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Guide to Collection

Yaw, W. Leslie (William Leslie), 1900-

Leslie Yaw Papers, 1949-1987

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1 folder
Correspondence, Reports, Newspapers,
1 photograph

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ACQUISITION: Nancy Ricketts donated this collection of papers relating to Leslie (Les) Yaw. The papers were originally obtained from Helen Yaw Finney, daughter of Les Yaw. Accession #2012-045.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Leslie Yaw was appointed superintendent of Sheldon Jackson School in 1930 and appointed superintendent of Sitka Pioneers' Home in 1954. When the running of the Pioneers Home was turned over from the Board of Trustees to the Alaska Governor's Office, Yaw was replaced with a person appointed by the Governor.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The majority of the papers in this folder document three subjects, the first is Leslie Yaw's removal from his position at the Sitka Pioneers Home.

The second, the objections of the Sitka Pioneers Home staff to Bill #74. This bill was introduced to double the stipend the Pioneers living in the home receive each month. The staff objected on the basis that certain Pioneers used their entire stipend each month to buy alcohol which then caused hardship to the staff and other Pioneers of the home.

The third is the publishing of Henry Roden's biography. Henry Roden was the Territorial Treasurer. Leslie and Betty Yaw corresponded with Pat Rotter over Henry Roden's Biography. Roden was also a friend of Yaw.

SUBJECTS

Sitka Pioneers Home, Leslie Yaw, Henry Roden

INVENTORY

Photograph:

Sitka Pioneer Home in old Marine Barracks Pre 1923

[Short history of Pioneers Home]

[Excerpt from] *Sixty Years in Sitka: My Service with the Pioneers' Home*, pgs. 104-106

"My Life in Alaska" by Emil Pozza

October 28, 1949

Letter from Henry Roden to Leslie Yaw regarding the unveiling of the "Prospector" statue in Sitka

September 12, 1952

Letter from Henry Roden, Territorial Treasurer, regarding Sheldon Jackson Junior College

February 28, 1955

Photocopy of Charles Klemola's Agreement to turn over Social Security income to the Pioneers Home if admitted. (3 copies)

May 6, 1955

The Nome Nugget Article: "Rube" Cremer Writes from Pioneer Home

Bill #74 Correspondence:

March 13-14, 1957 2 letters from staff of the Pioneers Home objecting to Bill #74

July 1, 1957 - September 30, 1958 Operations Cost of the Alaska Pioneers Home for

1957 Annual Governor's Report

July 8, 1957 Letter from Governor Mike Stepovich to Mr. Leslie Yaw

Requesting material for annual report

August 8, 1957 Response to request

Copy of final Annual Report Pioneers' Home section

October 1, 1958

The History of the Pioneers Home by Henry Roden (2 copies)

January 15, 1959

Daily Sitka Sentinel Article: "Pioneers Home ranks as first-class institution"

February 24, 1959

Letter from Jim Williams to Les regarding trying to help Les keep his position.

Bill #74 Correspondence:

February 4 [1959] Nurses Record of drunk patients with letter explaining Record

February 24- 26, and March 14, 1959

6 letters from staff of the Pioneers Home to elected officials objecting to Bill #74. The letters state that certain residents use the money for alcohol which leads to abuse of waitresses and other residents, more work for the janitors, and economic issues concerning cleaning supplies.

April 22 & 30, 1959

Correspondence:

Two (2) letters from Leslie Yaw to Henry Roden regarding a sick Pioneer, a death of a Pioneer, and Leslie's own removal from his position.

April 26, 1959

Letter from "Charlie" to Leslie Yaw thanking him for his work

3 letters relating to the deed of the Sitka Pioneers Home being turned over from the Board of Trustees to the Governor's Office

May 27, 1959 Letter from Charles W. Carter to Board of Trustees

May 22, 1959 Letter from Thomas G. Mooney, Director to Charles W. Carter, Secretary

May 7, 1959 Letter from Floyd Guertin, Commissioner of Administration to Charles W. Carter, Secretary

February 23, 1973

Letter from Leslie Yaw to Amos regarding nicknames of Pioneers in the Home
Attached list: Nicknames of Guests at the Pioneers Home (about 1956)

Henry Roden biography material:

Juneau Alaska Empire, Monday June 13, 1966

Article: The Life and Times of Henry Roden, Pioneer Miner, Lawyer, Legislator
2 photocopies of article

February 24, 1984, October 28, 1986, May 21, 1987

3 letters: Correspondence from R. N. DeArmond to Leslie Yaw regarding writing a biography of Henry Roden

October 6, 1986 letter from Leslie Yaw to Pat Rotter and attached 10/18/86 response from Pat Rotter

11/2/1986 Letter from Pat Rotter to Les and Betty Yaw responding to Les' letter about contacts

November 16, 1986 letter from Les Yaw to Pat Rotter providing contacts with information about Roden

11/20/1986 Card to Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Tyler Yaw from Mrs. J. Rother regarding Henry Roden

12/29/1986 Card to Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Tyler Yaw from Mrs. J. Rother regarding "Sixty Years in Sitka" Book

4-27-87 Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Tyler Yaw from Mrs. J. Rother regarding writing a biography of Henry Roden

May 11, 1987 letter from Les Yaw to Pat Rotter regarding a possible meeting in Juneau to discuss writing a book about Roden

Juneau Roden Breakfast 5/26/1987 Meeting Notes

Includes names and addresses of attendees and subjects discussed

Henry Roden statement on yellow legal paper (3 pages)

Newspapers: [Discarded]

September 21, 1956 Daily Sitka Sentinel

October 19, 1956 Daily Sitka Sentinel

October 23, 1956 Daily Sitka Sentinel

February 8, 1957 Daily Sitka Sentinel