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TITLE: Children of Eek Photographs

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2012.003

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1969-1970

Extent: 18 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Paul Forrer, Anchorage Times

Administrative/Biographical History:

Paul Forrer, with his wife Eloise, taught art in Eek, Wainwright, and other rural areas during his career.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 21 photographs and other ephemera pertaining to the art class taught by Paul Forrer in Eek, Alaska, which was the subject of the documentary film, *Children of Eek and their art*.

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

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Materials found with accession records for Museum collection 70.135 and transferred to the archives in March 2012.

Notes:

RELATED MATERIALS

1970.135

B1971.073

B2011.031

SUBJECTS

Forrer, Paul

Art—Study and teaching—Alaska

Alaska Native art—Exhibitions

Eek (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Down the hill to the river ice [children outdoors in winter]
- .2 – Andrew Petluska [boy in inflatable boat]
- .3 – Katy Nicholai [girl outdoors in winter]
- .4 – The village from up river. Look again! It's there [photo paper dated Oct. 1969]
- .5 – Different angle but look at the sky [photo paper dated Oct. 1969]
- .6 – Emma dipping fish [girl on dock holding small metal pot; at AFN 2013, girl identified as Emma Carter]
- .6b – Same dock, same day. Emma was dipping up little fish, just for fun [sheet on which #6 had been mounted]

- .7 – Primary [schoolroom decorated for Christmas]
- .7b – The primary room at Christmas. Mural was tempera on wrapping paper. The tree was an alder which we had picked & brought indoors about two weeks earlier. It had green leaves for Christmas [sheet on which #7 had been mounted]
- .8 – Angie Carter (age 11) [girl and boys in classroom working on art projects]
- .9 – Sally Carter (10 yrs.) [girl sitting in rocking chair at small table working with paint brush]

“Eek at Christmas”

9-page, handmade booklet with photos. Note from E[loise Forrer] to Iris on cover. Contains 8 photos:

- .10 – Children decorate the chalkboard. That’s Wassilie inspecting it.
- .11 – John Henry paints Santa Claus
- .12 – Wassilie, Ray and Sally put icycles [sic] on the tree
- .13 – Santa has arrived. That’s Timothy White getting his package
- .14 – The younger children open their packages
- .15 – Here the older children open and inspect things
- .16 – Here they are eating ice cream at the party [at AFN 2013, four of the eight children identified as, left to right: ?, ? Maryann Hawk, ?, Elena Brown, Martha Foster, ?, Chuna [McIntyre?]]
- .17 – And here is a little visitor at the party [young child in fur parka. At AFN 2015, parka style identified as St. Lawrence Island]

- .18 – Paul Forrer & Eek kids [man with children in classroom, looking over art pieces; at AFN 2013, girl left of Forrer identified as Maryann Hawk, boy right of Forrer as Chuna [McIntyre?]]
- .19 – Paul Forrer & Eek kids [man with children in classroom]
- .19b – From left to right: Mary Ann, Wassilie, Emma, Carl McIntyre, John Henry, Marvin McIntyre, Sally Carter & Sarah Brown looking over Emma’s shoulder. Beginning of a penmanship class [...] [caption sheet with #19]
- .20 – Joe Carter [artwork spread out on floor]
- .21 – Children of Eek exhibit, spring, 1970. Anchorage Times photograph May 1970 [two women looking at art mounted on walls]

- [caption sheet, no photo] Vera Wuya. Katy Henry, knitting before school in the morning
- [caption sheet, no photo] Sally Carter

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