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REPOSITORY NAME:

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TITLE: Howard Burkher Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1971.001

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1955-1970

Extent: 12 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Anchorage Times, C.L. Griffith, W.E. Davis

Administrative/Biographical History:

Howard Burkher (b. 1901 – d. 1985) married Pauline Virginia Chastain (b. 1905 – d. 2005) on September 7, 1924. That same day, the couple left their home state of Indiana for Alaska.

Through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Howard and Pauline taught in Unalakleet, Mary's Igloo, Quinhagak, Barrow, and Ketchikan. In 1944, they settled in Anchorage where Pauline helped establish a school in the Alaska Native Medical Hospital. In 1975, the couple was chosen by Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo 15 and Auxiliary 4, as King and Queen Regents of the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous. After retirement, the Burkher's served as active members of the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

The Cook Inlet Historical Society (CIHS) is a private, non-profit historical society founded in 1955 to foster discussion, research, and publication of the history and ethnography of the Anchorage and Cook Inlet regions of Alaska. CIHS was the principal organization responsible for the establishment of the Anchorage Museum in 1968 and its collections formed the core of the Museum collections.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of seven photographic prints, two table cards, one program with menu, one poster, and one pamphlet. Photos depict Cook Inlet Historical Society activities, including a field trip to Knik Arm and society members with CIHS collections in the newly built Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum. Ephemeral materials are from the 1970 City of Anchorage Golden Anniversary celebration.

Arrangement: This collection was arranged upon accession. This description reflects that arrangement.

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 by Howard & Pauline Burkher in 1971.

Notes

Two table cards missing (.8-.9) as of 2024.

RELATED MATERIALS

VF – Burkher, Howard and Pauline

VF – Cook Inlet Historical Society

SUBJECTS

Albers, Sally

Aleshire, Edna

Atwood, Evangeline
Anchorage (Alaska)
Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum
Bevine, Tom
Burkher, Howard, 1901-1985
Burkher, Pauline Virginia Chastain, 1905-2005
Cook Inlet Historical Society
Eide, Arthur
Ganapole, Denise
Hilscher, Herb
Keathley, H.F.
Knik Arm (Alaska)
Marston, Marvin R. "Muktuk"
Museum Collection
Ronney, Nancy
Vitt, Sue

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Courtesy Mrs. C.L. Griffith. [verso:] First C.I.H.S. Field Trip – To Knik, 1955. Note old dock piling. [people picnicking on beach]
- .2 – Nov. 23, 1970, Golden Anniversary of City of Anchorage. Museum Table. [decorative table centerpiece]
- .3 – Tom Bevine, Sally Albers. Anchorage Times Photograph JUN 26 1965 Reproduction forbidden without written permission [Two people inspecting hinged hat (?) case]
- .4 – L. to R. Nancy Ronney, Denise Ganapole. Anchorage Times Photograph JUN 26 1965 Reproduction forbidden without written permission [Two women kneeling, posing with yolk and harness.]
- .5 – Moving from City Annex basement to new Museum. L. to R. Mrs. Sue Vitt, Miss Edna Aleshire, H.F. Keathley. Anchorage Times Photograph JAN 6 1968 Reproduction forbidden without written permission [Three people unpacking museum collections, baskets and Indigenous dolls]
- .6 – Col. Marvin "Muktuk" Marston, Herb Hilscher, Mrs. R. (Evangeline) Atwood. Muktuk Collection. Photo taken in 1957, W.E. Davis. Anchorage Times Photograph NOV 11 1970 Reproduction forbidden without written permission [Three people with museum collections; baleen, bird-skin parka (possibly Yup'ik), tusk, harpoons, doll]
- .7 – Mrs. Evangeline Atwood. Mr. Herb Hilscher, Mr. Arthur Eide – holding box of artifacts. Photo from 1957. Anchorage Times Photograph NOV 11 1970 Reproduction forbidden without written permission [museum collections; animal skull, model boat, beads, mask]
- .8 – CIHS table decoration card.
- .9 – CIHS table decoration card.
- .10 – City of Anchorage Golden Anniversary program and menu
- .11 – Poster – Golden Anniversary, City of Anchorage, 1920-70

.12 – Pamphlet – Golden Anniversary – This is our life.

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