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Guide to Collection

DeArmond, R. N.

Robert N. DeArmond Collection, 1861-1995

MS 39

14 boxes  
Papers and photos

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**ACQUISITION:** R. N. "Bob" DeArmond donated his manuscripts, papers, and research over the years, beginning in 1972. The collection is ongoing. (Acc. Nos. 1989-46, 1991-10, 2004-32). In 2004, India Spartz donated 3 cassette tapes of a 1995 interview she conducted with Bob DeArmond (Acc. No. 2004-32). Box 12 was added in October 2007, (Acc. No. 2002-047). Papers and photographs in Box 12--Part II, Box 13, and Box 14 were donated by Patricia Roppel (Acc. No. 2012-010 and Acc. No. 2012-014). Other DeArmond collections include PCA 134, PCA158, PCA 257, and PCA 258.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert Neil DeArmond was born in Sitka in 1911 and spent most of his life in southeast Alaska. He worked primarily as a journalist and writer. He edited Ketchikan's *The Daily Alaska Fishing News*, *Ketchikan Daily News*, and was a reporter for *Stroller's Weekly* and the *Seattle Star*. He was editor of the *Alaska Sportsman*, later *Alaska Magazine* and the *Alaska Journal*. DeArmond lived in Pelican on Lisianski Inlet for five years working as bookkeeper, postmaster, radio operator and agent for steamship and airline companies. He has been a columnist for the *Juneau Empire*, *Ketchikan News*, *Anchorage News*, and *Fairbanks News-Miner* and worked for various radio stations. He was Administrative Assistant to Alaska Territorial Governor, Frank Heintzleman, from 1953-1957 and special assistant to Waino Hendrickson, Acting Governor in 1957. He married Dale F. Burlison, a well-known Alaskan artist, in 1935. The DeArmonds' two children are Jane and William.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Boxes 1 through 4 of the collection include Bob DeArmond's "Juno's Days of Yore"; "News of the Gold Camps"; statehood-related writings, articles, clippings, reports and bills; "The Postal History of Yukon Territory" by R.G. Woodall; obituaries from late 1800's gathered from Alaskan sources; articles on steamers, fishing vessels, and other marine information from Ketchikan's *Daily Alaska Fishing News*; and significant dates in Alaskan aviation, dates of shipwrecks.

Boxes 5 through 12 include the clippings, notes, manuscripts, and other ephemera R. N. "Bob" DeArmond collected for use in articles, columns and books. Also included are notes, file cards and indexes by DeArmond. The files cover the period from 1861-1980. The second half of Box 12 and Box 13, donated by Patricia "Pat" Roppell, contain the manuscript of DeArmond's dory trip from Sitka to Tacoma and numerous De Armond columns and articles published in local newspapers. Included, also, are correspondence, articles and photographs on the topic of the Willow Creek Mining District, sent from Al W. Reeder of Palmer, Alaska, to Bob DeArmond when he was editor of the *Alaska Sportsman*. Box 14, also donated by Patricia Roppell, contains two sets of note cards, filed alphabetically. One set represents Bob's and Pat's notes on people, places, and events in Alaska history. Pat described them as "partially originals and a lot of Xeroxes. . . If there are penciled cards, then they are my notes and I filed them with Bob's." The second set of cards are "Bob's boat notes on the commercial boats that went up the Stikine River."

## INVENTORY

**BOX 1** Alaska Statehood file, including opposition views, 1949-1958.

### *Folders*

- 1 Statehood articles by R.N. DeArmond (12)
- 2 DeArmond 1958 Statehood issues
- 3 Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Committee reports
- 4 Reports of various groups on statehood

- 5 Statehood – Miscellaneous reports, etc.
- 6 Comments on Alaska Statehood
- 7 [Monroe M.] Redden report on H.R. 331, March 10, 1949
- 8 Randolph Feltus – lobbyist
- 9 Statehood – statistical data
- 10 Statehood – statistical data
- 11 Magazine & newspaper articles on statehood
- 12 Legislation
- 13 Congressional records
  - S. 50 for admission of Alaska to the Union. Senate debate, 1952
  - Proceedings and debates, 81<sup>st</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, v. 96, no. 176, Sept. 5, 1950.
  - Proceedings and debates, 81<sup>st</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, v. 96, no. 194, Nov. 27, 1950.
  - Proceedings and debates, 81<sup>st</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, v. 96, no. 195, Nov. 28, 1950.
  - Proceedings and debates, 82<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, v. 96, no. 197, Nov. 30, 1950.
  - Proceedings and debates, 82<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, v. 98, no. 30, Feb. 27, 1952.
- 14 Statehood HR 2684, 1953 [unprocessed articles, etc.] including “The case against statehood for Alaska at this time,” by Allen Shattuck – “Let’s look at the record,” by Allen Shattuck – Bills: H.R. 1493, H.R. 50, H.R. 4781, H.R. 2684 and the full text of H.R. 7999, from the *Anchorage Daily News*, Aug. 14, 1958.

**BOX 2** “Juno's Days of Yore” [articles on Juneau history published in *Info-Juneau*, a weekly TV guide. 293 items]

**Folder 1a**

- 1. (12/7/85) - Move of the Capitol, Sitka to Juneau, 1906.
- 2. (12/14/85) - Dangerous Dan McGrew killed in Juneau?
- 3. (12/21/85) - Roald Amundsen, visit to Juneau, explorations.
- 4. (12/28/85) - First Juneau football game; Cyanide Ball.
- 5. (1/4/1986) - E. J. "Stroller" White.
- 6. (1/11/86) - Chief Kowee monument and other monuments.
- 7. (1/18/86) - Pigeons.
- 8. (1/25/86) - Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
- 9. (2/1/86) - Legislative restraints; voting rights.
- 10. (2/8/86) - Rep. Polley & creation of Territorial Museum.
- 11. (2/15/86) - Balkan nationals and World War I.
- 12. (2/22/86) - Historic preservation, cabins; Stroller's sayings
- 13. (3/1/86) - McGann's Marathon, to legislature 1915.
- 14. (3/8/86) - Bombing of Peerless Bakery, 1926.
- 15. (3/15/86) - Alaska's first Capitol, Elks Hall.
- 16. (3/22/86) - The lonesome goat; wild game transplant fiasco.
- 17. (3/29/86) - Port Wine Charley, fall down-mine shaft.
- 18. (4/5/86) - Mining tunnels; Silver Bow Basin drainage tunnel.
- (4/5/86) - Juneau mayors, 1900 to 1985
- 19. (4/12/86) - John W. Frame, fighting editor.
- 20. (4/19/86) - Dr. DeVighne's flying machine, early airplane.
- 21. (4/26/86) - Josiah M. "Sill" Tanner, U. S. Marshal.
- 22. (5/3/86) - Names of lode mining claims.
- 23. (5/10/86) - St. Ann's Society Juneau health care.

24. (5/17/86) - Red Dog Saloon, history.
25. (5/24/86) - Douglas mayors, 1902-1970.
26. (5/31/86) - Providing Alaska a Delegate in Congress, 1906.
27. (6/7/86) - Treadwell union disrupts funeral.
28. (6/14/86) - Separation Convention, Territory of SE Alaska
29. (6/21/86) - Juneau Empire, brief history
30. (6/28/86) - Unicameral legislature proposed in 1912.
31. (7/5/86) - Dr. Hugh S. Wyman, early Juneau physician
32. (7/12/86) - Alaska Historical Library, history.
33. (7/19/86) - SE Alaska Fish & Game Club, hatchery, 1917
34. (7/26/86) - George Kyrage, early Juneau City Councilman.
35. (8/2/86) - Southeast Alaska Fair, history, 1922-1941
36. (8/9/86) - Arthur K. Delaney, Juneau's first mayor.
37. (8/16/86) - Juneau Draper Club and the public library.
38. (8/23/86) - Jim Huscroft, Lituya Bay resident.
39. 8/30/86) - Facilities for fishermen, Juneau 1917
40. (9/6/86) - Territorial fish hatchery program.
41. (9/13/86) - Territory's fish hatchery at Juneau, 1919-1921.
42. (9/20/86) - Elections and territorial election laws.
43. (9/27/86) Elections: Wickersham delegate contests.
44. (10/4/86) - Elections: changes in the laws.
45. (10/11/86) - Elections: First primary, delegate contests.
46. (10/18/86) - Elections: First territorial officials
47. (10/25/86) - Elections: Statehood and other questions.
48. (11/1/86) - Elections: Changes by the State Legislature.
49. (11/8/86) - High School football in Juneau.
50. (11/15/86) - Dimond Courthouse plaque and other memorial plaques.
51. (11/22/86) - Early halibut fishing out of Juneau.
52. (11/29/86)- - Notes: Juneau Spirit, Governor's Mansion, Schools.
53. (12/6/86) - Halibut industry, early.
54. (12/13/86) - Isabel Ambler Gilman, early Alaska lawyer.
55. (12/20/86) - Awk, Auk or Auke (the name of the bay).
56. (12/27/86) - Daniel Kennedy, early Juneau resident.

#### **Folder 1b**

57. (1/3/87) - Early women candidates for the Legislature.
58. (1/10/87) - One hundred years ago in Juneau.
59. (1/17/87) - Halibut fishing in early years.
60. (1/24/87) - Alaska Free Press, first Juneau newspaper.
61. (1/31/87) - Oliver Drange and beginnings of Juneau Cold Storage.
62. (2/7/87) - Building of Juneau's first cold storage.
63. (2/14/87) - Fire in the Alaska Air Transport hanger.
64. (2/21/87) - Juneau Opera House, construction and opening.
65. (2/28/87) - George T. Snow, Juneau theatrical family.
66. (3/7/87) - Boxing matches and other sports events.
67. (3/14/87) - The Red Light and other red light places.
68. (3/21/87) - Concrete building foundation on Gastineau Avenue.
69. (3/28/87) - Opera House fire in 1897.
70. (4/4/87) - The Opera House becomes a movie theater.

