

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Enckell, Jarl

Lutheran Church Mission Papers, Sitka, Alaska, 1840-1845

MS 48-1

4 volumes (photocopies)
0.4 linear ft.
8 folders

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ACQUISITION: Gift of Sitka Historical Society, 1980.

ACCESS: Collection is open to research.

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the folder level. All items have been placed into pH-neutral folders and then into an archival box.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The original documents are with Jarl Enckell, resident of Helsingfors, Finland; who provided copies of manuscripts and related publications with some translation from Old Swedish by Dr. Joseph O. Rude and others.

File includes photocopies of typescript by Jarl Enckell for a book (or books?) he was writing concerning New Archangel at the time of Etholen's governorship, and the founding of the Sitka Lutheran Church, with working title Sitka 1840-1845, sent to Isabel Miller, Sitka Historical Society, while in progress. Some copies are translations of text by Dr. Joseph O. Rude.

Partial contents: 1. — Finlandare I Sitka, 1840 1845, utdragen samrnanstallda, 2. Finlandare I Sitka under 1840 talet, 3. Alexander Gavrilov, 1818 - 1848.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection includes photocopies of letters, diary entries, biographical data, publications, photographs, and other material concerning the Lutheran missionaries from Finland and others who were in Sitka in the 1840s, this includes a member of the Enckell family. The material provides an account of Russian America with major files on the missionary Uno Cygnaeus; Johan Bartram and Alexander Frankenhæuser, naval officers in the Russian service; Russian American governor Arvid Adolf Etholen and his wife, Margreth; and Reinhold Ferdinand Sahlberg, a doctor with the Russian American Company. Photocopy of copy held at Sitka Historical Society.

SUBJECTS

1. Cygnaeus, Uno, 1810 - 1888.
2. Sahlberg, Reinhold Ferdinand, 1811 - .
3. Gavrilov, Alexander 1818 - 1848.
4. Etholen, Arvid Adolf, 1799 - 1876.
5. Etholen, Margreth, d. 1894.
6. Frankenhæuser, Alexander, Dr.
7. Bartram, Johan, 1809 - 1865.
8. Russian Americans--Alaska.
9. Russians — Alaska — History--19th century.
10. Missionaries — Alaska--Sitka.
11. Lutheran Church — Alaska — Sitka--Missions.
12. Sitka (Alaska)--History.

INVENTORY

Folder 0

Sitka 1840-1845

Finländare I Sitka: under 1840 – talet av Jarl Enckell

Folder 1

Includes descriptions of the voyage to Sitka on the ship “*Nikolai*” and the procurement of a brigantine vessel in Valparaiso, dubbed “*Constantin*.”

Sahlberg (physician/biologist assigned to North American Company) – biographical information and copies from his journal, 1840-1841.

Folder 2

Further typescripts from Enckell’s book which include more details of the voyage, and a biography of Bartram.

Transcripts of letters from Bartram to Michael & Sophie Schwartz about his sister-in-law’s (their daughter) engagement to Alexander Gavrilov.

Uno Cygnaeus biography

Etholen biography

Cygnaeus in Sitka: diaries and letters

Folder 3

Likely three identical copies of Bartram’s biography and description of the voyage to Sitka, as well as copies of translated letters from the “*Borga Times*” (author not identified in English)

Folder 4

Letter to Isabel Miller with news and chapter notes; “replacement” pages from earlier typescript edition (it appears I.M. didn’t replace pages as instructed, but made an entire new copy). Another copy of part of the letter translated from the “*Borga Times*.”

Folder 5

Alexander Gavrilov, 1818-1848 by Jarl Enckell, 1980

Typescript. Biography and letters. Gavrilov died in Sitka, cause unknown, four years after his marriage to Wilhelmina “Minnie” Schwartz, Bartram’s sister-in-law. Papers related to Folder 2? Includes photocopies of photographs from Sitka’s Russian Cemetery (of Gavrilov’s grave?)

Folder 6

Duplicates contents of Folder 5?

Folder 7

Cygnaeus in Sitka, 1840-1845

Contains a register page for and copies of Cygnaeus' letters from Sitka. Register indicates place/date/no. of pages/ legibility (graded poor, fair, good), and whether letters are copies of originals or transcriptions, and whole or part. The copies of the original letters are uniformly poor.