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Guide to Collection

Keffeler, Jacob

Jacob Keffeler Letters and Family History, ca. 1911-1917

MS 4-37-22

1 Folder
9 Letters
Family history documents

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jacob Keffeler (1850-1916) left Luxembourg at age five. He grew up in Iowa and Michigan. He married Emma Haas in 1881. They had 2 children: Herbert Oswald Keffeler and Meta Nora Keffeler. Jacob traveled to the Black Hills of South Dakota to search for gold. While there he was a miner, merchant and rancher. In 1898 he moved on to Alaska with his son and participated in the Klondike Gold Rush. He lived in Anchorage until just before his death. He died in Sitka at the Pioneer Home, according to an Anchorage Daily Times Obituary (4/20/1917 p.5).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains 9 letters written by Jacob Keffeler while living in Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush and after. This collection also contains family history documents put together by descendants of Jacob Keffeler.

SUBJECTS

Klondike Gold Rush, Valdez, sourdough, letters

INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 1

9 original handwritten letters

Family history documents