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Guide to Collection

Snowden, Frank B.

Diary of Frank and Monnetta Snowden, Noatak, Alaska, 1912-1913

MS 4-22-2

1 folder (5 items)
Original and typescript of diary

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Biographical Note

Frank B. Snowden and his wife, Monnetta Snowden were teachers at Noatak. F.B. Snowden also distributed supplies, supervised the reindeer herd, helped the Eskimos build a church, and preached at church services and funerals. The Snowdens vacationed during the summer at Kotzebue.

Scope and Contents Note

Title cover: "General diary, Noatak, Alaska, beginning Oct. 7, 1912, Monday, ending _____, 191_, FB Snowden, Teacher." The diary, begun October 4, 1912, gives a sporadic account of daily life as a teacher in Noatak. He describes the weather, mentions village activities, names of the sick and dying, and his feelings about everyday events. His wife Monnetta writes the last few entries.

Diary is yellowed, fragile, and generally in poor condition; some pages are missing.

No inventory available.

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