71. (4/11/87) - Douglas theaters.
72. (4/18/87) - Juneau's first successful movie theater.
73. (4/25/87) - Juneau before 1913, economic doldrums.
74. (5/2/87) - Z. R. Cheney and the Cheney Building, South Franklin.
75. (5/9/87) - Juneau hotels, Scandinavian Rooms, Summit.
76. (5/16/87) - John T. Spickett, showman.
77. (5/23/87) - Jaxon's Rink, Perry E. Jackson.
78. (5/30/87) - Golden age of movie theaters in Juneau.
79. (6/6/87) - The Palace/Capitol Theater.
80. (6/13/87) - Juneau Cold Storage fire and other fires.
81. (6/20/87) - Alaska, My Alaska (song).
82. (6/27/87) - Guffy Building; Swede Hill tunnel.
83. (7/4/87) - Fund raising for the Juneau Memorial Library.
84. (7/11/87) - The wild cruise of the gasboat Favorite.
85. (7/18/87) - The Circle City Hotel.
86. (7/25/87) - Malony Building fire, 1930.
87. (8/1/87) - John Timmins, early Juneau badman.
88. (8/8/87) - Notes: Moose Hall, Salvation Army, Schools, Capitols
89. (8/15/87) - 1918 Flood
90. (8/22/87) - Calhoun Avenue apartment buildings, fires.
91. (8/29/87) - Juneau's first school in log cabin.
92. (9/5/87) - Schools 2: Juneau's first teacher.
93. (9/12/87) - James "Big Jim" McCloskey.
94. (9/19/87) - Schools 3: First school building built.
95. (9/26/87) - Schools 4: School in 1880s, 1890s.
96. (10/3/87) - Edward Hasey on trial.
97. (10/10/87) - The beginning of a Juneau city school system.
98. (10/17/87) - Saloon licenses supported the schools.
99. (10/24/87) - Alcohol & drug education ignored; safe cracker.
100. (10/31/87) - Growth of the public school.
101. (11/7/87) - First City Hall doubled as a school.
102. (11/14/87) - New school building in 1917.
103. (11/21/87) - A separate high school building, 1928.
104. (11/28/87) - Judge Wickersham's confirmation problems.
105. (12/5/87) - More on Judge Wickersham's problems.
106. (12/12/87) - John H. Cobb, Juneau lawyer, and Wickersham.
107. (12/19/87) - Newspaper war and a shooting.
108. (12/26/87) - Boss Shackelford and other political figures.

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109. (1/2/88) - The fall of the Shackelford machine.
110. (1/9/1988) - Alaska's first railroad on Douglas Island.
111. (1/16/1988) - Beginnings of the Juneau maritime industry..
112. (1/23/1988) - Douglas bridge and early ferry service.
113. (1/30/1988) - The first steam ferry.
114. (2/6/1988) - Ferry service and Juneau's time problem.
115. (2/13/1988) - Expanded transportation system.
116. (2/20/1988) - The steam tug LUCY of the Treadwell Company,
117. (2/27/1988) - Beginning of the Juneau Ferry & Navigation Co.

- 118. (3/5/1988) - Sources on early women residents of Juneau.
- 119. (3/12/1988) - Early women residents of Juneau.
- 120. (3/19/1988) - Alaska's first woman novelist.
- 121. (3/26/1988) - The Douglas beach as a drydock for vessels.
- 122. (4/2/1988) - Founders of the Juneau Ferry & Navigation Co.
- 123. (4/9/1988) - The ferry LONE FISHERMAN.
- 124. (4/16/1988) - Ferries LONE FISHERMAN and FLOSIE.
- 125. (4/23/1988) - ISLANDER wreck and rescue mission.
- 126. (4/30/1988) - More on the ISLANDER wreck.
- 127. (5/7/1988) - First Democratic political convention in Alaska.
- 128. (5/14/1988) - Wreck of the CUTCH and repairs at Douglas.
- 129. (5/21/1988) - History of the ferry FLOSIE.
- 130. (5/28/1988) - The ferry AMY.
- 131. (6/4/1988) - The Queen's Birthday excursions to Whitehorse.
- 132. (6/11/1988) - Discomforts of the Juneau-Douglas ferry service.
- 133. (6/18/1988) - The end of Gastineau Channel ferry service.
- 134. (6/25/1988) - Carrying the mail on Gastineau Channel.
- 135. (7/2/1988) - The Lynn Canal mail route.
- 136. (7/9/1988) - President Harding's visit to Juneau, 1923.
- 137. (7/16/1988) - More on the Harding visit.
- 138. (7/23/1988) - Carrying the mail from Juneau to the Yukon.
- 139. (7/30/1988) - The mail route to Circle City.
- 140. (8/6/1988) - Calhoun Avenue started as the Cemetery Road.
- 141. (8/13/1988) - The Cemetery Road and how it grew.
- 142. (8/20/1988) - Juneau's first Memorial Day.
- 143. (8/27/1988) - The Calhoun dairy ranch and first ball park.
- 144. (9/3/1988) - Improvements to Calhoun Avenue.
- 145. (9/10/88) - CHANGES TO CALHOUN AVENUE.
- 146. (9/17/88) - EARLY MAIL ROUTES.
- 147. (9/24/88) - JUNEAU, BUSINESS CENTER FOR MUCH OF THE PANHANDLE.
- 148. (10/1/88) - THE JUNEAU STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
- 149. (10/8/88) - THE STEAMER GEORGIA.
- 150. (10/15/88) - THE WRECK OF THE MAILBOAT FOX.
- 151. (10/22/88) - THE WRECK OF THE PRINCESS SOPHIA.
- 152. (10/29/88) - THE GOLD CREEK VALLEY
- 153. (11/15/88) - TRAIL TO SILVER BOW BASIN
- 154. (11/12/88) - PACK ANIMALS AND ROADS.
- 155. (11/19/88) - LODE CLAIMS AND NAMES
- 156. (11/26/88) - THE PERSEVERANCE LODE CLAIM.
- 157. (12/3/88) - AVALANCHES.
- 158. (12/10/88) - MUD SLIDES.
- 159. (12/17/88) - RECREATIONAL USE OF THE GOLD CREEK VALLEY.
- 160. (12/24/88) - JUNEAU'S FIRST SIGHTSEEING VEHICLE.
- 161. (12/31/88) - THE COMMUNITY OF PERSEVERENCE.

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- 162. (1/7/89) - JUNEAU'S FIRST LOCAL PASSENGER STAGE.
- 163. (1/14/89) - SNOWFALL AND PASSENGER SERVICE.
- 164. (1/21/89) - THE BASIN ROAD (SILVER BOW BASIN).

165. (1/28/89) - THE COMET MINE.  
 166. (2/4/89) - LOCAL PLACE NAMES.  
 167. (2/11/89) - TELEPHONE HILL.  
 168. (2/18/89) - FIRST JUNEAU SAWMILL.  
 169. (2/25/89) - JORGENSON'S SAWMILL.  
 170. (3/4/89) - THE WORTHEN LUMBER MILLS.  
 171. (3/11/89) - THE JUNEAU LUMBER MILLS, INC.  
 172. (3/18/89) - TALL SAILING VESSELS.  
 173. (3/25/89) - JUNEAU LUMBER MILLS, INC. IMPROVEMENTS.  
 174. (4/1/89) - THE GREAT DEPRESSION.  
 175. (4/8/89) - SAWMILL AND FIRE.  
 176. (4/15/89) - THE JUNEAU SPRUCE CORPORATION.  
 177. (4/22/89) - THE ONE EIGHT FIRE CALL.  
 178. (4/29/89) - THE COLUMBIA LUMBER COMPANY OF ALASKA.  
 179. (5/6/89) - THE TAKU RIVER VALLEY.  
 180. (5/13/89) - THE TAKU SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY.  
 181. (5/20/89) - JUNEAU WAS A MINING TOWN.  
 182. (5/27/89) - SALTERIES PRECEDED CANNERIES.  
 183. (6/3/89) - THE TRAIL TO THE YUKON.COUNTRY  
 184. (6/10/89) - THE DISCOVERY OF GOLD AT ATLIN.  
 185. (6/17/89) - BIG GOLD STRIKE ON PINE CREEK.  
 186. (6/24/89) - THE GOLD RUSH TO ATLIN.  
 187. (7/1/89) - THE TAKU ROUTE TO ATLIN.  
 188. (7/8/89) - THE SALMON CONTINUED TO RUN.  
 189. (7/15/89) - JOHN L. CARLSON.  
 190. (7/22/89) - THE ALASKA BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.  
 191. (7/29/89) - THE VALLEY OF THE TAKU RIVER.  
 192. (8/5/89) - A ROAD FROM TAKU INLET TO ATLIN.  
 193. (8/12/89) - THE DESIRE OF THE ATLIN PEOPLE.  
 194. (8/19/89) - THE FIRST ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK.  
 191. (8/26/89) - WHILE THE TAKU ROAD WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.  
 196. (9/2/89) - CAPTAIN WILLIAM STRONG.  
 197. (9/9/89) - TAKU GLACIER CAMP.  
 198. (9/16/89) - THE PLACE NAMES OF AN AREA.  
 199. (9/23/89) - BISHOP POINT AND GREELY POINT.  
 200. (9/30/89) - TAKU GLACIER IS PRETTY WELL FIXED.  
 201. (10/7/89) - NORRIS GLACIER.  
 202. (10/14/89) - JOHNSON CREEK--ONE OF SIXTEEN.  
 203. (10/21/89) - KOBY'S LANDING ON THE TAKU RIVER.  
 204. (10/29/89) - IN THE LEXICON OF THE OLD-TIME PROSPECTORS.  
 205. (11/4/89) - THE MINERAL POTENTIAL OF THE TAKU REGION.  
 206. (11/11/89) - IT WAS SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 2, 1929.  
 207. (11/18/89) - THE THOUSAND PROSPECTORS.  
 208. (11/25/89) - IN THE SUMMER OF 1928.  
 209. (12/2/89) - MARY JOYCE HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 1935.  
 210. (12/9/89) - IT WAS ON DECEMBER 22, 1935.  
 211. (12/16/89) - THE ALASKA-INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY.  
 212. (12/23/89) - CAPTAIN WILLIAM STRONG.  
 213. (12/30/89) - TESTING A MINERAL LODE.

