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Dates:

Ca. 1950-1987

Provenance:

Physical Description:

1 cu. ft.

Items:

Audio tape cassettes

- [1] side A: Inuvik (pre-sound pics), bit Anchorage, also New Year eve, Canada.
Bit my "anyway"
side B: Inuvik (Scot request), Venus, Jan 6
- [2] side A: Fair: discover low key voice, old south songs. Swanee R. good
singing. Daybreak. Ridge run my Roan (ok). My [illegible] on my way.
[illegible] wonder Wed. Home (saw)
side B: Shrew anchovy [?]. Animals (owl 2 & 3). Failing recorder.
- [3] side A: Blueberry Hill. Snow Buntings. Geese. Tern. [illegible]

side B: Among my [illegible]. Garden start. Home poem. 5000 books. After the Ball. Fiddle [illegible]

[4] side A: Sincere "on my way." Weather talk/garden. Harp.
side B: "Nice to get up." Garden weather talk (no book can. Electric storm (1/2 – 1/3 – 1/4 camel puzzle). Beer. Honey. [Enclosed note re 1½ hour thunderstorm August 1977.]

[5] side A: Dec 8, 1984.
side B: May 1985

[6] side A: Music from radio. Snowman at start.
side B: Radio & me. [Enclosed is note re tape contents, dating tape to March 2, 1986]

[7] side A: Folk festival U of A radio show, Jan 14, 1978
side B: [not labeled]

[8] side A: [Written on tape cassette]: Greenland (1000 watts). Mostly reproduce. (Maggie) Young. Ewe. "Roan." Sheer Mtn. Bear dig for [illegible]. [Written on cassette case liner]: Army "talk." Emblems. My "bookmark." Verses, Raven, Days of '49, "Home" poem. Go Cave. "On my way" song. I "make" mtn sheep "baa."
side B: [Written on tape cassette]: Sundown. Idaho boy winter (I cook [?], deer track). Belt [?], dear old Nevada (50 ago). Venus. Cowboys. Jan. 3, 1980. [Written on cassette case liner]: Some left open at ending. Strawberry Roan. Dear old Nevada as I knew it 50 years ago.

[Enclosed is note re the tape]

[9] side A: [Written on tape cassette]: Jan. 6 sun. Weather. Harp. Can't take it with you. Ballad. Yes we [have] no bananas. Repair harp. Yakity yak. Sun light philosophy. [illegible]. Casey Jones. [Written on cassette case liner]: Best of my Casey Jones sing-a-long. (Engine blasts and whistle are cut into somewhat). Best Casey Jones (copied engine check & long whistles) I talk "springtime" before Casey Jones on.
side B: [Written on tape cassette]: Sasquatch. Out of this world. Barney Google. Whistle. Long L. Ago.... Dictionary. Harp. I [illegible]. [Written on cassette case liner]: Blueberry Hill. My Old Dictionary. Sasquatch. Snowman is here (ending—turn it rewin[d])

[Enclosed is not re tape, dating it to March 2, 1983]

[10] side A: Fiddle tune I copy. Larado (bit on "steal" Russia music)
side B: Raven

- [11] side A: Armload words (like [illegible] song Harp Square Danbce) Time song. Reproduced wordy words (run out)
side B: "Red" sun to Jan. 15. Dec. Yes we have no bananas. Dark days. Harp "fill the time"
- [12] side A: After the ball. Sun W. Dipper. Dufresnie [?] Needles. Phalarope.
side B: Swallows. Lake birds (wolf). Herb Block [?]. Fiddle, [illegible].
Rear story (KNOOR)
[Enclosed note states: "Regained" from Bettles Field reproduction attempt (Morris has it on reel tape)]
- [13] side A: Water-ice song creek come Apr. 29. Saw [illegible]. What is to talk about. I start. 4 verse "Save time." Nature ran. In good old summertime. Sniff basil HA-HA. Rare day in June. Garden. Bumble bee (7 song).
Thunder.
side B: Time change. Rare day in June. Bach. G.I. Gill. Can't stop loving you – fiddle, harp. A tune that. Oct. 40 dust. Jim Durante Oct 21 11 am. Nov. 11, 1984. Harp jig. Off hand re people swing to ntr.
- [14] side A: Thunder set near. Oboe.
side B: [Written on tape cassette]: How to fiddle (my own). Weather, Jan. 6th. Bridge sic. See well at 78. Sun or Venus saw. [Written on cassette case liner]: 1981. See well at 78. (74 "missed" glasses at field (placing my "markers") Sun at 12:00 Jan.

[Label on outside of case says "Barrow"

- [15] side A: '49ers (run out)
side B: Second tape Sept. 1978 (add in) I miss the routes, the one that [illegible]
- [16] side A: Fiddle. [illegible] Good luck song. Talk "jokes." Harp [illegible].
Beeline tree. Save daylight. Lots harp jig time.
side B: Tra la, meadow larks. Fox sparring [?] Sandpipers. Ree-oo-reek.
Gray jays. Song midday moon. Space saucer.
- [17] side A: My favorite to learn on [illegible]. Toronto fiddlers.
side B: Talk "transistor radio." Little brown jug.
- [18] side A: Time. Yakity yak. "Your needle is stuck"
side B: Fiddle Bay Hill. Oxen. Maud Muelar Snowbunnies. Stars.
Confusius say "it's a Heaven[?] of spring[?]."

