

**John F. Seiberling Collection**  
**Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library**

ACCESSION #: 2008-41

ACQUISITION: This collection was acquired from John F. and Betty Seiberling in July of 2008.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections Division only.

VOLUME: 64 boxes and miscellaneous items, 20 LF.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: John Frederick Seiberling, Jr. (1918-2008) was born in Akron, Ohio. He received degrees from Harvard University and Columbia Law School, as well as an award for his service in World War II. In addition to his many accomplishments as a United States Congressman (1971-1987), conservationist, and law school professor, John Seiberling was an avid photographer and environmental steward. Mr. Seiberling took literally thousands of photographs during his personal and professional travels. It has been said that Mr. Seiberling's photographs were influential in swaying legislators to vote for the conservation issues that he supported. Of his many accomplishments there were two that were among his most well-known. One of them was his major effort in 1974 to create and preserve what is now known as the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. The second was his work and support in passing legislation for the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1977 that protected over 100 million acres of federal lands in Alaska.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Special Collections Photograph Collection and the Metro Parks, Serving Summit County Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of numerous slides taken by John F. Seiberling of personal and professional trips, photograph albums, awards received, articles about John F. Seiberling, speeches and articles by John F. Seiberling, lists of achievements, miscellaneous correspondence, and miscellaneous items including cameras, lenses, tripods, and a t-shirt and a hat. In addition there are 3 DVDs: one with photographs of John F. Seiberling, one that contains video footage of the hearings on the Alaska Lands, and one DVD created by David Seiberling (son of John F. Seiberling) that contains scanned copies of photographs by John F. Seiberling. There are also photographs, albums, and other materials that were donated by Loretta Neumann, a long time Congressional staff member to Mr. Seiberling who photographed many of the events that are documented in the collection. The materials in this collection range from 1970-2008.

ARRANGEMENT: This collection is arranged into 5 Series. Series 1 contains documents, articles and miscellaneous correspondence. Series 2 contains Photographs, photograph albums, DVDs, and slides by John Seiberling and Loretta Neumann. Series 3 contains awards. Series 4 contains miscellaneous items. Series 5 contains slides by John F. Seiberling.

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**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Series 1:** Documents, articles, and miscellaneous correspondence.

**Box 1:** Folders 1-16:

Folder 1: Achievements and award nominations, John F. Seiberling.

Folder 2: Miscellaneous articles about J. F. Seiberling, 1970-2008.

Folder 3: Summary of Environmental Accomplishments, J. F. Seiberling, March, 7, 1986.

Folder 4: "Cuyahoga Valley: symbol of grace in a congested world." Reprinted from *National Parks and Conservation Magazine*, May 1974, by John F. Seiberling.

Folder 5: Congressional Record, Extension of Remarks, Honorable J. F. Seiberling, concerning the state of our National Parks during the 99<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1985-1987.

Folder 6: Article for *Preservation News*, submitted by J. F. Seiberling, no date.

Folder 7: Remarks to the Guild of Stan Hywet, January 14, 1977. "Historic Preservation – 'Not For us Alone'" by J. F. Seiberling.

Folder 8: "A changing congress and the conservation agenda," by Representative J. F. Seiberling, February 4, 1985.

Folder 9: Remarks to Annual Conference of National Trust for Historic Preservation, Honorable J. F. Seiberling, October 16, 1986.

Folder 10: Audubon Medal acceptance speech by J. F. Seiberling, November 13, 1986.

Folder 11: "International environment: Congress and global resource protection." By J. F. Seiberling, no date.

Folder 12: Talk to National Forest Service Wilderness Management Course, Missoula, Montana, by J. F. Seiberling, May 11, 1990.

Folder 13: Statement for the Record Hearing on Legislation to Establish an American Heritage Partnership Program... by J. F. Seiberling, March 22, 1993.

Folder 14: "Celebrate Wild Alaska!" National Press Club program, Washington DC, signed by Mr. and Mrs. Seiberling, February 5, 1991.

Folder 15: Poem/Song, "Oh Johnny" about J. F. Seiberling, no date, unknown author.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous correspondence of J. F. Seiberling and Loretta Neumann, 1977- 2002.