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- 214. (1/6/90) - THE POLARIS-TAKU MINE.
- 215. (1/13/90) - INTEREST IN A TAKU ROAD.
- 216. (1/20/90) - A CITY OF 20,000.
- 217. (1/27/90) - THE FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
- 218. (2/3/90) - THE LOCAL MAILBOATS OF YESTERYEAR
- 219. (2/10/90) - THE PRINCE OF WALES.
- 220. (2/17/90) - FRANK STARR.
- 221. (2/24/90) - THE BANKING BUSINESS IN JUNEAU.
- 222. (3/3/90) - BERNARD MEENO BEHREND.
- 223. (3/10/90) - MR. AND MRS B. M. BEHREND.
- 224. (3/17/90) - THE KLODNIKE GOLD RUSH.
- 225. (3/24/90) - THE SHEEP CREEK VALLEY.
- 226. (3/31/90) - DIFFERENT NAMES FOR THE SAME PIECE OF GEOGRAPHY.
- 227. (4/7/90) - FRANKLIN STREET.
- 228. (4/14/90) - RICHARD G. WILLOUGHBY.
- 229. (4/21/90) - "UNCLE DICK" WILLOUGHBY.
- 230. (4/28/90) - DICK WILLOUGHBY.
- 231. (5/5/90) - WILLOUGHBY ISLAND.
- 232. (5/12/90) - THE SILENT CITY.
- 233. (5/19/90) - UNCLE DICK WILLOUGHBY.
- 234. (5/26/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 1.
- 235. (6/2/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 2.
- 236. (6/9/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 3.
- 237. (6/16/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 4.
- 238. (6/23/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 5.
- 239. (6/30/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 6.
- 240. (7/7/90) - JANUARY 1918 - PART 7.
- 241. (7/14/90) - JANUARY 1918 - NO. 8
- 242. (7/21/90) - ROCKWELL WAS THE NAME.
- 243. (7/28/90) - HARRIS STREET.
- 244. (8/4/90) - THE NORTHWEST TRADING COMPANY.
- 245. (8/11/90) - DOUGLAS BUILDINGS.
- 246. (8/18/90) - FEBRUARY 1918 - PART 1.
- 247. (8/24/90) - FEBRUARY 1918 - PART 2.
- 248. (9/1/90) - FEBRUARY 1918 - PART 3.
- 249. (9/8/90) - FEBRUARY 1918 - PART 4.
- 250. (9/15/90) - FEBRUARY 1918 - PART 5.
- 251. (9/22/90) - WILLIAM LANGMEAD DISTIN
- 252. (9/29/90) - THE JUNEAU OPERA HOUSE
- 253. (10/6/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 1.
- 254. (10/13/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 2.
- 255. (10/20/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 3.
- 256. (10/27/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 4.
- 257. (11/3/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 5.
- 258. (11/10/90) - MARCH 1918 - PART 6.
- 259. (11/17/90) - APRIL 1918 - PART 1.
- 260. (11/24/90) - APRIL 1918 - PART 2.
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- 262. (12/8/90) - APRIL 1918 - PART 4.
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- 266. (1/5/91) - APRIL 1918 - PART 8.
- 267. (1/12/91) - MAY 1918 - PART 1.
- 268. (1/19/91) - MAY 1918 - PART 2.
- 269. (1/26/91) - MAY 1918 - PART 3.
- 270. (2/9/91) - JUNE 1918 - PART 1.
- 272. (2/16/91) - JUNE 1918 - PART 2.
- 273. (2/23/91) - JUNE 1918 - PART 3.
- 274. (3/2/91) - JUNE 1918 - PART 4.
- 275. (3/9/91) - JULY 1918 - PART 1.
- 276. (3/16/91) - JULY 1918 - PART 2.
- 277. (3/23/91) - JULY 1918 - PART 3.
- 278. (3/30/91) - AUGUST 1918 - PART 1.
- 279. (4/6/91) - AUGUST 1918 - PART 2.
- 280. (4/13/91) - AUGUST 1918 - PART 3.
- 281. (4/20/91) - SEPTEMBER 1918 - PART 1.
- 282. (4/27/91) - SEPTEMBER 1918 - PART 2.
- 283. (5/4/91) - OCTOBER 1918 - PART 1.
- 284. (5/11/91) - OCTOBER 1918 - PART 2.
- 285. (5/18/91) - OCTOBER 1918 - PART 3.
- 286. (5/25/91) - OCTOBER 1918 - PART 4.
- 287. (6/1/91) - NOVEMBER 1918 PART I
- 288. (6/8/91) - NOVEMBER 1918 PART II.
- 289. (6/15/91) - NOVEMBER 1918 PART III
- 290. (6/22/91) - NOVEMBER 1918 PART IV
- 291. (6/29/91) - DECEMBER 1918
- 292. (7/6/91) - FROM, SITKA, I
- 293. (7/13/91) - FROM, SITKA, II

**Folder 2** "Etolin"

**Folder 3** "Early Alaskan sawmills"

**Folder 4** Time in Southeastern Alaska

**Folder 5** [Alaska Newspaper Journalists and Publishers, 1869-1926]

**Folder 6** Alaska Statehood articles, miscellaneous

**Folder 7a** "Gastineau By-Gones 1978-1979"

**Folder 7b** "Gastineau By-Gones 1980-1981"

**Folder 8** Alaska Voyages of USS NEWBERN, *The Sea Chest*, June 2002, p. 160-175.

**BOX 3**

**News of the Gold Camp, 1880-1886.** Bob DeArmond wrote these articles to honor the centennial of Juneau's founding. The daily column appeared in the *Juneau Empire* from January to December 1880. He collected the information from old newspapers and mining records. The series begins on the fifth day of October in the year 1880, with the discovery of gold in the aptly named Gold Creek, by Richard R. Harris and Joseph Juneau. Chief Cowee [Kowee] led the two to the claim. The story continues with claims staked in the area and the discovery of minerals all around the Gastineau Channel area. People connected directly or indirectly with mining in the Juneau region are players in this scenario. The concluding article date is December 31, 1886; it discusses the progress made so far including mills, roads, yields from claims, and the opening of the Treadwell mill across the Channel. Regretfully, it also chronicles the expulsion of Chinese workmen from the area a few months before.

The newspaper clippings themselves, originally donated as part of the Ethel Montgomery Collection (MS 136), were transferred to MS 39 (Box 10). The articles are arranged chronologically, photocopied on acid-free paper, and stored in a 2.5 linear inch manuscript box.

**BOX 4** (Acc. #1991-10)

1. Black record book containing pertinent dates in Alaska history, shipwreck dates, aviation dates, etc. Cities in Alaska listed alphabetically.
2. Notebook containing "The Postal History of Yukon Territory," by R.G. Woodall.

*Cook Inlet papers written by DeArmond for the Attorney General, 1968-1969, Cook Inlet case, to make Cook Inlet an historic bay; lost in Supreme Court:*

Online Access #3-7: <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/cdmg21/id/16963/rec/2>

3. The Fur Trade of Cook Inlet, 1867-1900
4. The Cook Inlet Fishing Industry
5. Cook Inlet Shipping
6. Gold on Cook Inlet
7. Mining on Cook Inlet
8. "Abaft the Beam: A Miscellany from 200 years of Alaskan History," by R.N. DeArmond. Newspaper articles from *The Daily Alaska Fishing News*, Ketchikan, on Alaska steamers, sailing vessels, ships of the north, Ketchikan news, etc. (5 manila envelopes).
9. Red theme book containing deaths and obituaries, mostly pre-1900, from the *Alaska Free Press*, *Juneau City Mining Record*, *Alaska Mining Record*, *Alaska Searchlight*, *Daily Alaska Dispatch*, and *Alaska News* compiled by R.N. DeArmond.

**BOX 5**

## Folders

1. Aviation: Early History, Early Pilots: newspaper clippings, *Antique Airplanes Magazine*, v. 1, no. 1 (1961), *Alaska Sportsman*, July 1943, "History of Pacific Northern Airlines, Inc." Fact sheet: Pan American World Airways, Alaska aviation.
2. Earthquakes:
  - A. "The Alaska Earthquake Of July 10, 1958," reprinted from *Bulletin of The Seismological Society of America*, v. 50, no. 2, April 1960.
  - B. "Giant Waves In Lituya Bay, Alaska, by: Don J. Miller, Geological Survey Professional Paper 354-C, U.S. GPO, Washington, D.C., 1960
  - C. *Daily Alaska Empire* headline page, "Earthquake Kills Three," July 10, 1958.
3. Mount McKinley: Climbing Expeditions:
  - A. Newspaper clippings
  - B. National Park Service brochure, "Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska" [2 copies]
  - C. "The Seventy Mile Kid: Wilderness Superintendent of Mount McKinley Natl. Park," by Grant H. Pearson, 1957. [about Harry Karstens, 1st Superintendent of Mount McKinley National Park]
  - D. "The Taming of Denali: Now Mount McKinley," by Grant H. Pearson, Superintendent (Retired) of Mount McKinley National Park, 1957. [climbing expeditions, 1898-1956]
  - E. "Climbing Mount McKinley: Monarch of the American Peaks," In *Alaska Life*, June 1946.
  - F. "Billy Taylor, Sourdough," by: Norman Bright, *Alaska*, Sept. 1941.
4. Railroads:
  - A. Alaska Northern Railway Company local freight tariff schedules, local passenger tariff schedules (1910)
  - B. "Alaska Central--Alaska Northern Railway: A Review of Its History. -- The Wrecking Of The Property Under The Frost. -- Management, the Receivership, and the Dishonest Reorganization....," -- circular letter written by John E. Ballaine, Seattle, Washington, March 31, 1911.
  - C. Wells Fargo and Company express tariff sheets (1911).
  - D. Copper River and N.W. Railway timetable No. 2, (1910).
  - E. Tanana Valley Railroad Co. passenger tariff (1910).
5. Yukon River - Historical: newspaper clippings
6. Yukon Territory--Historical: A. Newspaper clippings. B. *Yukon Territory*, by: Douglas Leechman, reprinted from the *Canadian Geographical Journal*, June 1950.
7. Captain Joseph Francis Bernard: Biographical information. Sailed schooner, TEDDY BEAR along the northern coast, later settled in Cordova and became the harbor master); b&w photo enclosed--3 ¼ x 4"; letters from Capt. Bernard's cousin, Mrs. Augusta

Bernard Perry, to the editor of *Alaska Magazine*, regarding publication of information about Capt. Bernard.

8. Pelagic sealing:

- Biographies of seal hunters, testimonies of seal hunters, sealing vessels and costs, wages paid, catches of individual hunters, price of seal skins.
- Senate Document, No. 164, 55th Congress, 2nd Session (partial) containing information on pelagic sealing.
- 3. "Fur Seal Industry of the Commander Islands, 1897-1922" by Leonhard Stejneger, Dept. Of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries Doc. No. 986, v. XII, 1925, pp. 289-332.
- Clippings from: *Marine Digest*, 1/21/56 and (Seattle?) newspaper, 12/13/48.

10. Early women legislators and miscellaneous:

- Nell Scott Chadwick.
- Anita Garnick Kodzoff.
- Crystal Snow Jenne.
- Father Segundo Llorente, S.J.
- Manuscript: "Pioneer Klondike Tourist" (By): Arnold and Helen Nelson, 17 p. typed + 20 p. photocopies of photos
- List: "Diocese of Juneau--Some Historical Dates."
- Manuscript: "Life Below Zero," by: Rick Steiner, 20 pp. typed with handwritten conclusion.

11. Governors: Walter Eli Clark and J.F.A. Strong.

12. Miners' meetings: typewritten notes of Juneau area miners' meetings, 1881-1881.

13. E.P. Ziegler, (Alaskan?) artist. "Ziegler In Black & White" (biography) with 8, b&w

14. "Gastineau Bygones." [5 folders, 1979-1981, duplicates] Newspaper columns by Bob DeArmond on early Juneau history.

15. Story of Seward, Part I, Part II, by Jay Stauter, Anchorage.

**BOX 6**

*Folders*

15. Arctic Wildlife Refuge.
16. Atlin.
17. Cook Inlet Gold Rush.
18. Controller Bay -Bering River.
19. Cordova.
20. Kodiak.
21. Seward.

22. Sitka: Pioneers' Home "The Story of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka," by R.N. DeArmond, Chapter One, The Beginning Years, 1913-1918, (13 parts)
23. Whittier.
24. Library, the First Alaskan. "The First Alaskan Library," by C. L. Andrews
25. "310 Sansome St.," by Louis C. Greene, ca. 1930 [Alaska Commercial Company history-photocopy from Bancroft Library Manuscript Collections.]
26. Magazine articles.
27. Clipping.
28. Indexes to *Alaska Journal*.

