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**TITLE:** Lowell Thomas Jr. Photographs

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2012.033

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1980s

Extent: 4 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Lowell Thomas, Jr.

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Lowell Jackson Thomas, Jr. (born October 6, 1923), son of reporter and author Lowell Thomas, is an author, film maker, pilot, and politician. He was an Alaskan State Senator (1967-1974) before becoming Lieutenant Governor of Alaska (1974–1978). In the 1980s, he owned and operated Talkeetna Air Taxi, an Alaska bush flying service.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of four color photographs related to Lowell Thomas Jr. and his Talkeetna Air Taxi service, including images of Thomas and Vern Tejas.

Arrangement: Not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. .2 faded from light exposure.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Lowell and Tay Thomas Jr. in November 2012.

Processing Notes

One enlargement is mounted on foam core. All items removed from frames.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

**SUBJECTS**

Thomas, Lowell, 1923-

Tejas, Vernon

Airplanes—Alaska

Air pilots—Alaska

Mountaineers—Alaska

McKinley, Mount (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Rescue of Japanese climber at 14,000 feet, Mt. McKinley, summer 1986. Photo by Lowell Thomas Jr.
- .2 – [Lowell Thomas Jr. and Vern Tejas being interviewed; Tejas holds a Carnation milk carton]
- .3 – [Vern Tejas standing next to an airplane]
- .4 – [view of Mt. McKinley taken out cockpit window]

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