B70.x.2.17	King, Alaska Mile 24	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch King
B70.x.2.18	C.R. Breck, E.D. Archibald, camp 24, Kings river	B&W 6.5 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch King
B70.x.2.19	Eska Creek	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska railroad – Matanuska Branch
B70.x.2.20	Laying steel into camp 14, Moose Creek	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch Moose Creek, AEC G41
B70.x.2.21	U.S. Railroad steam shovel, near Moose Creek,	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch Moose Creek, AEC G40
B70.x.2.22	Twin screw river boat, B&B Number 1	B&W 6 x 8	Boats and boating
B70.x.2.23 ARR G83	River steamboat Omineca at Croto Landing, Susitna river	B&W 6 x 8*	Boats and boating

B70.x.2.24 ARR	Susitna Bridge from N.W. end	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G1721
B70.x.2.25	Susitna River Bridge	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G1765
B70.x.2.26	Station 3030, Turnagain Arm Division	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G72
B70.x.2.27	Camp 94, Rainbow Creek, Turnagain Arm	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Portage to Anchorage Rainbow
B70.x.2.28	Fill and tangent from Station 9326, Camp Sunshine Mile 213	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Caswell to Curry Montana
B70.x.2.29	AEC trail built for construction work, mile 91.5 Turnagain Arm, (75.134.261*)	B&W 6 x 8*	Alaska Railroad – Portage to Anchorage Indian
B70.x.2.30	AEC Coyote shot at time of explosion	B&W 6 x 7*	AEC G488
B70.x.2.31	Railroad building. M. Rasmunson & CO's coyote shot	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G4543
B70.x.2.32 ARR G313	Bernard Nelson & Company's 750 keg coyote, Mile 95	B&W 6 x 8*	AEC G313
B70.x.2.33	Looking south from mile 139 (57.5.175)	B&W 8 x 10	AEC H 64
B70.x.2.34	Mile 175	B&W 8 x 10	AEC G127
B70.x.2.35	Mud slides, mile 139, May 10, 1918	B&W 8 x 9.5	Alaska Railroad – Anchorage to Matanuska Birchwood
B70.x.2.36	Mile 3 Chickaloon Branch of Government Railroad, October 3 , 1918		Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch. Chickaloon
B70.x.2.37	Chickaloon coal mines, July 20, 1921	B&W 6.5 x 8.5*	AEC G1852

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B70.x.2.38 ARR G1857	Miners rescue hall, Chikaloon, July 19, 1921	B&W 6.5 x 8.5*	Chickaloon, Alaska
B70.x.2.39	Coal viens, railroad belt, Healy area	B&W 3.5 x 3.5	Alaska Railroad – Healy to Nenana
B70.x.2.40	Matanuska River Bridge [missing]	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G30
B70.x.2.41	Chulitna Station, mile 275, December 19, 1920	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G1692
B70.x.2.42 ARR G576	Kinsinger and Winchester ranches	B&W 6 x 8	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.43 ARR G37	Edward L. Saindon’s Ranch, Matanuska Valley	B&W 6 x 8*	AEC G37
B70.x.2.44 ARR G34	Potatoes at Mr. A.A. Cobb’s Ranch, Matanuska junction	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.45 ARR G577	Harman and Nyland Ranches	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.46 ARR G587	A.W. Walters ranch, experimental nursery	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.47	Edward Saindon cultivating potatoes	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.48 ARR G567	Rudolph Weiss Ranch house, Matanuska Valley	B&W 6 x 8	AEC G567
B70.x.2.49 ARR G582	Edward Saindon’s Ranch cultivation potatoes, June 28, 1917	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930

B70.x.2.50 ARR G581	Mr. A. Church's Ranch, Matanuska Branch	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.51 ARR G146	Potatoes, Farmington, Alaska	B&W 6 x 8*	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.52	Matanuska river, looking up stream, hole-wall-bluffs	B&W 6 x 8	Alaska Railroad – Matanuska Branch
B70.x.2.53	Mt. Marathon, Seward	B&W 10 x 8	Seward, Alaska
B70.x.2.54	Entrance to Resurrection Bay, 1906	B&W 8 x 10	Resurrection Bay
B70.x.2.55	Oatfield, Matanuska Experiment Farm, 1924	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Matanuska Valley 1900-1930
B70.x.2.56	Aerial view of Sitka	Sepia 7 x 10.5*	Sitka
B70.x.2.57	Lover's Lane, Tlingit totem, Sitka	hd tint 10 x 8 photo 8 x 6	Sitka
B70.x.2.57a	Lover's Lane, Tlingit totem, Sitka	hd tint 10 x 8 photo 8 x 6	Sitka
B70.x.2.58	Lover's Lane, Tlingit totem, Sitka	hd tint 10 x 8 photo 8 x 6	Sitka
B70.x.2.59	Mount McKinley from Broad Pass, 1919	B&W 4.5x 9.5	McKinley, Mount
B70.x.2.60	Captain Healy's Old Trading Post, Dyea	B&W 3.5 x 5.5*	Dyea
B70.x.2.61	First house in Skagway – Moore Homestead	B&W 3.5 x 5.5*	Skagway
B70.x.2.62	Night at Harding entrance, Resurrection Bay	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Resurrection Bay
B70.x.2.63	Nenana Rive Canyon	B&W 3.5x 5.5	Nenana River

B70.x.2.64	Summertime on Moose Creek, Athapaskan boat, Fairbanks	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Fairbanks
B70.x.2.65	Caribou herd along Gov. Railroad	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Caribou
B70.x.2.66	Auck Lake and Mendenhall Glacier	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Mendenhall Glacier
B70.x.2.67	Sledge dogs	B&W 3.5 x 5.5*	Dogs
B70.x.2.68	Alaska Reindeer Herds	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Reindeer
B70.x.2.69	Ptarmigan	B&W 3.5 x 5.5	Birds – Alaska
B70.x.2.70	Sixth Avenue	Sepia 3.5 x 5.5	Anchorage - 1920

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