**BOX 7** Juneau area: cards on people, buildings, businesses, and happenings in early Juneau. 1½ cu. ft.

**BOX 8** Sealing vessels; other cards on Alaska Commercial Company, sea otter hunting, fur trade, etc.

**BOX 9** Sealing captains, miscellaneous data (on sealing).

**BOX 10** NEWS OF THE GOLD CAMP: One blue scrapbook containing the articles that ran in the *Southeast Alaska Empire* in 1980.

**BOX 11** DeArmond interview, conducted by India Spartz, May 20, 1995. [3 cassette tapes: **RESTRICTED, SEE DONOR FILE.**]

**BOX 12 --Part I**

1. Untitled Typescript, 58 pages
2. Note, April 13, 1971
3. Letter, August 22, 1909, to Mrs. B. R. Calhoun [handwritten correspondence: To Mrs. B. R. Calhoun from August 22 through 31, 1909 (subjects include the wreck of the Ohio and incident involving a type of chamber pot known as a "Thunder Mug")]
4. Letter, August 25, 1909, to Mrs. B. R. Calhoun - notation: Ohio Wreck
5. Letter, August 29, 1909, to Mrs. B. R. Calhoun
6. Letter, August 31, 1909, to Mrs. B. R. Calhoun - notation: thunder mug
7. Letter, October 26, 1939, to C. G. Burdick (Civilian Conservation Corps) [Forestry purchases of nails and lumber; including notes on the Massacre of Nulato in 1851 from two sources (W.H. Dall's diary and Frederick Wymper,) and notes on the first white women (Mrs. Fred Riedelle and Mrs. James Bean) in St. Michael's district of Alaska, translated from the French original and circa late 1870's.]
8. Letter, October 8, 1900, U. S. District Court, Second Division
9. Ocha Potter, Alaska "Saga"
10. a. David Gray Reminiscence
10. b. Steller by Frank H. Sloss
11. Schwatka - McIntosh Manuscript, 1883 and 1889

**BOX 12 - Part II****R. N. DeArmond, Papers, donated by Patricia Roppel**

1. "Sitka to Tacoma by Dory," a manuscript by R.N. DeArmond, which was later published (1999) under the title *A Voyage in a Dory: from Sitka to Tacoma by Oars, Sail, and Tow Rope*.
2. "A Northern Notebook," by Bob De Armond; 48 columns published in the *Ketchikan Daily News*, January 5, 1951, through May 18, 1951. The subject matter of the columns revolves around current politics of the times. Topics include the Twentieth Territorial Legislature, the Alaska Statehood Committee, Judge Wickersham, William Egan, bills introduced in Congress, Pioneers of Alaska, political lobbying, Ernest Gruening, state boundaries, the Pioneers' Home, tourism in Alaska, bears vs. people, and the Yakutat and Southern Railroad.
3. Columns written by Bob DeArmond for the *Sitka Sentinel*. Some of the titles are as follows: "Seward's Day" – In 1869, Seward traveled to Alaska on the ACTIVE; "Civil Government Arrives" – On July 4, 1884, President Chester Arthur named John Henry Kinkead of Nevada as Alaska's first governor; "The Court House Gang" – Judge Ward McAllister, Jr., U.S. Marshal Munson C. Hillyer, and U.S. Attorney Edward W. Hackett; "A New Official" --Sheldon Jackson was named Special Agent of Education in Alaska, April 10, 1885; Sitka schools; Transportation to and from Alaska; "Halibut Point" and "Watson Point."
4. "Around & About Alaska, Notes and Comments by Bob DeArmond" : An incomplete set of ten articles, from #13 (October 1, 1991) through #23 (December 17, 1991). Featured in the opening paragraph of many of the columns is a section on "Sitka Names and Places."
5. "94 Years of Ups & Downs: An Economic History of Sitka," published in the *Daily Sitka Sentinel*, in 1993. Twenty columns by Bob DeArmond, out of possibly 25; some are missing. Topics include the following: Mining Boons, Fur Sealing, Fox Farms, Fisheries, 1<sup>st</sup> –Class City Status, Impact of Navy Activity, Post-War Life, Pulp Mill, Lumber Company, Native Crafts, and Tourism.
6. "Sitka's Consent Government, 1867-1873," a speech delivered by Bob DeArmond at the 1995 Alaska Historical Society conference in Juneau.

**BOX 13****R. N. DeArmond, Papers and Photographs, donated by Patricia Roppel**

Folders 1-9 contain 264 issues of Bob DeArmond's "Sitka History Column, titled "From Sitka's Past," which represent the first forty years of Sitka's history under the American flag. Among these, the first 114 columns are structured as essays, focusing largely on one main topic of Sitka history. These topics are listed below. Later, the columns changed from essays into lists of newsworthy items that had been published in *The Alaskan* during a particular time period. Selected issues with discussions of notable people or historical events are also noted below. The columns were numbered by the author/compiler, Bob DeArmond.

Folder 10 contains a letter to the editor of the *Sitka Sentinel*, with R. N. DeArmond's response.

Folders 11-14 contain a compilation of correspondence, notes, articles, and photographs submitted by A. W. Reeder to R. N. DeArmond when DeArmond was editor of the *Alaska Sportsman*. The main topic is the Willow Creek Mining District.

**Folder 1**

- #1 Sitka, summer of 1867
- #2 Overpopulation of Sitka, Summer 1867
- #3 Real estate boom in Sitka
- #4 Goods and merchandise shipped from the Russian American Company warehouse in Sitka, from late 1867 through 1868
- #5 John Henry Kinkead, Sitka's and Alaska's first postmaster and, later, first governor
- #6 General Rousseau arrives in Sitka aboard the OSSIPPEE, October 1867.
- #7 Hurricane hits Sitka, October 37 and 28, 1867.
- #8 William S. Dodge is selected for mayor in Sitka's first election; five city council members, judges, a surveyor, and a recorder are also selected.
- #9 Sitka city limits established and streets named.
- #10 Baranof Castle
- #11 Custom House
- #12 The Barracks
- #13 Henry E. Cutter, mayor of Sitka, remained in Alaska; generally, though, early Sitka government was characterized by rapid turnover in personnel.
- #14 Sitka raises money for improvements by taxing businesses and dog owners.
- #15 Status of liquor in Alaska after the transfer
- #16 Sitka looks for additional sources of revenue.
- #17 Early Sitka schools and teachers
- #18 Pilotage fees
- #19 Early fur traders in Sitka, including Amos T. Whitford

- #20 History of the two-masted schooner LOUISA DOWNS
- #21 The wreck of the 41-ton schooner GROWLER
- #22 Thomas G. Murphy, newspaperman, and first city attorney of Sitka; he began publishing the *Sitka Times* in 1868 and the *Alaska Times* in 1869.
- #23 Emil Teichmann wrote about the fur trade in his book, *Journey to Alaska in the Year 1868*.
- #24 Russians who chose to stay in Sitka after the transfer faced hard times.
- #25 Abraham Cohen, one of Sitka's earliest brewers, arrived in 1868; another early brewery was Rudolph's Brewery, owned by Martin Rudolph [or Rodolphe].
- #26 The Army, which was in Sitka from October 18, 1867, until June 14, 1877, did little good and much harm to the community.
- #27 Michael Sullivan was skipper of the LOUISA DOWNS and then owner of the schooner LANGLEY, both of which were wrecked.
- #28 Early Sitka postmasters: John Kinkead, John Fuller, Phillipson, and Theodore Haltern
- #29 Stories that account for the name Japonski, the island in Sitka's harbor

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- #30 Crew of the steam gunboat SAGINAW harvest coal in Mitchell Bay and other SE locations.
- #31 General Jefferson Davis requested Assistance of SAGINAW to punish Kake villagers for the death of two Sitka traders: Ludwig Maager and William Walker.
- #32 Russian American Company sawmills in Sitka
- #33 Early prospecting activity around Sitka
- #34 First lode claims recorded at Sitka by brothers, Allen B. and Edwin H. Francis; one third interest was sold to Nicholas Haley and another third to Herbert Gaston.
- #35 Nicholas Haley, considered the father of Silver Bay mining
- #36 First outside capitalists to invest in Alaska mining ventures: Baranoff Island Mining Co.
- #37 Customs officers attempt to prevent the smuggling of liquor into Alaska.
- #38 Revenue cutters LINCOLN and WAYANDA
- #39 Revenue cutter RELIANCE, which, along with the LINCOLN and the WAYANDA, was assigned to curtail smuggling and to guard the Pribilof Island seal herds.
- #40 June 14, 1877, the Army at Sitka boarded the mail steamer CALIFORNIA and departed, turning over their buildings and supplies to the Collector of Customs.
- #41 George Holt was the first white man to cross Chilkoot Pass, sometime between 1872 and 1878; later, while working for the Alaska Commercial Co. at Knik Station, he was killed by Natives in a dispute.
- #42 Dr. Sheldon Jackson persuades John G. Brady to travel to Sitka in 1878 as a missionary.
- #43 George Pilz arrives in Sitka on February 9, 1879.

- #44 Voyage of the schooner SAN DIEGO, 1877-78, and deaths of Captain Bishop and crew members, including five Tlingits
- #45 Captain Brown, of the steam gunboat ALASKA, arrived at Sitka on April 3, 1879, conducted numerous interviews, and determined that the call by some white for protection from the Natives was unwarranted.
- #46 Mottrom Dulany Ball, appointed U.S. Attorney for Alaska by President Cleveland
- #47 Nicholas Haley and George Pilz develop mining infrastructure in Silver Bay.
- #48 George Pilz and others stake lode claims at Silver Bay.
- #49 Men who were on the work force at Silver Bay in 1879: William M. Stewart, John Prior, John Lemon, William N. Bennett, Charles Wells, Nicholas Haley, Ferdinand Alisky, James Hollywood, Andrew and Phillip Kashevaroff, and Peter Startzoff
- #50 George Pilz shuts down operations at Stewart lode in 1880, but sends out men to prospect from Prince of Wales Island to Berners Bay.
- #51 First Presbyterian missionary in Alaska: Mr. J. C. Mallory, Jr. or Mrs. A. R. McFarland? Also: John Green Brady meets Rev. Nicolas Metropolsky and George Kostrometinoff
- #52 John Brady, Mrs. A. R. McFarland, and Fannie Kellogg: differing views
- #53 John Brady opens the school in Sitka in mid-April, 1878, and then turns it over to Fannie Kellog while he travels to explore SE and its villages; another missionary, S. Hall Young, arrives in Sitka and marries Miss Kellog.
- #54 Alonzo Eugene Austin, one of the principal founders of Sheldon Jackson College, is brought to Sitka by John Brady.
- #55 Commander Lester Anthony Beardslee and the JAMESTOWN
- #56 Beardslee takes an inventory of the businesses in Sitka, prohibits the importation of molasses (used to make hoochinoo), and appoints Native police officers: Annahootz, Dick, Shukhoff, and Catlaan.
- #57 Gustav Charles Hanus, under the command of Beardslee, charts Sitka Sound in 1879 and 1880.
- #58 Many of the names selected for geographic features of Sitka Sound were the names of men serving on the ship, the JAMESTOWN, including Guertin, Ring, Gillmore, Mertz, McClellan, Katz, Fassett, and others.
- #59 Commander Beardslee kept his sailors busy while the JAMESTOWN was in Sitka; the JAMESTOWN weathered heavy gales while in Sitka harbor in 1867 and again in 1879.