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**Series 2:** Photographs, photograph albums, DVDs, and slides by John Seiberling and Loretta Neumann.

**Box 2:** Envelopes 1-8:

Envelope 1: Four slides by J.F. Seiberling labeled, "California rejects, hold for Loretta".

Envelope 2: Portrait of J.F. Seiberling, no date (1980s?).

Envelope 3: Color photocopies of photographs from party for John and Betty Seiberling, March 12, 1999.

Envelope 4: Photograph of Loretta Neumann, unidentified woman, Dan Nelson, John F. Seiberling, Betty Seiberling, 2008.

Envelope 5: Portrait of John F. Seiberling, no date (1980s?).

Envelope 6: Photograph of Bender's Barn, Cuyahoga Valley, by J. F. Seiberling, January 1995, color 8 x 10.

Envelope 7: Three DVDS:

- 1) 204 images of Alaska and the American west by J. F. Seiberling, slides scanned by his son David Seiberling, July 2009.
- 2) "Slides for Loretta Neumann" scanned onto DVD, Alaska, California wilderness, Cuyahoga, Hywet, I & M Canal, Panama & Costa Rica wilderness.
- 3) "Preserving Alaska's Wild Lands." Contains 3 videos: "House and Debate Vote," "Udall and Seiberling," and "John Seiberling." Also contains slide show of John Seiberling photos of Alaska.

Envelope 8: Miscellaneous slides taken by Loretta Neumann: Alaska, California Wilderness, Stan Hywet, and other miscellaneous scenes.

**Box 3:** Miscellaneous loose color photographs from various events, all 4 x 6. Events include:

- 1) White House Citizen Award Reception, January 8, 2000.
- 2) "Cook-in" for John and Betty Seiberling, May 22, 2000.
- 3) Cuyahoga 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, July 2000.
- 4) Alaska Anniversary Congressional Dinner, September 2000.
- 5) Cuyahoga Valley NRA, October 2000.

**Box 4:** Album1): House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks Cuyahoga Valley Field Trip, June 6-9, 1974. Photos by Loretta Neumann.

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Envelopes 9-14:

Envelope 9: John and Betty Seiberling, no date, 8 x 10.

Envelope 10: John F. Seiberling, portrait, no date, 8 x 10.

Envelope 11: John F. Seiberling, portrait, no date, 8 x 10.

Envelope 12: John F. Seiberling, drawn portrait, 2 copies, 10 x 12.

Envelope 13: Photograph of Washington Monument by John F. Seiberling, pasted on board, no date, 8 x 10.

Envelope 14: John F. Seiberling, taken by Loretta Neumann, no date, 11 x 14.

**Box 5:** Albums 2-5:

- 2) Memories of John F. Seiberling, September 27, 2008, by Loretta Neumann.
- 3) J.F.S. Political photographs and Memorabilia.
- 4) J.F.S. and Congressional Staff, put together by Loretta Neumann.
- 5) Color photographs of Seiberling family and nature, by J.F.S.

**Box 6:** Albums 6-8:

- 6) Judiciary Committee: Nixon Hearings, Ford Vice President Hearings, and Rockefeller Vice President Hearings.
- 7) Jewish National Tree of Life Award event for John F. Seiberling, July 21, 1985.
- 8) Miscellaneous J.F.S. Nature photographs, 8 x 12.

**Series 3:** Awards

**Box 7:** Awards:

- 1) Letter from Jimmy Carter with pen that signed the H.R. 39 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, December 10, 1980. Pen and letter encased in glass frame.
- 2) Letter from Ronald Reagan referring to photograph not in collection, February 25, 1987, encased.
- 3) Presidential Citizens Medal and Certificate for John F. Seiberling from President Clinton, January 8, 2001.

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4) From the Audubon Society to John F. Seiberling, November 1986.

**Box 8:** Awards:

- 1) The Seiberling Award, to John F. Seiberling for outstanding service to the understanding and protection of our Nation's Past, Awarded by the Society of Professional Archaeologists, September 1986.
- 2) Award to John F. Seiberling for contributions as Public Servant and Citizen, October 12, 2006, (includes stand).

