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TITLE: Farrel Smith Album

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2009.016

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1941-1943

Extent: 54 items, 1.25 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Farrel Smith

Administrative/Biographical History:

Farrel Smith joined the Navy in 1941 or 1942, and served on Unalaska during World War II. After his return to Oklahoma City after the war, he was murdered by a stranger whom he had stopped to help with car trouble.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of one photograph album containing 54 images, primarily from Unalaska and Dutch Harbor in during World War II. The first 19 images are purchased photographs of Alaskan scenes (2.5 x 3.5 in.), with captions. The remainder are snapshots, taken presumably by Farrel Smith and fellow servicemen at Dutch Harbor. The album is bound with an illustrated leather cover, "Greetings from Alaska, The Malamute Limited."

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Restricted items noted in the finding aid. Please contact ARC staff for details.

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 Ronda Myers, great-niece of Farrel Smith, in August 2009.

Processing Notes

Three photos laid loose into album numbered in sequence where they were found. Numerous empty pages and corners where family removed personal photographs prior to donation.

RELATED MATERIALS

Norman Kozberg Photograph Album, B2011.005

John Rupp Collection, B2011.012

SUBJECTS

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Alaska--Aleutian Islands

Aleuts—Alaska--Unalaska

Unalaska (Alaska)

Dutch Harbor (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – “Obleka” [Alaska Native woman in fur-trimmed parka]

.2 – Unalaska, Alaska

.3 – Russian cemetery and church, Unalaska

.4 – King Island, Alaska

.5 – Alaska’s Flag [poem]

.6 – Dutch Harbor, Alaska

.7 – U.S. Mail Team, Nome, Alaska

.8 – Four Eskimo Natives with sled reindeer

.9 – Auk Lake and Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau

.10 – Eskimo school children

.11 – Polar bears on arctic [sic] ice floe

.12 – Unalaska, Alaska

- .13 – “Broadway” in Unalaska
- .14 – Aleutian girl, Unalaska
- .15 – The Novelty Shop, Unalaska
- .16 – The Tavern, Unalaska
- .17 – A family group, Unalaska
- .18 – “Small fry” Unalaska
- .19 – Aleut children
- .20 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .21 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .22 – [seagulls]
- .23 – [unidentified Aleutian island]
- .24 – [unidentified Aleutian island]
- .25 – [unidentified Aleutian island]
- .26 – [waterfall]
- .27 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .28 – [Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Church, Unalaska]
- .29 – Sub Base Chapel, 151, Dutch Harbor
- .30 – Climber [two men]
- .31 – **[Restricted because of sensitive content]**
- .32 – Ft. Mears, Dutch Harbor
- .33 – W.L. Gilmore, Harold S. Gaines
- .34 – Oil docks, Dutch Harbor
- .35 – [downed Japanese airplane]
- .36 – [four men]
- .37 – [two men]
- .38 – [group portrait, servicemen]
- .39 – [three men posed with photos]
- .40 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .41 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .42 – [waterfall with military vehicle]
- .43 – [salmon in stream]
- .44 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .45 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .46 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .47 – [six servicemen posed with fish catch]
- .48 – Farrel Smith
- .49 – [serviceman posed with fish catch]
- .50 – [submarine warfare insignia mounted below cross backed by compass points]
- .51 – Olivia de Havoline [sic] Dutch Harbor [Olivia de Havilland next to grave marker in Russian Orthodox cemetery]
- .52 – [Unalaska scenery]
- .53 – My buddies and I, left to right, Moody, [Aiken?], [Farrel] Smith
- .54 – [serviceman in machine shop]

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