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- #60 Beardslee hired Indian policemen and employed other Tlingits in service of the JAMESTOWN; Beardslee also intervened in conflicts with shamans.
- #61 In the absence of a city government, Beardslee conducted a magistrate court to deal with misdemeanors and an occasional felony; Beardslee was also instrumental in procuring support for the school.

- #62 Beardslee, writing under the pseudonym Piseco, published numerous articles on Sitka in the magazine, "Forest and Stream, Rod and Gun."
- #63 Olinda Austin, daughter of Alonzo E. Austin, opened a school for Native children on April 5, 1880, the first since the fall of 1878 when Fannie Kellogg married S. Hall Young and moved to Wrangell and John Brady returned to New York; Olinda's sister Henrietta taught in the school for white children.
- #64 John Brady continues to advocate for an industrial training school for the Natives
- #65 John McGinn Vanderbilt and the Northwest Trading Company
- #66 Edward de Groff and Walter B. Styles
- #67 Commander Henry Glass relieved Commander Beardslee in command of the JAMESTOWN at Sitka September 13, 1880.
- #68 Under direction of Alonzo Austin, crew of the JAMESTOWN assisted in transforming old Sitka hospital building into a boarding school; the ship's tailor produced 25 uniforms for boys who would live at the school.
- #69 Sitka empties during the Cassiar and Juneau gold rushes; Sitka merchants Patrick Corcoran and James Schmeig move to Juneau.
- #70 Adversarial relationships among the Presbyterian missionaries: Sheldon Jackson, John Brady, and Alonzo Austin; Rev. A. L. Lindsley, Mrs. A. R. McFarland, and S. Hall Young.
- #71 Collector of Customs, appointed by the President: Mottrom D. Ball, Montgomery P. Berry, and William Gouverneur Morris
- #72 Early Chinese residents of Sitka: George Gee and Sing Lee
- #73 Gunboat WACHUSETT, which replaced the all-sail JAMESTOWN, was able to travel more easily to SE villages around, allowing for visits with local chiefs
- #74 Presbyterian missions spread rapidly throughout Southeast; W. B. Styles, teacher at Hoonah, related an experience watching an old blind shaman at work
- #75 Sheldon Jackson Institute burns on January 24, 1882; through efforts of Austin, Jackson, and Brady, a new institute is constructed on 160 acres of land claimed by Brady as a homestead.
- #76 Frederick Pearson replaces Henry Glass as commander of the WACHUSETT and riles the anger of William Morris and Alonzo Austin; Austin relates an incident involving the shaman, One-Eyed Peter who had accused one of Austin's parishioners of being a witch.
- #77 Frederick Pearson sails the WACHUSETT to Wrangell Island and stays in Highfield Harbor for the duration of his term; Morris and Pearson exchange charges against one another.
- #78 History of Indian River Park, later to named a National Monument by President Howard Taft in 1910
- #79 John J. McLean of the Signal Service established a weather station in Sitka on March 30, 1881; in dispatches to two newspapers, McLean reported on local events such as the departure of the WACHUSETT and the 1882 epidemic.
- #80 Recap of the misfortunes suffered by Sitka residents in 1882

- #81 The U. S. ADAMS, under Commander Edgar Clarence Merriman, replaces the WACHUSETT in October 1882; on the way to Sitka, Merriman arbitrates a dispute in Juneau between Treadwell and Irish placer miners, and he raids hoochinoo stills in Kootznahoo (Angoon).
- #82 George Thornton Emmons, Navy officer, collector of Native artifacts, student of Native history, and writer
- #83 William G. Morris, Collector of Customs, urges Commander Merriman to punish the Natives of Killisnoo; on October 23, 1882, the CORWIN fires on the village, destroying homes and canoes.
- #84 The mail steamer EUREKA, bound for Killisnoo, struck rocks in Sergius Narrows, running on a heavy flood tide, April 26, 1883; she was beached and no lives were lost.
- #85 During the summer of 1883, the ADAMS sailed on an inspection tour of Southeast; one of her crew, George Kyrange (Perikles Kyraxis), who had originally come to the U.S. as a steward to Ulysses S. Grant on the VANDALIA, stayed and opened restaurants in Sitka and Juneau.
- #86 Loss of the mail steamer GEORGE S. WRIGHT
- #87 Mystery unresolved as to the fate of GEORGE S. WRIGHT's passengers and crew
- #88 After a fire at the McFarland Home for Girls at Wrangell, it was decided to move some of the girls to the Sheldon Jackson Institute; by summer of 1883, 13 of the 40 students at Sheldon Jackson were girls; Dr. Ayers, from the ADAMS, married Sheldon Jackson's principal teacher, Miss Olinda Austin; and the couple left Sitka shortly after their marriage on July 11, 1884.
- #89 Commander Joseph Bullock Coghlan relieved Commander Merriman of the USS ADAMS on September 14, 1883; Coghlan carried on the hydrographic surveying work, started by Beardslee and carried on by Pearson and Merriman.

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- #90 In 1883, the American Russian Company fishery interests in The Redoubt were sold to the San Francisco firm of Lynde & Hough; they installed W. S. Morrissey as manager and he greatly increased the production of salted salmon and halibut.
- #91 Enthusiasm in Sitka builds for a fishing industry; in 1889 a cannery was built at The Redoubt, and that first year they produced 4,454 cases; by 1896 they put up 15,358 cases.
- #92 Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore visits Sitka in 1893 and writes travel articles that are later published in *Harper's Weekly*, the *New York Times* and, later, *National Geographic*.
- #93 Jack Dalton leaves Sitka with Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, Professor William Libby, Heywood W. Seton-Karr, and Joseph Woods on an expedition to climb Mount St. Elias.
- #94 Congress passes the Organic Act, 1884, giving Alaska a civil government, which resulted in more money for Sitka, the "seat of government," including more

- money for schools; the Sheldon Jackson Institute became the Sitka Industrial Training School; John Brady and his partner in the Sitka Trading Company, Amos T. Whitford, acquired the old revenue cutter RELIANCE, which had been renamed LEO.
- #95 The Sitka Trading Company became the first Alaska company to incorporate; their old revenue cutter, the LEO, Sitka's hometown freight and passenger ship, was fitted with a new steam engine and hauled lumber and other supplies for new schools to be built around Alaska, under the direction of Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the General Agent of Education .
- #96 William Richie Mills entered the mercantile business in Sitka in 1884, and in 1889, he launched a new trading and sealing schooner, christened the SITKA; in 1892, the Mills (father and son) purchased the old Russian sawmill.
- #97 Provisions of the Organic Act, signed into law by President Chester Arthur on May 17, 1884; immediate concerns for the new Collector of Customs, Peter French, was to locate and refurbish office space for new government officials.
- #98 The fourth U. S. Navy vessel to be stationed in Sitka was the PINTA (1884-1897).
- #99 William Millmore, a steward on the PINTA, became a leading citizen of Sitka, opening a hotel and restaurant and acquiring four lode claims in the vicinity of what became popularly known as Billy's Basin.
- #100 William Millmore spends time in government service, first as deputy U.S. Marshal at Wrangell; James Sheakley is first Alaskan appointed governor of the District of Alaska.
- #101 Millmore Mining Company; after his mining efforts came up short, William Millmore followed the gold rush to Nome; in his later years, during WWI, he went back into the Navy.
- #102 Officers attached to the PINTA who stayed for a time in Sitka and elsewhere in Alaska: Henry E. Nichols, Hugh S. Wyman, George Thornton Emmons, and Frederick E. Frobbse
- #103 Christian H. Schaap, clerk on the PINTA, became editor of Sitka's weekly newspaper *The Alaskan*; other from the PINTA who left a mark on Alaska: Richard Beasley, Paul Bohm, Peter Trierschild, and William Quick.
- #104 Lizzie Kinkead, the wife of Alaska's first governor, John Henry Kinkead, published a letter describing her trip to Alaska aboard the IDAHO; she did not remain in Sitka with her husband but returned to her home in Carson City.
- #105 John Henry Kinkead found conditions among Sitka Natives had improved; public buildings, however, had deteriorated and were in need of repair.
- #106 Kinkead restored Native names to towns that had been renamed by the Presbyterians: Jackson became Howkan again, Boyd went back to Hoonah, and Roberts to Klawock; in his report on Alaska to the President, Kinkead recommended that saloons be licensed, that a boundary line between Alaska and Canada be surveyed, and that public schools be built to serve children not connected with the Presbyterians.
- #107 With the passage of the Organic Act, the Sitka Training Institute received federal funding; another source of funding was individual benefactors who offered

- scholarships to sponsor students at the school; recipients of scholarships often adopted the Anglo names of their benefactors.
- #108 Court House Gang –Edward W. Haskett, Munson Curtis Hillyer, and Ward McAllister— arrives in Sitka, 1884.
- #109 The Court House Gang goes after the Presbyterians, advising Native parents to take their children out of the Industrial Training School, and accusing Sheldon Jackson of illegally occupying land in Sitka.
- #110 Sheldon Jackson had friends in high places; President Grover Cleveland had a brother who was a Presbyterian minister and his sister, Ruth, was very active in work of Presbyterian Church; word came to Sitka that Haskett, Hillyer, and McAllister had all been replaced.
- #111 President Grover Cleveland selects officials for District of Alaska; staff increases at Sitka Training School.
- #112 Edward J. Dawne, appointed to replace Judge Ward McAllister, turned out to be a crook and a fraud; he left Sitka in a canoe and was last sighted on January 7, 1886; later, there was a letter from him in Africa.
- #113 Alfred P. Swineford, second governor of the District of Alaska
- #114 Swineford organized the Alaska Publishing company and started up the weekly publication, *The Alaskan*; list of advertisers from the first issue
- #115 Sitka items from *The Alaskan*, November 1885
- #116 Nicholas Haley, tough Irishman and miner, writes about the Silver Bay mining district in the first issues of *The Alaskan*.
- #117 Men who mined at Silver Bay: John Haley and Edward Haley, Thomas C. Doran, and others
- #118 Happenings reported by *The Alaskan* during the month of December 1885.
- #119 Swineford took the PINTA on a 16-day police mission in December of 1885, stopping at Killisnoo, Security Bay, Wrangell, and Shakan; in Killisnoo, Swineford rescued two orphan boys their chief planned to designate as slaves, and he had a medicine man's head shaved for accusing a man of being a witch; at Security Bay, Quanni-na-qua was arrested for his role in the murders that led to the shelling of Kake; at Hakan, Katz-kay-ish was arrested for murder of a woman.

