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**TITLE:** John Endler, Jr. Slides

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2023.003

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1956

Extent: 52 slides

Language and Scripts: English

Name of creator(s): John Endler, Jr.

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

John Endler, Jr. was a member of the Anthracite Railroads Historical Society (ARHS) in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, which received a collection of slides and negatives including images from Endler's trip to Alaska in 1956.

The Anthracite Railroads Historical Society consists of almost 1,000 authors, historians, railroad employees, photographers, model railroaders, and rail fans that share interest in the railroads that served the anthracite coal mining region of eastern Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> The archives include other images taken by Endler but are specific to the scope of collections for the ARHS.

**Scope and Content Description:**

This collection consists of 52 35mm slides that document Endler's travel throughout Alaska in 1956, including images of Anchorage, Portage, Whittier, and Nome. The primary focus of the images is the Alaska Railroad and includes images of depots, train engines and cars, and views from the train.

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<sup>1</sup> *Anthracite Railroads Historical Society, Inc.*, accessed April 10, 2023, <https://www.anthraciterailroads.org/>

Arrangement: Original order maintained.

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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

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### Preferred Citation:

John Endler, Jr. Slides, Anchorage Museum, B2023.3

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Robert Wise on behalf of the Anthracite Railroads Historical Society on March 28, 2023.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

Anthracite Railroads Historical Society Digital Archives, John Endler

Alaska Railroad Collection, B1979.002

Morgan Sherwood Alaska Railroad Photographs, B1999.022

Alaska Railroad Week Posters, B2013.013

Alaska Railroad Equipment Photographs, B2013.015

W.L. McCulloch Alaska Railroad Collection, B2015.016

Alaska Railroad Denali Park Slides, B2015.031

Arturo Llyod Alaska Railroad Photographs, B2017.032

Dudley Westler Alaska Railroad Slides B2017.033

Guy Wheeler Alaska Railroad Collection, B2019.001

Alaska Railroad Slides, B2019.015

Alaska Railroad Ephemera Collection, B2020.005

## **SUBJECTS**

Endler, John, Jr.

Alaska Railroad

Anchorage (Alaska)  
Healy (Alaska)  
Locomotives – Alaska  
Nome (Alaska)  
Portage (Alaska)  
Railroads – Alaska  
Whittier (Alaska)

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### **F1**

- .1 – N1271, 1, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [street view of a town, likely Nome]
- .2 – N1273, 3, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [street view of a building with a person in a parka exiting. Sign above the door reads, “Nome, Alaska”]
- .3 – N1278, 8, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [street view of building from .2 from a different angle with people walking on boardwalk. Nome, Alaska]
- .4 – N1286, 16, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of buildings and Quonset hut with telephone poles and mountains in the background. Possibly Nome, Alaska]
- .5 – Entering the Kenai Peninsula Hunting/Fishing Limits. N1298, 18, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [sign on the side of the road, likely the Seward Highway]
- .6 – 113916”, 171. N1244, 22, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Street view of downtown Anchorage facing east with cars parked on the side and business signs. Chugach Mountains visible in the background]
- .7 – 3917, 23, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of Alaska Railroad yard at Ship Creek with train cars and building in the background]
- .8 – 3918, 24, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of parking lot and Engine 1 across the street from Alaska Railroad Anchorage Depot building]
- .9 – 3919, 25, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of parking lot and Engine 1 across the street from Alaska Railroad Anchorage Depot building]
- .10 – Alaska Railroad caboose 1084. 3920, 26, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad caboose in yard with building in the background]
- .11 – Alaska Railroad Express Baggage Car #70. 3921, 27, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad baggage car with caboose from .10 to the right and building in the background]
- .12 – Wrecked Tank Car in Gondola Car. 3922, 28, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train cars with building to the left and mountains in the background]
- .13 – Pullman Troop Sleeper S-125 on Alaska Railroad. 3923, 29, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad sleeper train car with building to the left and mountains, water tower, and buildings in the background]
- .14 – Alaska Railroad 10500 ex Pullman Troop Sleeper. Anchorage AK 07/06/1956. 3924, 30, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad cars parked with building in the background]
- .15 – 3925, 31, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad Engine 4004 parked with other train cars and buildings in the background]

