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Guide to Collection

**Jorgensen, Jessica Suhm**

**Jessica Suhm Jorgensen Papers, 1935-1946**

**MS 4-38-3**

1 Folder  
17 Letters  
3 Alaska teachers' certificates  
4 teaching contracts

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Jessica Suhm Jorgensen graduated from Petersburg Harris High School, Petersburg, Illinois in 1912. She then attended and completed a four year course at Illinois State Normal University in 1917. She taught grade school in Unalaska, Alaska from at least 1935 to 1945.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The papers in this collection include letters to Jessica Suhm Jorgensen from family members (Tecla and Dr. Leslie White), four teaching contracts for teaching in Unalaska 1935-1939, three Alaska teacher's certificates for years 1933-1936, 1936-1939, 1939-1942. Some of the personal letters are WWII correspondence.

## SUBJECTS

Unalaska, Alaska, Alaska teacher

## INVENTORY

### Folder 1 of 1

Personal correspondence – several letters including a couple WWII correspondences

1. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Ketchikan, Alaska) from L. A. White (Unalaska, Alaska), undated, (2 p, handwritten on front & back in turquoise ink + envelope date stamped Apr 3, 1935)
2. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from Anthony E. Karnes, Commissioner of Education (Juneau, Alaska), Oct 23, 1935 (1 p, typed- no envelope)
3. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from Anthony E. Karnes, Commissioner of Education (Juneau, Alaska), Apr 29, 1938 (1 p, typed + envelope dated Apr 29, 1938)
4. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from L. A. White (Klawock, Alaska), Apr 19, 1939 (2 p, typed + envelope dated Apr 19, 1939)
5. Letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Personnel Division (Washington, D. C.) from Fred R. Geeslin, Acting General Superintendent (Juneau, Alaska) Feb 20, 1941 (1 p, typed, on onionskin + envelope dated Oct 15, 1940)
6. Letter to Jessica (unknown location) from [letter unsigned] (unknown location) Feb 20, 1941 (2 p, handwritten on front & back in black ink – no envelope)
7. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from L.A. White (Alameda, Calif.) Oct 25, 1941 (5 p, handwritten on front & back in black ink + envelope dated Nov 2, 1941)

8. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from Jack Martin (Unalaska, Alaska) Nov 15, 1941 (1 p, typed + enveloped dated Jan 16, 1942)
9. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from L.A. White (Alameda, Calif.) Dec 6, 1941 (2 p, handwritten on front and back in black ink + envelope dated Dec 8, 1941)
10. Letter to Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from L.A. White (Alameda, Calif.) undated, (1 card-like sheet, handwritten on 3 sides in black ink + envelope dated Dec 8, 1941)
11. Letter to Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from T.J. White (Bethel, Alaska) undated, (2 p, handwritten on front and back in black ink + envelope with partial date stamp of 1941)
12. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Seattle, Washington) from Mrs. C.O. Privitt (North Little Rock, Ark.) June 26, [1942] (1 p, handwritten on front and back in black ink + envelope dated Jun 26, 1942)
13. Letter to Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from T (Eugene, Ore) Mar 10, [1945], (3 p, handwritten on front and back in blue ink + envelope dated Mar 12, 1945)
14. Letter to Mrs. Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from S/Sgt. Francis E. House (Germany on letter, New York, New York on envelope) Apr 20, 1945, (4 p, handwritten in blue ink on onion skin + envelope dated Apr 25, 1945 Army Postal Service & May 16, 1945 Unalaska, Alaska)
15. Letter to Mrs. Jorgensen (unknown location) from John (Germany) May 24, 1945 (4 p, handwritten in black ink - no envelope)
16. Letter to Jessica Jorgensen (Unalaska, Alaska) from Cpl. John B. Faucett (Germany on letter, New York, N.Y. on envelope) June 24, 1945 (2 p, handwritten in black ink + envelope dated Jun 25, 1945)
17. Letter to Jessica (location unknown) from Tecla (location unknown) undated (2 p handwritten on front and back in turquoise ink - no envelope)
18. Three Alaska teachers' certificates for years 1933-1936, 1936-1939, 1939-1942
19. Four teaching contracts for teaching in Unalaska 1935-1939