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- #120 Indian law in conflict with military law; letter written to *The Alaska*, January 16, 1886: "Our Legacy from Military Misrule," possibly by assistant U. S. Attorney Willoughby Clark
- #121 Sitka forms a fire brigade in 1884 and, in 1885, Harry Wilde establishes a public library and is elected librarian
- #122 1886 timber law.
- #123 News from *The Alaskan* in January and February 1886
- #124 After the Democratic victory of President Grover Cleveland, Governor Swineford agitated to replace Republican office holders Sheldon Jackson, Special Agent of Education; John G. Brady, U. S. Commissioner; and others.

- #125 News of Sitka and vicinity during February and March 1886
- #126 U. S. District Judge Lafayette Dawson hears two cases involving Indian law; in one case, concerning the legality of slavery and whether Indian customs held sway, the judge's opinion stated that any slave would be released, based upon the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and the Civil Rights Bill of 1866; in the other case, the judge found for the Sheldon Jackson school against a mother who wanted to remove her son from the school. Willoughby Clark represented the slave and the mother of the student; Mott ram Ball was on the other side.
- #127 Sitka and vicinity news for March and April 1886
- #128 News of Sitka from *The Alaskan* in April and May 1886: 3000 pounds of opium seized at Kasaan Bay saltery.
- #129 May-June, 1886: The ANCON, a side-paddle steamer, brings excursionists to Sitka; round-trip fare from Portland is \$100.
- #130 June 1886: A jury of mining men finds for Newman A. Fuller in his suit against Richard Harris.
- #131 July-August, 1886: Trouble in Juneau over Chinese residents
- #132 August-September, 1886: Officers of sealing ships seized in Bering sea are charged in court; M. D. Ball, prosecutor; and, Willoughby Clark, defense attorney
- #133 September-October, 1886: Captain Hunter and Captain William E. George in town off the IDAHO
- #134 October, 1886: Details of the wreck and salvage of the steamer ANCON
- #135 Robert Edward Coontz, a Navy man who spent five years in Sitka and later wrote an autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea." This issue reprints the first half of the Sitka portion of his autobiography.
- #136 Part II from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #137 Part III from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #138 Part IV from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #139 Part V from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #140 Part VI from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #141 Part VII from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #142 Part VIII from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #143 Part IX from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #144 Part X from Robert E. Coontz's autobiography, "Mississippi to the Sea."
- #145 October-November, 1886: Fire in the Presbyterian Mission buildings
- #146 November-December, 1886: Record-setting rainfall
- #147 News of Sitka during January, 1887, as reported in *The Alaskan*
- #148 February, 1887: Samuel Saxman and Louis Paul Pyreau, Wah-koo-se-at, die in canoe accident.
- #149 Editor of *The Alaskan* assaulted by John McCafferty

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- #150 March, 1887: Named members of the fraternal organization known as the Sons of the Northwest; president M. D. Ball; vice president, Edward deGroff

- #151 April, 1887
- #152 April-May, 1887: List of passengers who arrived on the OLYMPIAN, April 26; including Arthur K. Delaney, the new Collector of Customs
- #153 May, 1887
- #154 June –July, 1887: Under orders from Collector Delaney, the schooner LAURA is seized at the Hot Springs, accused of taking seals illegally; on opposite sides of the case: M. D. Ball and Willoughby Clark
- #155 July, 1887: Joseph Zuboff, a Russian Nihilist implicated in the assassination of Czar Alexander II, is living at Killisnoo.
- #156 August, 1887: List of recorded lode claims in Bear Bay and Silver Bay
- #157 August-September 1887: Mottrom D. Ball died on September 13 aboard the ANCON while the steamer was in Tongass Narrows.
- #158 October, 1887: Lieut. Schwatka relates a story, "The Castle Legend," about a ghost in Baranof Castle.
- #159 November-February, 1888: Partial report submitted on conditions in the Ranche
- #160 March-April, 1888
- #161 April-May, 1888: Alaska's first Democratic Convention
- #162 June-July, 1888: Dick Willoughby photographs a city reflected on surface of the Pacific Glacier
- #163 August-September, 1888
- #164 An account by George Broke, member of an expedition to Mount St. Elias, of a 300-mile journey by Native canoe from Yakutat to Sitka, written September 6, 1888
- #165-168 September-December, 1888
- #168 January-March, 1889
- #169 In March of 1889, the new District Judge, John H. Keatley, charged the Grand Jury with discovering whether Native women were preyed upon by white men.
- #170-174 April-October, 1889
- #175 October-November, 1889: list of staff members at the Sitka Industrial Training School
- #176 November-December, 1889
- #177-179 January-May, 1890

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- #180 June-July, 1890: The QUEEN, under Captain James Carroll, arrives in Sitka with 85 passengers, mostly tourists.
- #181 July-August, 1890
- #182 September-November, 1890: Arthur B. McAlpine of Portland brings largest camera ever used in Alaska and takes 175 photographs, including many of Muir Glacier
- #183 November-December 1890: List of officers appointed by Governor Lyman E. Knapp; staff members at the Sitka Industrial Training School; the Snow-Winn Dramatic Company presents theatrical productions in Sitka.
- #184-186 January-May, 1891

- #187 May-July, 1891: Ships bring artists and writers to Sitka: J. F. Muirhead, editor-in-chief of Baedeker's European guide books; J. C. Stuart, artist from New York City; Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore, author of *Alaska, It's Southern Coast and the Sitkan Archipelago*; and T. J. Richardson, Minneapolis artist.
- #188-190 July 1891-January 1892
- #189-192 January-June, 1892
- #193 June-July 1892: The QUEEN, under Captain James Carroll, arrived in Sitka with 240 passengers, mostly tourists; Fourth of July festivities; arrival on CITY OF TOPEKA, the German artist, C. Eisele, who painted Alaska scenes for the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago
- #194-203 August, 1892-February 1894
- #204 On March 17, 1894, the walls of Baranof Castle, collapse during a fire; the Barracks and the Custom House are saved due to efforts of the PINTA crew.
- #205 Christian H. Schaap, editor of *The Alaskan*, died on June 1, 1894. Note from R. N. DeArmond: Following the death of Schaap, *The Alaskan* had a number of different owners and editors before ceasing publication in 1907. . . on the whole its quality deteriorated.
- #206-209 August, 1894-August, 1895

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- #210-211 August, 1895-March 1896
- #212 March-April, 1896: Burton E. Bennett, U. S. Attorney for Alaska, is interviewed by the *Seattle Post Intelligencer*; a part of the interview is reprinted here, including an account of the last Native man held as a slave in Sitka.
- #213 May-August, 1896: Death of Judge John H. Bugbee, former U. S. District Judge for Alaska
- #214-215 August, 1896-January 1897
- #216 January-April, 1897: Census results from a census of Sitka taken by *The Alaskan*
- #217 May-June, 1897: The Tongass and Cape Fox people are in process of moving to Saxman; the first wedding is held in Saxman
- #218 On July 30, after being stationed in Sitka for 13 years, the PINTA sailed for San Francisco; many of her crew decided to stay in Sitka.
- #219 August-September, 1897: Exodus of men, heading to the Klondike diggings
- #220 September-October, 1897
- #221 William L. Distin, Alaska's first full-time Surveyor General arrived on November 5, accompanied by an assistant, O. R. Cannon
- #222- December, 1897-January 1898
- #223 February- April, 1898: After preaching his farewell sermon, the Rev. Alonzo E. Austin and his wife leave for New York.
- #224-228 May, 1898-July, 1899
- #229 Crew of the DORA reports that a large earthquake wave did much damage along the coast on Sunday, September 3; a second series of quakes began on September 10.
- #230-232 October 1899-June 1900

- #233 In the Jul 7 issue of *The Alaskan*, E. W. Merrill advertises photographs of Sitka scenery.
- #234 Judge A. K. Delaney, is elected first mayor of Juneau.
- #235 On October 9, a heavy earthquake, lasting two and a half minutes, hit Kodiak.
- #236 The Natives at the Ranche held a public meeting on December 19 and decided it would be obey their country's laws, do away with clans, chiefs, and other old customs; the vote was 155 to 2.
- #237-239 February, 1901-September, 1901

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- #240 September –November, 1901
- #241 November-December, 1901: Mrs. George Stowell writes about the bells of Sitka, the largest of which weighs 996 lbs.
- #242 December, 1901-February, 1902: Five totem poles from Kasaan, the gift of Chief Son-i-hat, were erected in the park at Indian River Point.
- #243-245 March, 1902-October 1902
- #246 November, 1902-February, 1903: U. S. Marshal James Shoup arranges for the execution in Sitka of convicted murder Homer Bird
- #247 On March 6, 1903, Homer Bird was hanged for shooting one of his gold rush partners, five years earlier, near Camp Dewey on the Yukon River; this column contains biographical information on Homer Bird, his trial, and appeals.
- #248-249 March-September 1903
- #250 General A. W. Greely, head of the Signal Corps, arrived on the U. S. cable ship BURNSIDE on October 1, after laying a cable from Juneau; subsequently, the first message from Sitka went over the wire.
- #251-253 March, 1904-February, 1905
- #254 Sitka acquires a second weekly newspaper, *The Cablegram*
- #255 Tourists, artists, and writers arrive on excursion steamers, such as the SPOKANE, which brought the well-known artist, T. J. Richardson, who reportedly was making his twentieth visit to Sitka; and the GEORGIA, which brought Mrs. Ella Higginson, who was gathering information for a book on Alaska.
- #256 Chichagof Discovery, Part I: a series on gold discoveries and rushes that shaped Sitka. Silver Bay, in 1879-1880, was first; then, in 1885, Sitka men followed the rush to the Hope and Sunrise gold camps on Turnagain Arm. In 1897 and 1898, the Klondike attracted many from Sitka, but none that are known to have made it rich in the gold fields; quite a number of Sitka Natives, however, became packers on the Chilkoot Trail. In 1899-1900, men working Silver Bay mines gave up and went to Nome. In 1905, Native fishermen from Sitka discovered gold at Klag Bay on Chichigof Island.
- #257 Chichagof Discovery, Part II: a series on gold discoveries and rushes that shaped Sitka. On July 7, 1905, four Native fishermen picked up chunks of gold-rich quartz; unfortunately, Natives were not eligible to stake lode claims. Two of the Natives took their find to Edward deGroff, who furnished a boat to George J.

Beck to stake claims in the discovery area. Word got out, and nineteen claims were posted in September of 1905; ten more claims were staked before winter set in.