[Label on outside of case says "Yakity Yak, snipe, birds"]

[19] side A: Where I'm going I don't know (poem scrap). Goodbye little darling. Germany. Reproduced.
side B: Mall talk. Maggie [illegible] cow [illegible]. Nevada talk. S[trawberry] Roan. [illegible]

[20] side A: Evening sky. '49ers. June sun. Civil war vets of old home town. Arctic John bear story. P.O. pole. "Saw a lot of moonlite"
side B: 67-34 Home on Range. Caver.

[21] side A: Clarinet. Through Denmark on them. Good plain. For "Reproduction." Sweet Afton signoff.
side B: All Germany. I "thank you Deushland.["] Yodel. [illegible] Send me the pillow.

[22] side A: Harp [illegible]. Old apple. Birds (phalarope). Health. Camp rubber [?]. [illegible] bear.
side B: Greenland. New Year. New recorder tryout. Garden harvest. Pieces H[ome] on range. Maggie. Recite Spruce. After the Ball. Humor.

[Note in case states: use harp & Old Apple Tree part for any 'catch' items.]

[23] side A: Alarm clock battered [illegible] tide. [Illegible.] Makes no diff now 5 nite show. Song 6 [illegible] Blue field of nite. Bear (Kanuk). After the Ball. SAW Robins dates [illegible]
side B: [Written on cassette]: "Snowbow." Porcupine. Spruce wood – spruce poetry. Dixie. [Written on cassette case liner]: "Snowbow." Jan. 18, 1977 (mark on "window" shows ending of explanation)

[Note in case: rewind ready to play red sun etc. (bit of tape left)]

[24] side A: Inuvik, Canada. Feb 24 contest. /steam whistle. Saw.
side B: Birds arrive on Blueberry Hill. L. B. Jug, Garden. Home poem. Barrow "trip," [illegible]. Surf shur shuroo. Brunk Brunk.

[25] side A: KGO [illegible]. Railroad [illegible]. Casey Jones.
side B: [illegible]. Dark of the moon. After the Ball. Xmas (RR [illegible])

[Note in case states: whistle beston old recorder. KGO Collins; label on outside of case reads "Xmas dark of moon"]]

[26] side A: ¼ moon. Raven. Step lively.
side B: Fiddle with song parts. Fill out 64 weather. Railroad. Moose RR. Jan. 31, 1983. How to jugg dolls. [illegible]

[Note in case reads: set for fishing switch and Raven.]

- [27] side A: Sumpin'. Eskimo dance Barrow. Germany. KRBW CRW music
"Virginia"
side B: Radio (work on). Raven. Reproduced.
- [28] side A: Ballad. Talk 16" record. 49ers.
side B: 49ers (cont.)
- [29] side A: Germany "Colone" on [illegible] Ontario, Canada. Old oaken
bucket.
side B: Germany. Nov. 18, 6:40 pm, 7:00 new.
- [30] side A: Al Jolson. Edmonton. Bit of "On my way." Doris Day.
side B: Whoopee! Carnival talk. Water witch. [illegible] Earth rumbler.
Rock candy mtn.
- [31] side A: Rhapsody #2. County-home fair. Given up ground cherries. After
the Ball ending.
side B: Harp. Sept 23, 1982. 1951 hits ([illegible]). Canada fiddling.
[Illegible] ballad. Now & then ballad.
- [Written on outside of case is "Roma 1989 2"]
- [32] side A: [no label]
side B: Oct 29.
- [33] side A: Railroad [illegible]. June 24, 1979. Flying switch—car oranges.
side B: Birds of spring, summer. July 4 thunder. Ditties. Bum tape.
- [34] side A: [Written on cassette]: I don't know. Maggie. Roany. Larado.
[illegible] Nov 10, 1978. [Written on cassette case liner]: Nov 10, 1978.
side B: [illegible] Maggie, Roany, Mailday talk. [illegible] Vaquero.
Germany (fair going).
- [35] side [A]: (Camp 5) Evening sky. Civil War vets. Day of '49.
side [b]: Sky talk (see paper about Venus beads)
- [In case are two notes]
- [36] side A: The [illegible] moon verses A Equinox Spruce [illegible]. Steam:
cave. [illegible] Maggy. Sept. 18, '79.
side B: Howdy Pard. Raven [illegible]. Mother Lode. Hells Canyon-7
Devils. On my way. Saw. 9-22-79.
- [37] side A: [Illegible]. On my way. Raven. [Illegible].

side B: Birds, wild [illegible]. "Good old summer time." 17 Aug. talk. Bird [illegible].