**Series 4:** Miscellaneous items:

**Box 9:** Cameras and lenses that belonged to John F. Seiberling.

**Box 10:** T-shirt, hat, and desk nameplate that belonged to John F. Seiberling.

**On shelf:** 2 camera tripods.

**Series 5:** Slides by John F. Seiberling.

**Box 11:** Contains smaller boxes of loose slides:

- 1960s-1970s CVNRA (44 small slide boxes).
- 1977 Alaska Hearings (7 small slide boxes).
- 1970s-1980s Springbourne (17 small slide boxes).

**Box 12:** Contains smaller boxes of loose slides:

- 1970-1972 Kent, Ohio; 1973 Williamsburg, VA, Washington, DC; 1974 PA Turnpike, Colorado, Isle Royale (10 small slide boxes).
- 1975 Greece, Israel, Virginia, Blue Ridge Mountains, Tennessee; 1979 PA (12 small slide boxes).
- 1980 Utah; 1981 Utah, Oregon, Michigan, Maryland (8 small slide boxes).
- 1982 Sri Lanka, Guam, Hawaii, Virginia, Kentucky (13 small slide boxes).
- 1983 Finland, Russia, Serbia, Hungary, Greece (13 small slide boxes).

**Box 13:** Contains smaller boxes of loose slides:

- 1979 Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California (60 small slide boxes).

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-1982 Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, California (24 small slide boxes).

**Box 14:** Contains smaller boxes of loose slides:

-1984 Spain, Rome, Morocco, Turkey, Casablanca, England, New York (10 small slide boxes).

-1985 Nevada, Alexandria, VA, Capitol interior, Russia (10 small slide boxes).

-1986 Panama, Costa Rica (10 small slide boxes).

-1987 Utah, Colorado, Mesa Verde (3 small slide boxes).

-1989 Jackson Hole, WY (2 small slide boxes).

**Slide Carousel boxes 1-49:**

- 1) Cuyahoga Valley, Brandywine Falls, I-271 degradation of, CVNRA Rehab.
- 2) C. V. [Cuyahoga Valley] slides for possible book.
- 3) Cuyahoga Valley Recreation Area.
- 4) Hawaii 1968 (1 of 2)
- 5) Hawaii 1968 (2 of 2)
- 6) Japan (1 of 2)
- 7) Japan (2 of 2)
- 8) Strip mining (Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, and New Mexico) 1971-1973.
- 9) Stowe, Vermont, March 1966, Dec. 1971.
- 10) Greece, Egypt, 1975.
- 11) Northern California, San Francisco, Mount Shasta, Trinity Alps, Siskiyou Mountains, Dillon Creek, July 1979 (1 of 2).
- 12) Northern California and Southern Oregon, Red Butte, Siskiyou, Crescent City, Redwoods, Kangaroo Area, Lake Tahoe, Mammoth Mountain, San Joaquin, July 1979 (2 of 2).
- 13) Colorado field trip: Davis Peak, Justin Parks, Vail area, Collegiate Mountains, Sangre de Cristos, Snowmass, Aspen, Wheeler-Wasson, San Juan, Hermosa, Aug. 1979 (1 of 4).