- #258 Chichagof Discovery, Part III: a series on gold discoveries and rushes that shaped Sitka. On March 15, 1906, *The Cablegram* reported, "The spring exodus to Chichagof has begun." Numerous claims were staked, and some were resold. W. P Mills bought out Alexander Pihl's share of their jointly owned claim for \$5000. Bernard Hirst, with Peter Romanoff and Andrew Dixon, located lodes, which, in time, became the Hirst-Chichagof mine and made Hirst rich.
- #259 Chichagof Discovery, Part IV: a series on gold discoveries and rushes that shaped Sitka. The most famous mines developed on Klag Bay were the DeGroff (or Chichagof) Mine and the Hirst Chichagof Mine.
- #260 Chichagof Discovery, Part V: a series on gold discoveries and rushes that shaped Sitka. Tracking the money from the original claims at Chichagof, most of which were staked by people from Sitka, shows that most of the wealth ended up leaving the area. Edward deGroff earned the biggest fortune from early Chichagof mining, but he died in 1910, and Mrs. de Groff moved to California and Hawaii.
- #261 September, 1905-February, 1906: The SANTA CLARA, carrying 225 passengers, including Jack Dalton, stopped in Sitka, on the way to Prince William Sound.
- #262 On April 30, Wilford Bacon Hoggatt took the oath of office and became Governor of Alaska, announcing he would be moving his office to Juneau.
- #263 August, 1906-March, 1907
- #264 *The Alaskan* ceased publication in 1907; during the next thirteen years, the only paper in Sitka was *The Verstovian*, published by the Sheldon Jackson School, which began publication in 1914.

R. N. DeArmond's closing remarks: "This ends the series of columns on the first 40 years of Sitka's history under the American flag -1867-1907. This is the 264<sup>th</sup> of the series of columns that began on September 13, 1885."

#### Folder 10

- #1 Letter to editor of the *Sitka Sentinel*, from Thayne Anderson, dated October 31, 1985, on the topic of Alaska's first governor, John Kinkead, his relationship to liquor, and the naming of local streets and mountains.
- #2 R. N. DeArmond's response to the above letter.

#### Folder 11

Series of six letters from Al Reeder of Palmer, Alaska, to Bob DeArmond, spanning the dates November 25, 1964, to February 9, 1966. Also, a copy of a single letter from Al Horning of Malibu, California, dated January 10, 1966. All letters concern Al Reeder's research on the Willow Creek Mining District. The first letter in the series contains information identifying the following photographs:

- #1 Independence Mine camp site, showing the superintendent's house, the bunk houses, the power house, and other mine buildings
- #2 War Baby Mine portal, located on slopes of Bullion Mountain, overlooking Craigie Creek, a tributary to Willow Creek
- #3 Mine portals: Lucky Shot, Rainbow, and War Baby; all operated by the Willow Creek Mine Company
- #4 Abandoned mill site of the Gold Cord Mine, built by Gene Bartholf, who was with the Golden Bear Mining Company; in the background is Pinnacle Peak.
- #5 Main portal of the Kelly-Willow Mines in Skyscraper Mountain
- #6 Willow Creek Mining Company power house, which is located up Craigie Creek from the Lucky Shot camp; man sitting in window identified as "Sweazey"
- #7 Kelly-Willow Mine, located in a valley halfway between Lucky Shot and Hatcher Pass; the blacksmith shop is on the left; and the mill is in the center, with the top story an ore bunker and the ground floor for crushing and milling
- #8 Tipal, tailings pile, and camp buildings of the Gold Cord
- #9 Gold Cord mining camp; mess hall, with superintendent's living quarters behind
- #10 Close-up view of the mill building at the Gold Cord camp
- #11 Bunkhouse at the Gold Cord camp
- #12 View of terrain showing tributary creeks running into Willow Creek, forming gullies that were typical locations for early-day placer strikes
- #13 Hand-drawn, ink map of the Willow-Talkeetna Mines, the Matanuska Valley, and the Matanuska Coal Field

## Folder 12

- #1 Draft of an article by A. W. Reeder, "The Willow Creek Road and Some Placer Mining Gold Camps Along the Way, Part I," sent to R. N. DeArmond, editor of the *Alaska Sportsman*
- #2 Draft of an article by A. W. Reeder, "Lucky Shot Gold Mine and Other Points of Interest on the Road Along Craigie Creek, Part II," sent to R. N. DeArmond, editor of the *Alaska Sportsman*

*Note: the following 15 images are accompanied by extensive typed notes on verso*

- #3 Miners at the Gold Bullion Mine, 1918; discovered by William and Byron Bartholf, working out of Knik, the Gold Bullion Mine developed into a paying camp; workers at this camp included George (Al) Ulsh [Ulch], John Loberg, and G. E. (Shorty) Gustafson.
- #4 Fern Mine, 1920; John E. Fern had two claims at the head of Archangel Creek in the Talkeetna Mountains.
- #5 Fern Mine mill, 1926; Gus Anderson, on left, and possibly Arvid Johnson, on right, work a 14-ton Denver mill.
- #6 Miners; Ward Strove, Heiney Snider, and Joseph C. Brassel, 1938.

- #7 George (Al) Ulsh [Ulch] in 1918; for many years, he worked in the Gold Bullion Mine as a superintendent for the Willow Creek Mines Company.
- #8 George Alfred Ulsh [Ulch] in 1925, when he took a lease on the Gold Bullion Mine and worked with Sam Beck, Helge Ness, Otto Laugel, Bill Holland, and Tom Shea.
- #9 Marion Twin Mining Company party, Wasilla, Alaska, May 21, 1927.
- #10 Fishhook Inn, 1928; pictured are Gus Swanson, on right, and Nick Pyal, who poses his pet bear cub on top of a pig.
- #11 George Edlund, Boyd Knudson, and Sharon D. Fleckenstein pose with a mining drill inside the Old Joe Mine, 1935; they prospected the Old Joe, located on the east slope from Archangel Creek, from 1935-1940.
- #12 George Palmer poses with his young Native bride and other Natives in Knik, 1910; Palmer later owned the Knik store.
- #13 J. H. Lander's mountain home in the Little Susitna River valley, ca. 1930
- #14 J. H. Lander's fur farm on the Little Susitna, ca. 1930
- #15 Mr. Clyde Thorpe and her St. Bernard at the Thorpe's mining claim on upper Grubstake Gulch above Willow Creek
- #16 Sharon D. Fleckenstein on top of a tram support at the Webfoot Mine above Archangel Creek, 1938; he later developed his own mining claim into the Old Joe Mine.
- #17 Herning's Knik Trading Company store in Wasilla; left to right: Stanley Herning, O. G. Herning, Mrs. Herning, and Sam Kelly.

### Folder 13

- #1 K. B. Quarters and the K. B. [Klondike and Boston] Company cache at Knik, Alaska; [full nameas shown on certificate in sleeve with copy 2: Klondike and Boston Gold Mining and Manufacturing Company
- #2 Overview of Fern Mine
- #3 Man, said to be Heiney Snider, poses with snowshoes at High Grade Mine, on half mile above Independence and Gold Cord Mines; snow covers all of mine building except for peak. (from Marie Betts, Wasilla, Alaska)
- #4 Mill at Independence Mine, covered with snow(from Marie Betts, Wasilla, Alaska)
- #5 Main camp in foreground, looking toward Matanuska Valley; one of the two 100-man bunkhouses at extreme end toward valley (from Marie Betts, Wasilla, Alaska)
- #6 Bunk and cookhouse, Gold Cord Mine, 1936; 600 feet higher than Independence Mine (from Marie Betts, Wasilla, Alaska)
- #7 Unidentified man outside snow-covered log home

*Note: The following photographs were arranged in a series; some of the images are duplicates of those photographs already listed and described above.*

- #8 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 0, Paddy Marion's camp; photograph by A. W. Reeder

- #9 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 1, Broad Pass; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #10 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 2, Albert Ulch, miner; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #11 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 3, George Edlund, [Boyd Knudson], and Sharon D. Fleckenstein, miner; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #12 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 4, Fern Mine camp; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #13 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 5, Fern Mine mill; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #14 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 6, Gold Bullion Mine; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #15 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 7, Miners; [Ward Strove, Heiney Snider, and Joseph C. Brassel], 1938.; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #16 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 10, Railroad construction, north of Wasilla; photograph by A. W. Reeder
- #17 Willow Creek Mines #1; No. 12, Fishhook Inn [identified elsewhere as the J. H. Lander's mountain home in the Little Susitna River valley, ca. 1930 ; photograph by A. W. Reeder

#### Folder 14

*Note: The following photographs were all taken in August of 1964.*

- #1 Independence Mine portal on east side of Skyscraper Mountain, photographed by A. W. Reeder, August 1964
- #2 Snowbird Mine on Glacier Creek, photographed by A. W. Reeder, August 1964
- #3 Gold Cord Mine, on summit above Fishhook Creek and above Independence mill site; photographed by A. W. Reeder, August 1964
- #4 Mabel Mine, overlooking Little Susitna River; photographed by A. W. Reeder, August 1964
- #5 Independence mill, showing mine portal, high right, on ridge of mountain; photographed by A. W. Reeder, August 1964

*Note: This next series of photographs were all taken in winter in the Hatcher Pass/Willow Creek area; they are numbered sequentially, but they do not have any identifying notes; probably taken by A. W. Reeder.*

- #6 Close-up view of mine buildings with blanket of snow
- #7 Broad view of pass area with mine buildings below
- #8 Plowed road leading to Hatcher Pass area
- #9 Close-up view of mine building
- #10 Mine buildings in snow
- #11 Mine buildings at Hatcher Pass; ski tracks on slope in background
- #12 View looking toward valley; ski tracks crisscross snow in foreground
- #13 Snowy slope covered by ski tracks
- #14 View toward valley
- #15 Road leading down from Hatcher Pass in winter
- #16 View from along plowed road of snow-covered mountains

**Folder 15**

*Note: These next photographs, which were in a separate mailing from Pat Roppel, are also associated with the Alaska Sportsman research on the Independence mine and the Willow Creek Mining District*

- #1 Independence Mine, Willow Creek Mts. (near Palmer, Alaska); [name on verso: J. ? Maycock of Detroit, Michigan]
- #2 Lucky Shot Gold Mine in Willow Creek District; {name on verso: M. L Sharr]
- #3 Independence Mine; credit Palmer Photographic Center
- #4 Independence Mine, Willow Creek District; [probably] F. F. Lawrence Geological Survey
- #5 A typical home of the miners at Independence Mine; photo by Paul Reb
- #6 Winter time at Independence Mine; hills above mine offer excellent skiing; photo by Paul Reb
- #7 Independence Mine; moon over the peak on right; Hewitt's Photo Shop, Anchorage
- #8 Willow Creek District; Herning's placer claim "Grubstake Gulch"; Herning at left of picture, ca. 1898-1902
- #9 "Cache Creek" sluicing; Willow – Talkeetna area
- #10 Hauling lumber in Willow Creek District; [horses are harnessed to stacks of lumber]

**BOX 14**

Two sets of 5" x 8" file cards, arranged alphabetically, with many of the entries including references to specific dates and newspaper articles. One set contains Bob DeArmond's research notes –and some of Patricia Roppel's research notes— on people, places, and events of historical significance in Alaska. The second set of file cards contains Bob DeArmond's notes on the commercial boats that went up the Stikine River and also notes on river boat pilots, companies, etc.

