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Guide to Collection

Kelsey, Samuel T., Jr.

Letters of Samuel T. Kelsey, Jr., 1912-1915

MS 4-29-2

1 folder
13 items

ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Mary Kelsey in 1989.

PROCESSING: Photographs are located in PCA 301, the Sam Kelsey and Louella Kelsey McMullen collection.

Bibliographic Note

Samuel T. Kelsey, Jr. was a mining engineer who came to Juneau and Treadwell in 1912. In his letters to relatives in California, he tells about his work as a government surveyor, including a trip to Akutan, and later with the Kensington Mining Company and others in the Juneau area. His letters mention Juneau events such as the Treadwell Club Ball and the First Legislature.

Inventory

1. Juneau [Comet]. Letter to "Mother" [in Petrolia, California], dated Feb. 20, 1912. Discusses a job with Mr. Noble's mining company about to open. 3 p. with envelope.
2. Kensington Mine, Juneau, Alaska. Letter to "Mother," dated April 14, 1912. Layout of Kensington mine which is about to open. 3 p.
3. Ketchikan. Letter to "Sis," dated May 22, 1912. Now on a work tour to Klawock and Ketchikan on the IOWA, owned and run by Billy Dickenson. 3 p.
4. Akutan. Letter to "Mother," dated June 27, 1912. Mentions Akutan trading post owner McLashin and family of 10; describes a Norwegian whaling operation (from hunting to processing). 3 p.
5. Juneau. Letter to "Mother," dated October 18, 1912. Working at Salmon Creek in Juneau. Family matters.
6. Juneau. Letter to "Sis," dated January 5, 1913. New Years events at the Treadwell Club, the governor's reception, Behrends party. 2 p.
7. Juneau, Alaska. Letter to "Mother.." dated March 5, 1913. Mentions the First Legislature, Captain Whitney, B. B. Nieding (manager of Kensington Mining Co.) and the Bradfords. 2 p.
8. Juneau. Letter to "Mother," dated March 7, 1913. Offered work with the Alaska Supply Co., managed by Henry Shattuck. 2 p.
9. Comet, Alaska. Letter to "Old Enemy," dated June 11, 1913?. Working for Kensington Mining Co. 2 p.
10. Kensington, Alaska. Letter to "Mater," dated August 26, 1913. General comments. 2 p. with envelope.
11. Kensington. Letter to "Mother," dated Oct. 2, 1913. Life at Kensington Mine. 5 p.
12. Kensington. Letter to "Mater," dated December 3, 1913. Gas engine problems at Kensington Mine, etc. 3 p.
13. Juneau, c/o Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. Letter to "Old Enemy," dated June 21, 1915. Sam returns to Juneau after an absence and is unemployed. Mentions the Rogers and Captain Whitney. 2 p.