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- 14) Colorado field trip: Hermosa, Uncompahgre, Telluride, Gunnison R. Canyon, Dinosaur National Monument, Aug. 1979 (2 of 4).
- 15) California, Yosemite, Hetch Hetchy, Willows, Mt. Tamalpais, Point Reyes, San Francisco, Aug. 1979 (3 of 4). Also California, 1976.
- 16) Wyoming, Gros Ventre, aerial views, Darwin Ranch, hike to Brewster, Aug. 1979 (4 of 4).
- 17) Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Dec. 1979.
- 18) Death Valley, California, May 1976 and November 1982.
- 19) Cranberry Wilderness, West Virginia, May 1980; Irish Wilderness, Missouri, May 1983.
- 20) New Mexico, Sandia Mountain, Santa Fe, Bandelier, Nov. 1980 (1 of 2).
- 21) New Mexico, Carson National Forest, Wheeler Peak, Chaco Wilderness, San Francisco, Nov. 1980; El Malpais: 1986.
- 22) Charleston, South Carolina; Portland, Oregon, April 1981.
- 23) Wyoming, Utah, Big Horn Mountains, Mount Naomi, Stansbury, Salt Lake, Uinta Mountains, August 1981 (1 of 2).
- 24) Utah, High Uintas, Red Castle Rock; Montana, Bob Marshall Wilderness, East Front, Deep Creek, August 1981 (2 of 2).
- 25) Micronesia, Saipan, Guam, Yap, Palau, Trick, Ponape, Jan. 1982 (1 of 2).
- 26) Micronesia, Ponape, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Ebeye, Majurs, Samoa, Jan. 1982 (2 of 2).
- 27) Oahu, Maui, Jan. 1982.
- 28) Southeast Utah, Arches National Park, Canyon lands, Dark Canyon, Lake Powell, Mount Pennell, Mount Ellis, Robbers Roost, Capitol Reef, Escalante, Kaiparowits, Bryce Canyon, Nov. 1982 (1 of 3).
- 29) South Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Cedar Breaks, New Mexico, Pine Valley Mountain, Zion National Park, Kanab Plateau, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Nov. 1982 (2 of 3).
- 30) California, Mono Lake, Mammoth Mountain, Nov. 1982 (3 of 3).
- 31) Helsinki, Moscow, Budapest, Jan. 1983 (1 of 2).
- 32) Belgrade, Greece, Athens, Acropolis, Coast of Attica, Cape Sounion, Jan. 1983 (2 of 2).
- 33) Alaska, Tibay Lake, North Slope, Prudhoe Bay and pipeline, 1983 (1 of 6, labeled tray no. "0").

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- 34) Alaska, Anchorage, Ruth Glacier, Denali, Prudhoe Bay, Anaktuvuk, Umiat, Arrigetch Peaks, Koyukuk, 1975, 1977, 1983 (2 of 6).
- 35) Alaska, Noatak, Kotzebue, Kobuk, Koyukuk, Galena, Aug. 1975 and 1977 (3 of 6).
- 36) Alaska, Road to Valdez, Mt. St. Elias, Chitina, Chakachamna Lake, Kachemak Bay, Kenai, Fiords, Kodiak, Tebay, Aug. 1975, 1977, 1983 (4 of 6).
- 37) Alaska, Tebay Lake, Yakutat, Russell Fiord, Glacier Bay, Juneau, Sitka, Aug. 1975, 1977, 1983 (5 of 6).
- 38) Alaska, Kate's Needle Glacier, Ketchikan, Misty Fiords, July 1977 and Aug. 1983 (6 of 6).
- 39) Turkey: Istanbul, Ankara; Rome: Via Appia, Baths of Caracalla, street scenes, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Roman Forum, Colosseum, Tiber River, Hadrian's Tomb, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Via Conciliazione, Jan. 1984 (1 of 2).
- 40) Rome, St. Peter's, Villa Borghese, Galleria Borghese; Strasbourg; France; London, Thames R. Tate Gallery, Whitehall, Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Jan. 1984 (2 of 2).
- 41) Idaho, Lake Coeur D'Alene, Pend Oreille, Selkirk Ridge, Priest Lakes, Mallard Larkins, Cayuse Creek, Elk Summit, Fish Lake, Salmon River, July 1984 (1 of 3).
- 42) Idaho, Salt Lick Creek, Thunder Mountain, White Clouds, Sun Valley, Borah Peak, Italian Peaks, Diamond Peak, Smokey Mountains, Steel Mountain, Sawtooth, Red Mountain, July 1984 (2 of 3).
- 43) Idaho, Salmon River, Breaks, Allison Ranch, July 1984 (3 of 3).
- 44) Ireland, Berlin, Potsdam, Jan. 1985.
- 45) Nevada Wilderness, Mount Charleston, Arc Dome, Mount Jefferson, Table Mountain, Quinn Canyon, Grant Canyon, Mount Moriah, Schell Creek Range, Jarbidge Mountain, Santa Rosa Mountains, July 1985.
- 46) Siberian Trip: Alaska, Japan, Khabarovsk, Yakutsk, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Ust-Ilinsk, Moscow, Sept. 1985.
- 47) USSR, Moscow, Vladimir, Sugdal, Leningrad, 1985 and 1983.
- 48) Wyoming, Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park, Sept. 1989.
- 49) Maine and Quebec, June 1992.