- Set 1**
- Annette Island
  - Austin, E.C.
  - Baldwin
  - Bawden, James
  - Bell Island
  - Bell, Robert Biggar
  - Betton Island
  - Black Wolf Squadron visit
  - Blanchfield Street- Fairbanks
  - Bonnefield Street- Fairbanks
  - Bostwick, Frank Matteson U.S.N.
  - Bostwick Inlet

Brennan Bay  
 Brownson, Willard Herbert Naval Officer  
 Brownson Bay  
 Burroughs Bay  
 Cape Pole  
 Cape Chacon  
 Cassiar  
 Charcoal Point  
 Chichagof (Town & Mining District)  
 Chomly  
 Cholmondeley Sound  
 Clarence Strait (Also William Henry, Duke of Clarence)  
 Clarno's Cove  
 Clover Bay  
 Clover, Richardson  
 Coffman, DeWitt  
 Coffman Cove/Island  
 Cold Bay – Kanatak  
 Complex  
 Coppermount  
 Corbin Point – Hetta Inlet – Harry S. Corbin  
 Coronation Island  
 Crab Canning  
 Craig - Craig Millar – Point Craig – Sir James Henry Craig – Joseph Edgar Craig  
 Cushman Street – Fairbanks  
 Dall Island – William Healey Dall – Captain Christopher Dall  
 Dewey, Theodore Gibbs – Dewey Anchorage – Dewey Rock – Dewey, George  
 Deweyville  
 Dickman Bay  
 Dixon Entrance – Captain George Dixon  
 Dolomi  
 Dotsons Landing – John Dotson  
 Doyhof  
 Duck Creek  
 Duke Island  
 Dunton  
 Eagle Harbor  
 Eardley, B.A.  
 Edna Bay  
 Ekersund  
 El Capitan  
 FIRSTS : [list of first occurrences according to various newspaper sources, ie  
           White woman in Interior, baby born in Fairbanks, golf course, etc.  
 Forrester Island

Forss Island – Captain Eric Forss  
Fortmann Hatchery – Henry Frederick Fortmann  
Gold Creek (hand drawn map)  
Gould, Rev. J. Loomis  
Grace Harbor  
Grant Creek  
Grindall Point  
Grindstone Creek  
Guard Island  
Gypsum  
Hall Street – Fairbanks  
Hannega – Skunk-Kau  
Harris, D. Smith  
Hecata Island  
Helm, James Meredith – Helm Bay  
Herring plants operated in Southeastern Alaska [no. per year- no places]  
Hetta Inlet  
Hofstad Creek  
Hollis  
Hollbrook – Holbrook – Holbrook Harbor  
Hoadley, Milo  
Howcan  
Hudson's Bay Co.  
Huffman Harbor  
Hunters Bay  
Hydaburg  
Hyder  
Kasaan Bay  
Ice House Cove  
Indians – Cannery Strike – Gambier Bay Jim – Taku Jack  
Indians – The Tagcook Totem  
Iniskin  
Isabelle Pass – Isabelle Cleary Barnette  
Jackson Island – Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Johnson Cove  
Jordan Creek – Harry Jordan  
Jumbo Mine – Hetta Inlet  
Kaigani (Iaigani)  
Karheen  
Karta Bay  
Kasaan  
Kasaan Bay  
Kellum Street – Fairbanks  
Kendrick Bay – John Kendrick

Ketchikan – Canneries  
Kiam  
King Island  
Klawock  
Klinquan  
Kosciusko Island – Thaddeus Kosciuszko  
Labouchere Bay – Island  
Lake Bay  
Lake Otis  
Lancaster Cove  
Last Bay  
Lemesurier Island  
Lemly  
Lewis Point, Reef  
Liquor – Revenue Cutter Cosmos – schooner Pearl  
Long Island  
Loring  
Lyman, Charles – Lyman Anchorage  
Mahoney Creek – Joe Mahoney  
Marble Island  
Massacre Bay – Captain Robert Gray  
Marr, Robert Athelston – Marr Mountain  
Marsh, Ensign Charles C. Carlton – Marsh Point  
Mary Island  
Menefee, Daniel Preston  
Metlakatla  
Moir Sound  
Morse Cove – Rock – Mount Fremont Morse  
Moser Bay – Glacier – Island – Jefferson Franklin Moser  
Mosman Inlet  
Mount Abbe – Dr. Cleveland Abbe, Jr.  
Mount Kelez – George Bothwell Kelez  
Mount Shuman – Richard Frederick Shuman  
Myers Chuck – Meyers Chuck  
McCulloch Rock  
McHenry Inlet  
McKenzie Inlet – George McKenzie  
McLean Arm – Walter McLean  
McLeod Bay  
Naptowne  
Niblack Anchorage  
Nichols, Henry Ezra  
Nigelius Point – Carroll Inlet – possibly Vigelius  
Noble Street – Fairbanks – George Noble

Northumberland  
Noyes Island – Slough  
Orchard Lake – Sam – John  
Orr Island – Cyrus Orr  
Paris Creek – Parris  
Patching, Frederick  
Patterson Island  
Pearse Island  
Pennock Island  
Peratrovich Island  
Percy  
Peterson Lake – Creek  
Pittinger, Jacob  
Point Baker  
Point Harrington  
Pond, Charles Fremont – Pond Bay  
Port Chester – Lake Chester – Colby Mitchel Chester  
Port Johnson  
Portland Canal  
Prince of Wales Island  
Red Bay  
Reid, Robert Ingersoll – Reid Bay  
Revilla  
Revillagigedo Island  
Robberies – Blue Parka Bandit “Henderson” – various other robberies reported  
in various newspapers.  
Roe Point  
Rose Inlet  
Saakar  
Saint John Harbor  
Salmon Bay  
Salt Chuck  
Saxman – Samuel – Margaret  
Shakan  
Shipley Bay – John Harry Shipley  
Sholin – Arthur – Ed  
Silvis  
Skowl Arm  
Smeaton, John  
Snow, Albert Sidney – Snow Pass  
Soda Bay  
Southeast Alaska Trade (stories from various newspapers)  
Stanhope, William – Point Stanhope  
St. Phillips Island

Stevenson Island  
Stewart – Andrew, George, James, John, Robert, Frank- Stewart, B.C.  
Streets, Thomas Hale – Streets Island – Lake  
Sukkwon Island  
Sunny Point  
Taku Village (Grindstone Creek)  
Thayer Lake – Jack Thayer  
Thomas, Ashton Wayman  
Thorn, Frank Manly  
Thorne Arm  
Thorne Bay  
Tokeen  
Tolstoi Bay  
Tongass Highway  
Fort Tongass  
Tree Point  
Tremble Bar – Harry Tremble  
Trollop Point  
Tuxekan Island  
Ulloa  
Union Bay  
Valdez Trail 1909-10 Polk Directory – miles from Valdez (roadhouse log)  
View Cove  
Violence up north (stories from various newspapers)  
Wacker - Wacker, Eugene  
Wales Island  
Walkerville  
Warburton Island  
Ward Cove – Wards Cove  
Warde Point  
Wardner City – Jim Wardner  
Warmchuck Inlet – Hecata Island  
Warren Island  
Waterfall  
Whipple, Dan  
White, Ensign William Porter – White Point – White Reef  
Whittier  
Woewodski Island  
Yankee Cove  
Yankee Basin  
Yes Bay  
You-ka-hon

**Set 2 Stikine River File**

Alaskan (Steamer)  
B & B (Barrington)  
Barrington, Sid  
Barry's Bar  
Big Chief (gas power boat)  
Black Fox (power boat)  
Boundary (gasboat)  
Boundary (between US & BC)  
Buck's Bar  
Caledonia (Steamer)  
Callbreath, Cook & Co.  
Callbreath, J. Frank – Frank "Groundhog" Jackson – Lewis Kirk  
Canadian (Steamer)  
Carpenter's Bar  
Casca (Steamer)  
Cassiar & Interior – Wrangell & Stikine  
Cassiar District – airplanes  
Cassiar – Ashcroft Trail  
Cassiar Country – Mining  
Cassiar Country – Misc. – Dan Kean – William Foster  
Cassiar – Railroad  
Cassiar – Teslin Trail  
Columbian (steamer)  
Courser (steamer)  
Description – Stikine River  
Distributor (steamer)  
Dryad Affair, etc. – Stikine River  
Duchesnay (steamer)  
Eagles Crag Mountain – Stikine River  
Ellis Hot Springs, discover – Stikine River  
Elwood (steamer)  
Farm Island – Wrangell  
Fishery – Stikine River  
Flannery, David – Wrangell-Misc.  
Geology – Stikine River  
Glenora (town) – Wrangell & Stikine  
Glenora (steamer)  
Gipsy Queen (scow steamer)  
Hamlin (steamer)  
Hazel B. No. 1, 2, 3, & 4  
Hazelton (steamer)  
Hudson Bay – Russian American Co. agreement  
Hudson Bay Company

Indians – witchcraft  
Iskoot – Iscoot (steamer) – Stikine  
Iskut River  
Jackson, No-Kill or Groundhog Jackson – Stikine  
Judith Ann  
Karen (river boat)  
Lady of the Lake (steamer)  
Louise (steamer)  
Marie (river boat)  
Martin, Peter – incident  
McConnell (steamer)  
McDame Creek  
Miscellaneous – Wrangell & Stikine  
Mona & Glenora (steamers)  
Mono (steamer) – Wrangell-Stikine  
Mono (river steamer) – Alaska Panhandle  
Monte Cristo (steamer)  
Moore, William – Stikine-Cassiar  
Mount Royal (steamer)  
Mountains of British Columbia  
Nahlin (steamer)  
Nahlin (Telegraph II)  
Navigation – Stikine River  
Nellie (American steamer 1878)  
Ogilvie (steamer)  
Olgivie & McConnell (plus Dawson)  
Otter Point  
Pencovic, Dr. F. H. – Destitute prophet  
Port Simpson  
Pritchett, J. W.  
Railroad  
Ramona (steamer)  
Railroad – Yukon & Teslin Lake  
Samson (snag boat)  
Shakesville – Wrangell & Stikine  
Sisters, The – Also The Doctors  
Shakesville, etc.  
Skagit Chief (steamer)  
Stikeen Chief (steamer)  
Stikine River – Mining  
Stikine Route  
Stikine River – Transportation  
Stikine River – Winter travel  
Strathcona (steamer)

Tahltan (Hudson Bay Co. steamer)  
Tartar (British steamer)  
Telegraph (boat)  
Telegraph Creek  
Telegraph Line  
Trapping – Stikine River Country  
Tyconda (steamer)  
Vedder  
Victorian (steamer)  
Winifred (river boat)  
Wrangell – (history, boats docked, etc.)  
Wrangell – Church of St. Rose of Lima  
Wrangell – Cold Storage  
Wrangell – Indians  
Wrangell – mail routes  
Wrangell – misc.  
Wrangell Outfitting Point  
Wrangell – Sawmill  
Wrangell – Shipping  
Wrangell – Shoemaker Bay Industrial School  
Stikine River misc.