[38] side A: 3 Ancestry. Aint gonna rain no mo. Chuka of Mogel. Poem. I look into the past. Harp.

side B: Raven. Gray mare. Barnicle Bill. 3 o'clock. Good old Summer Time. Mother Lode. Red River Valley. Saw.

[39] side A: [illegible]

side B: [illegible] 6 yrs (by last mention). Bagpipe, Caliope. Stars. Astronomy. (Chuck)

[Label on case reads: Till the cows come home. Easter comps (?)]

[40] side A: It makes no diff. Now. Maggie. Step lively. Health talk. Trotter. Bear story end. Canuk.

side B: Porcupine (wood end). See baby as "suck" (thru slot window Repair Vic, talking machine. Rudy Val "Gal of mine"

[In case is note re performance sequence. On case liner is a note re potassium]

[41] side A: Humu Hil Hawaii 1500/Greenland

side B: Germany LaLaLa. I love the American way.

[In case is note reading: Humo Hilton Hotel, Hawaii, long waltz. Use this tape if needed as per Oct. 25, 1986 when recorded "I'm Pop-eye the sailor man etc. i.e. country music, no see city for 20[?] years]

Loose Papers

6 letters to Brockman, 1976-1987

Power of Attorney, Vernon Watts to Denny O'Keefe, 23 June 1942

Notes, observations by Ross Brockman

Newspaper clippings [returned to donor]

Bank statements [returned to donor]

Handwritten notes on song lyrics, nursery rhymes [returned to donor]

1 copy of *Alyeska Reports*, vol. 3, no. 3 (Oct. 1977) featuring photos of Wiseman (including one of Brockman) on pp. 16-17 [returned to donor]

2 copies of 46-pg pamphlet *Exploring the Art of Growing Old* by Ross Brockman (self-published, 1979) [1 copy returned to donor]

1 hardcover copy of *Compare: An Adventure with Foods & Health* by Ross Brockman (New York: Vantage Press, 1978)

2 copies of note card featuring color photo of Brockman playing fiddle, 1986 [1 copy returned to donor]

1 note card featuring color photo of Charlie Breck of Wiseman, Alaska, 1986

3 paper bookmarks with poem about Alaska, each with different, small, black-and-white photo of Alaskan scenery (Wiseman area, taken by Brockman?)

8x10 color photo of Brockman at door to home in Wiseman, mid 1980s

5x7 black-and-white photo of Brockman's home in Wiseman

4x6 color photo of Ross [Brockman] and Charlie Breck, Wiseman residents, summer 1987

Photographic postcard showing Wiseman in the early 1950s

4 envelopes with notes about photos written on them

Plastic case containing multiple prints of photo of weather vane, with negative

Plastic case containing photos (weather vane, scenery) and negatives. One weather vane photo has long description written on back

Plastic case of photos showing pipeline in construction

3 envelopes containing photos of Wiseman area and people

Envelope containing multiple copies of color photo of moonrise and time-exposure moonrise, with negatives.

Envelope containing color photos of Wiseman-area scenery, wildflowers, time-exposure moonrise, with negatives

13 plastic bags containing primarily photos [most of the images in multiple copies and found in more than one bag; notes on envelopes containing the photos do not always pertain to the photos inside] *Duplicates and envelopes returned to donor*

[1] Photos of Wiseman scenes and people, some identified on envelope

[2] Photos: time exposure of Venus, with description on back; Native man Okadak; Wiseman radio station; wildflowers; scenery, some identified

[3] Photos: Alaskan scenery, Wiseman, people

[4] Photos: Alaskan scenery; Wiseman people (Ace, Ness, Brockman); time exposures of moon with detailed explanations on back; Brockman panning for gold (one copy has tiny gold nuggets taped to it); photos prepared for use in calendar.

Papers: Hand-drawn map of Wiseman and statement of recent history of Wiseman

[5] Photos: Alaskan scenery, garden, time exposure of moon

Papers: Detailed notes describing some photos (multiple copies or multiple drafts)

[6] Color transparencies: Alaskan scenery, wildflowers, Canada jay [prints from these transparencies are found in a different bag]

[7] Photos: wildflowers, Alaskan scenery (some labeled), in color

Papers: photo printing instructions to processor; drafts of letters/notes to self; notes re "long legs" photo (photo showing photographer's elongated shadow)

[8] Photos: Alaskan scenery (black and white), most not labeled

[9] Photos: moon, rainbow, flowers, Native man Okadak (color prints and color transparencies); cabins, dogs, time exposure of moon (black and white)

[10] Photos: wildflowers, people (mostly unlabeled)

Papers: Irish sweepstakes tickets, 1937; arrangements to print small photos for calendars; observations about a blue butterfly seen by Brockman

[11] Photos: Illustrations for calendar (multiple copies); Hawaiian scenery; "cat stunts in Hawaii"

[12] Photos: small photos for calendar; Alaskan scenery (color); Brockman and two women in front of Brockman's Wiseman home; 5x7 color print of potentilla

[13] Photos: Hawaiian scenery, Hawaiian picture postcards; banana tree, 1958; Brockman with Hawaiian woman; cat named Fiddlestrings; time exposure of moonrise

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