

# Full Record

## Collection. Brockman, Ross C. Papers. circa 1937-1987 [USUAFV4-266]

### Summary

#### Creator

Brockman, Ross C., 1904-1992 (Artist/Maker)

Brockman, Ross C., 1904-1992 (Author)

#### Extent (quantity/size)

3 document boxes

#### Language

English

#### Media

Paper; Photographic prints

#### Location/Public Access Data

Access limited to Alaska and Polar Regions Department research room hours.

#### Abstract

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### Subjects

Brockman, Ross C., 1904-1992. / Fairbanks (Alaska) / Hawaii / Homer (Alaska) / Wiseman (Alaska)

### Administrative Information

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#### Preferred Citation

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## **Biography/Profile**

Ross C. Brockman (1904-1992) was a long-time resident of Wiseman, Alaska, known for his gardens, fiddling, and natural lifestyle. Born and raised in Iowa, he first came to Alaska in 1937. He spent that winter in Homer and the following summer prospected the Talkeetna River drainage before leaving to prospect in Arizona and Nevada. He returned to Alaska in 1940 and worked at various jobs in Fairbanks until 1950. He first visited Wiseman in the autumn of 1949, and in the spring of 1950 returned there to live. In the late 1950s he briefly tried life in Hawaii, but came back to Wiseman in 1959 to make it his permanent home.

## **Related Resources**

### **Printed finding aids**

Ross C. Brockman Papers. available in Alaska and Polar Regions Collections Research Room. folder level control.

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