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TITLE: CIHS Nielsen

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1964.x.003

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1916

Extent: 10 images, 1 folder

Language and Scripts: English

Name of creator(s): Oscar C. Nielsen

Administrative/Biographical History:

Oscar C. Nielsen was born in Copenhagen Denmark on May 15, 1881. According to census records for Anchorage in 1940, Nielsen was a blacksmith for the Alaska Railroad and his wife Kitty was also originally from Denmark. He likely died in Solvang, California in December 1966.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of photographs of the Nielsen home and friends and Anchorage scenes. Subjects included in the collection are the 1916 Alaska Labor Union Socialists and Pioneers, a dog sled with a gasoline engine, George Ahgupuk, Oscar Nielsen, Sunbeam Homestead, and Second and Fourth Avenue of Anchorage. Photographers of the collection include McGuin and the Strye Photo shop. Please see photo list for specific photograph information.

Arrangement: Collection arranged by previous archivist.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Oscar C. Nielsen.

RELATED MATERIALS

- B1957.005 Jack H. Floyd Collection
- B1965.003 Fred B. Wood Collection
- B1970.x.002 Railroad Photograph Collection

SUBJECTS

- Nielsen, Oscar Carl, 1881-1966?
- Anchorage (Alaska)
- Alaska Labor Union – Alaska
- Cities and towns
- McGuin
- Strye Photo Studio (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – [fireplace decorated with various framed photographs, newspaper clippings, flags, a George Ahgupuk painting, and other ephemera staged, likely Oscar Nielsen home]
- .2 – postcard, [back], The Nielsen home the “Sunbeam Homestead” [four individuals and two dogs in front of a log house]
- .3 – West end of 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, McGuin [street view of downtown Anchorage, 1916]

- .4 – The “Sunbeam” Homestead, Oscar Nielsen, born 15 May 1881 in Copenhagen [one individual identified as Oscar Nielsen kneeling in front of log house wearing a packboard full of birdhouses]
- .5 – The “Sunbeam” Homestead, Oscar C. Nielsen [three individuals on porch of log building]
- .6 – 1916, Alaska Labor Union, Socialists and Pioneers. [S]trye Photo [log building with felled trees in the foreground and tents in the background. 7th and 8th between G and H. This building burned Sunday, October 15, 1916]
- .7 – Oscar C. Nielsen reading “Time” [magazine], early days outside homestead [one individual wearing a fur parka posed opening of a tent with various supplies and equipment staged around them including skis, snowshoes, soup cans, and magazines]
- .8 – postcard, Redwood, Stewart 4 [two individuals on a dog sled with a gasoline engine on back]
- .9 – [one individual holding large cabbage next to a building covered in vegetation and a chair in the background]
- .10 – postcard, 2nd Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Strye [view of street with houses and trees]

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