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TITLE: Keathley Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1971.065

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1920-1969

Extent: 83 items, .1 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Joseph F. Bernard, Ernst C. Miller, R.M. Anderson, Harold Noice. Materials collected by Peggy Keathley.

Administrative/Biographical History:
No information available at time of description.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection contains ephemera and photographic postcards collected by Peggy Keathley. Ephemeral materials include an invitation, documentation of the "superstitious beliefs of the Nunatamiut people," and correspondence. The photographs are primarily of Indigenous people and Arctic scenes. Also in the collection are photographs of the ships Teddy Bear and Boxer.

Arrangement:
Arranged by format.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Restricted items noted in item-level description below.

Physical Access: Original items in good to fair condition.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased from Peggy Keathley, December 1971.

Processing Notes

At time of description, only items 2-10, 32, 34a, 34c, 36-46, 48, 52-54, and 56-58 were found.

Separated Materials

Due to poor condition and mold damage, .33, .35, and .55 were scanned in 2012 and the originals were discarded (exact date unknown).

Notes

This collection contains outdated language and sentiments that do not reflect the values of the Anchorage Museum today. This collection may also contain culturally sensitive and/or harmful imagery. We consent to input and recommendations from the public as we work on decolonizing our collections. Until advised from the community of origin, the following items have been restricted for sensitive content: **.51, .54**

RELATED MATERIALS

B1989.016 Lu Liston Collection

B2006.003 Gold Rush Era Photograph Album

B2018.023 Lowell Thomas, Sr., Glass Lantern Slides

SUBJECTS

Bernard, Joseph-Fidèle, 1878-1972

Stefansson, Vilhjalmur, 1879-1962

Walsh, Richard J. (Richard John), 1886-1960

Rank, Ira M.

Noice, Harold

Miller, Ernst C.

Keathley, H. F.

Teddy Bear (Schooner)

Boxer (Ship)

Yuit (Indigenous peoples)

Yuit (Indigenous peoples) —Dwellings

Indigenous peoples --Canada

Dogsledding

Arctic regions--Discovery and exploration

Little Diomed Island (Alaska)

Ukivok (Alaska)

Ketchikan (Alaska)

Nome (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

B1/F1

Ephemera

.2 – Invitation. H.F. Keathley showing of antiques of Old Russia. Dated March 8, 1969.

.3 – Typescript. “Some of the superstitious beliefs among the Nunatamiut People.” No date.

Correspondence

.4 – Typescript copy. J.F. Bernard to Richard J. Walsh. Dated June 29, 1943. Concerning depiction of International Boundary Line on cover of January and June 1943 issues of *Asia and the Americas*. 2 pages.

.5 – Manuscript. Ernst C. Miller to Captain Joe. Dated January 19, 1925. Concerning prints and coloring of photographs taken “last summer.” 3 pages. [Incomplete?]

.6 – Typescript. R.M. Anderson to Captain Joseph F. Bernard. Dated June 10, 1929. Concerning “V.S.” [Vilhjalmur Stefansson] and Anderson family.

.7 – Typescript copy. To Mrs. Macbeth. Dated Cordova, Alaska, May 2, 1926. Concerning co-authorship of Arctic research or travel narrative.

.8 – Typescript copy. From Harold Noice to Joe. No date. Concerning defamation suit against Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

.9 – Typescript copy. [From Joseph Bernard?] To Ira M. Rank. Dated Cordova, Alaska, July 12, 1925. Concerning repair of a ship and fishing conditions.

.10 – Typescript copy. From Joseph Bernard to Ira M. Rank. Dated December 27, 1925. Concerning repair of the boat “Teddy” and walrus hunting. 4 pages.

B1/F2

Photographic postcards

.32* - Okomak with his kyak

- .33 – [(Indigenous) Man and Women in kayak] [Postcard. Poor condition, mold damage. Discarded after scanning.] [At AFN 2025, location identified as coastal]
- .34a – [Siberian (...) igloo]
- .34c – [same as .34a]
- .35 – [Two (Indigenous) children dressed in skin-out parkas, eating] [Poor condition, mold damage. Discarded after scanning.]
- .36 - Group of so-called Blond [Indigenous people] [group dressed in skin parkas]
- .37 – [Two (Indigenous) girls holding two children, one held on back with baby strap]
- .38 - Chuktchei “bells” [three Siberian (...) girls]
- .39 - Diomedede Family [Mother in fur parka and five children, one in gingham parka]
- .40a – [Three (Indigenous) women in parkas]
- .40b – [same as .40a]
- .41a – [Two (Indigenous) girls]
- .41b – [same as .41a]
- .42a – [(Indigenous) family outside igloo]
- .42b – [same as .42a]
- .42c – [same as .42a]
- .43a* - [Six (Indigenous) men and 11 boys in traditional clothing]
- .43b – [same as .43a]
- .44a – Sch. Teddy Bear fighting the ice in the Arctic
- .44b – [same as .44a]
- .45a – [Icebergs, unidentified floating object in ice, mountains]
- .45b – [same as .45a]
- .46 - Wrangell Island Party aboard U.S.M.S. Boxer [Tlingit (Indigenous people)?]
- .47 - Explorer Rasmussen on the Teddy Bear [missing, June 2011]
- .48 – [King Island village, Bering Sea]
- .49 – [Little Diomedede village, photographer J.F.B.], [missing, June 2011]
- .50 – [Stone enclosure, Little Diomedede], [missing, June 2011]
- .51 – **[Restricted because of sensitive content]**
- .52 – [Jutting rock in sea]
- .53 – [Wharf at Ketchikan, H.R. Thompson & Co., Ketchikan Daily, Central Meat Market, boats “Dinty” and “Alert”]
- .54 - **[Restricted because of sensitive content]**
- .55 – [Unidentified steamship], [Poor condition, mold damage. Discarded after scanning.]
- .56 - Nome dog team
- .57 – [Herd of caribou, Nome]
- .58 – [Two [Indigenous people] in umiak, Nome]

*Copy negative available

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