- .16 - 3926, 32, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad Engine 4004 parked with other train cars and buildings in the background]
- .17 – 3927, 33, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of Alaska Railroad yard at Ship Creek with parked train cars and buildings facing southeast with downtown Anchorage and Chugach Mountain in the background]
- .18 - 3928, 34, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of Alaska Railroad yard at Ship Creek with parked train cars and buildings facing southwest with downtown Anchorage and Knik Arm in the background]
- .19 - 3931, 26, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back as Alaska Railroad train cars cross metal trestle bridge]
- .20 - 3932, 27, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back at metal trestle bridge and river with hill in the background]
- .21 – 3934, 29, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back as Alaska Railroad train cars turn a corner with brush at left and hill in the background]
- .22 – 3935, 31, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view of tracks and Nenana Depot with train cars at left and parked cars at right]
- .23 – 3936, 32, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back as Alaska Railroad train cars turn a corner with crossing sign and telephone pole in foreground and three metal tanks in the background]
- .24 – 3937, 33, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad Engine 551 parked with building at left]
- .25 – Alaska Railroad, FP7 #1514 Train #5, Healy, AK. 07/08/1956. 3938, 36, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad Healy Depot with passenger train and people on the platform]
- .26 – 3939, 37, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back as Alaska Railroad train cars turn a corner with hill in the background]
- .27 – Alaska Railroad, RS1 #1000 Train #3, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3968, 1, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train with buildings to the left of tracks and at right in the background]
- .28 – Alaska Railroad, RS1 #1027, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3969, 2, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train with mountains in the background]
- .29 – Alaska Railroad ex US Army Troop Sleeper #1052, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3970, 2, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train car parked on tracks with mountains in the background]
- .30 – Alaska Railroad X372, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3971, 4, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train car parked on tracks with a possibly building to the right and mountains in the background]
- .31 – 3972, 5, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .32 - 3973, 6, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .33 - 3974, 7, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .34 - 3975, 8, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .35 - 3976, 9, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .36 - 3977, 10, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .37 - 3978, 11, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]

- .38 - 3979, 12, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .39 - 3980, 13, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine parked on tracks]
- .40 - 3981, 14, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks]
- .41 - 3982, 15, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks]
- .42 - 3983, 16, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks]
- .43 - 3984, 17, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks]
- .44 - 3985, 19, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks with an automobile parked to the right of tracks and snow-capped mountains in the background]
- .45 - Alaska Railroad RS1 #1000 Train #4, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3986, 20, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train on tracks with buildings to the right and a sign that reads, "Portage." Telephone poles and Chugach Mountains in the background]
- .46 - Alaska Railroad RS1 #1000 Train #4, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3987, 21, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine on tracks]
- .47 - Alaska Railroad MRS1 #1076, Portage, AK. 07/09/1956. 3988, 22, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train on tracks with one person standing at the front of the engine and one leaning outside the window. There is another train engine to the left and a sign that reads, "Portage." Telephone poles and Chugach Mountains in the background]
- .48 - 3989, 23, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train cars on tracks with Quonset huts and buildings to the left and mountains in the background. Possibly Whittier]
- .49 - 3990, 24, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train cars parked on tracks with Buckner Building and Chugach Mountains in the background]
- .50 - 3991, 25, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars parked on tracks with water and mountains in the background]
- .51 - 3994, 32, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [Alaska Railroad train engine and train cars on tracks on a hill with mountains in the background]
- .52 - 3995, 35, Photo by John Endler, Jr. [view looking back as Alaska Railroad train cars cross bridge]

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