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Guide to Collection

Chisholm, Kenneth

**Kenneth Chisholm papers:
Including Alaska Expedition with Father B.R. Hubbard,
1930-1938**

MS 50

10 folders, 98 items
0.4 linear ft.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Between 1930 and 1938, Kenneth Chisholm was one of the university students from Santa Clara University who accompanied Father Hubbard on his expeditions exploring and photographing Alaska. Trips included the Aniakchak River area after leaving Chignik in 1930, 1935 to Taku Glacier area, 1937 - 1938 King Island and Arctic Villages .

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

These papers include some writings of Kenneth Chisholm on his Alaska experiences, Alaska material collected by him including a census of King Island in 1938 and weather reports of the area; also copies of reports of Alaska and Siberian villages in 1937 by Lt. Commander R. C. Sarratt of the Revenue Cutter *Northland*.

Letters received by Kenneth Chisholm from 1938-1939 are from his future wife, Lucile, and other letters document his efforts to locate employment.

Photographs taken in Alaska by Kenneth Chisholm and others are in photograph collection album - PCA 105. For more information see also Aniakchak: Largest Explosive Crater In the World (DVD 283) and Mush, You Malemutes! (DVD 184).

INVENTORY

FOLDER 1 Kenneth Chisholm's writings on Alaska. 3 items

- 1-1 The first of eight years with Father Hubbard. Exploration of Aniakchak crater and region.
- 1-2 Fort Yukon, Alaska. July n. d.
Describes the way of life of Mrs. Bergland and her three daughters who live in a cabin 280 upriver, run trap lines and make an annual trip to Fort Yukon to sell their furs. They have five dog teams and Jon Roberts an elderly man has helped the women. Life in the wilderness is discussed and the end of the account notes Mrs. Bergland and Mr. Roberts plan to marry.
- 1-3 Nome [1937]
Impressions and description of Nome following trips to the community. Includes topography, buildings, utilities, Eskimo culture, schools, etc.

FOLDER 2 Letters received by Kenneth Chisholm from friends, job inquiries, and publishers, 1938-1939. 23 letters

Includes letters from friends from expeditions, Charlie Fowler, Midget and Hugh Shwab. Also Charles Mayac, Nome, dated September, 25, 1938 (wishing Chisholm well on his marriage, let Mayac know if anyone needs ivory carvings and general comment.

2-13.) A.S. McIntyre, Calmec Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, September/October, 1938 (Letters relative to job possibilities. 2-16,17,18.) B. R. Hubbard, S. J. , New York, dated December 10, 1938 (comments on expedition materials, in process of paying the expenses, lectures, commends Chisholm on his work with him and offers to help with job search. 2-20.)

FOLDER 3 Letters to Kenneth Chisholm in San Francisco, from his fiancée, Lucile Lockwood, Seattle, July 1938-September 1939. 14 letters

Personal doings, encouragement Ken in search for work, typing Ken's writings on Alaska experiences, and wedding plans.

FOLDER 4 Clippings about the Alaska expeditions with Father Hubbard, 1930, 1935, and 1938. 15 clippings (primarily from San Francisco paper and a few references to Chisholm's football days in college.) 15 clippings

FOLDER 5 Eskimo Language grammar and vocabulary.
Grammar (Eskimo - English) 8 p. typescript
Vocabulary (English - Eskimo) 36 p. typescript (2 copies)

FOLDER 6 Freight and transportation bills. 3 items

- 6-1 McCormick Steamship Co. freight bill
- 6-2 Passenger & Steerage Seward to Chignik
- 6-3 Alaska Steamship Co. cargo check on Steamer Derblay to King Island

FOLDER 7 Miscellaneous. 13 items.

Vessel certificates (3)
My Alaska cruise (booklet)
Eskimo handicraft. A Polet, Nome
On memorandum - fox furs from Charles Goldstein, Juneau to Fur Craft, S. F.
Honorary Order of Arctic Adventures (membership card)
Payment for men making skin boat - Phillip Tataguna, and Charles Avlacanna (Chief)
Happy Birthday, Ken, March 29, 1938, from Paul Tuilana? [8 drawings of Arctic animals]
[Eskimo name lists]
Pilot permit
Alaska map, postcard and Stamps
Sourdough Roadhouse, Nome [Stationery with house rules]
Telegram - re: shipping suitcase

FOLDER 8 Reports of Commander F.A. Zeusler of the Revenue Cutter Northland and Sociological studies of northern villages by Lt. Commander R. C. Sarratt, 1937. 23 items

- 8-1 Cruise of Northland 3 June 1937. (Zeusler)
- 8-2 Cruise report, 5 June 1937 to 19 July 1937 to Commander, Bering Sea- Patrol. (Zeusler)

- 8-3 Report of observational of villages in Siberia. 31 July 1937. (Zeusler) Describes 3 Siberian villages: Natepelmer, Nuokan, and Ugelen. 2 copies
- 8-4 East Arctic coast - Demarcation Point to Barrow, 1936-1937. (27 villages listed showing population of natives, whites, fuel, fur catch, food, births and deaths)
- 8-5 Sociological study of Egavik 1937. (Zeusler)
- 8-6 Sociological study of Elim
- 8-7 Sociological study of Gambell
- 8-8 Sociological study of Golofnin
- 8-9 Sociological study of King Island
- 8-10 Sociological study of Little Diomede
- 8-11 Sociological study of Nash Harbor, Nunivak Island
- 8-12 Sociological study of Point Hope
- 8-13 Sociological study of Point Lay
- 8-14 Sociological study of Savoonga
- 8-15 Sociological study of St. Michael
- 8-16 Sociological study of Skatolik
- 8-17 Sociological study of Stebbins
- 8-18 Sociological study of Teller
- 8-19 Sociological study of Teller Mission
- 8-20 Sociological study of Tin City
- 8-21 Sociological study of Unalakleet
- 8-22 Sociological study of Wainwright
- 8-23 Sociological study of Wales

FOLDER 9 King Island census. 1938

FOLDER 10 Weathers reports, King Island, December 1937 July 1938; Diomede Island, January - June 1938.