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Guide to Collection

Hewitt, Joseph

Joseph Hewitt Diary - Southeast Alaska Census Taking, 1910

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1 folder
1 original diary (manuscript)
1 transcription of manuscript

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ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Mary Stegeman, great granddaughter of Joseph Hewitt, and granddaughter of Helen Hewitt. The original manuscript was donated to the Alaska State Museum and transferred to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections August 9, 1989. The typewritten transcription of the manuscript was received by the Alaska State Library Historical Collections in October of 1989. The collection is accessioned as 1989-44.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Hewitt (1848-1923) was born in Indiana, and married his spouse, Mary, there in 1879. He moved to Ohio and Kansas City, Mo. He worked as an art glass maker in a business owned by a family member of his wife.

Joseph and Mary Hewitt went to Southeast Alaska in the fall of 1908 to visit their two daughters. Dorothy Hewitt was a government teacher in Hoonah and Helen Hewitt was teaching at Klawock. In the summer of 1909 Joseph, Mary, and Dorothy camped over 500 miles of Southeast Alaska, returning to Kansas City in the spring of 1910. In 1913 Joseph and Mary moved to Los Angeles, CA.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Manuscript describing Joseph Hewitt's travels by steamer to settlements in Southeast Alaska as a census taker, 1909-1910.

SUBJECTS

Census taking; Southeast Alaska geography and towns; logging camps; mines; canneries and other settlements; Excursion Inlet; storms; Eagle River Mine; Swanson Harbor; Chatham Strait; Icy Strait; Glacier Bay; Steamer *Yucatan*, B.F. Dennison, Dewey Dennison

INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 1

Original handwritten manuscript: *Forty-One Days of Census Taking in Southeastern Alaska* (A diary from the 1910 census in Chatham and Icy Straits) by Joseph Hewitt. 79 (81) pages.

Typewritten transcription of manuscript. 23 pages.