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Guide to Collection

White, John Wesley, 1829-1892

**Papers of Captain John W. White and Dr. James T. White of the U.S. Revenue Cutter
Service, 1877-1902**

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Scope and Contents Note

This collection is a photocopy of papers of Capt. John Wesley White (1829-1892) and physician James Taylor White (1866-1912), who were father and son and officers in the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service.

The collection includes a letter book (1877-1878) of Capt. John W. White's, from his service on the Steamer THOMAS CORWIN, which covers lifesaving station management in California, Oregon and Washington.

The James T. White papers consist of records and journals kept from 1900-1902, while he served as surgeon and quarantine officer on the U.S.S. NUNIVAK. The papers describe life at St. Michael and include a descriptive account of the cruise in 1900 up the Yukon River to the winter station at Fort Shoemaker near Steven's Village. White made detailed ethnographic and historical notes on the region, There are daily weather records fog St. Michael and Fort Shoemaker; also some Yukon navigation data for St. Michael and Holy Cross Mission.

Inventory

- Folder 1 Capt. John W. White. Record of Letters, Str. THOMAS CORWIN. October 20, 1877-July 11, 1878.
- Copy of his correspondence relating to maintenance of lifesaving stations along coasts of California, Oregon and Washington.
- Folder 2 (In hand of) James T. White. February 7, 1900.
- Unfinished letter to his mother describing his trip to the Philippines in 1899.
- Folder 3 James T. White. Record of the Yukon River expedition on the U.S.S. NUNIVAK. August 12, 1900-September 26, 1900.
- Detailed notes on native population, health, culture at St. Michael and along the Yukon River. Also includes notes on natural history, geography and regional history, including Russian and religious influences.
- Folder 4 James T. White. Record of the Yukon River expedition on the U. S. S. NUNIVAK. August 13,1900-January 31, 1901.
- (less expanded version of folder 3).
- Folder 5 Private Property Notebook, J.T. White. S.S. NUNIVAK. August 13, 1900-August 30, 1901.
- (Draft/field notes for record of Yukon River expedition).
- Folder 6 James T. White. August 13, 1900-January 31, 1901.
- Unfinished letter relating events during quarantine at St. Michael and cruise of U.S.S. NUNIVAK up the Yukon River. (Pages are out of order).
- Folder 7 Journal of the U.S.S. NUNIVAK. August 11, 1901-October 2 , 1902. Entries by E. Blake, 3rd Lieut., Willam J. Wheeler; 3rd Lieut. and James T. White.
- Brief daily weather, activity and personnel records for duty station at St. Michael. Includes schedule of steamer activity.
- Folder 8 Journal of the S. S. NUNIVAK. February 10, 1902-July 19, 1902.
- (Same as folder 7).
- Folder 9 Journal of the S. S. NUNIVAK. October 26, 1901--October 8, 1902.

(Rougher copy of folder 7).

Folder 10 U. S. Revenue Cutter Service notebook (no year indicated).

Record of liquor and cigar purchases and price lists.

Folder 11 James T. White. No date.

Miscellaneous ethnographic notes.

Yukon River navigation data for St. Michael and Holy Cross Mission (1889-1898); records freezing/breakup, first and last steamer. This data was kept by Rev. Francis Barnum.

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Notes on White's trip to Hawaii and the Philippines in 1899.