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Guide to Collection

Parks, George A., 1883-1984

Governor George A. Parks Papers, ca. 1976-1981

MS 4-29-15

8 items

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Scope and Contents Note

The collection includes correspondence to and from Governor Parks in his later years. Dora Sweeney wrote some of the letters for Governor Parks. The letters center on his birthdays after age 90. The collection also includes a proclamation by the City and Borough of Juneau for Governor George Parks Day and "State of Birthdays in the Supreme Court for Candle County" from a group of his friends.

Biographical Timeline

- 1883 May 29 Born in Denver, Col., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks
- 1906 Graduated with an E.M. degree from Colorado School of Mines
- 1907 Arrived in Alaska and worked as a mining engineer for private companies
- 1909 May 8 Appointed as a practical miner, General Land Office, U.S. Dept. of the Interior.
- First lieutenant of engineers, Fairbanks
 - Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, Camp Lee, VA
 - Reassigned to Ninth Div. of Alaska as gas officer to train troops in gas warfare
- 1919 May 12 Appointed Chief of the Alaska Field Division, General Land Office, Juneau
- 1924 April 9 Appointed Assistant supervisor of Surveys and Public Lands
- 1925 June 16 Appointed Governor of Alaska by President Calvin Coolidge
- 1919 Oct. 1 Reappointed Governor for a second term by President Herbert Hoover, terminating April 3, 1933 with his resignation to President Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 1934 June 14 District Cadastral Engineer, Alaska
- 1936 Jan. 1 Regional Cadastral Engineer, Alaska
- 1948 June 2 Retired from federal service with forty years of service to the Territory
- 1948-1984 Continued living and working in Alaska until his death on May 11, 1984 in Juneau just a few weeks short of his 101st birthday

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