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Troy, John Weir, 1868-1942

Correspondence with the Thiel Detective Service concerning the past history and citizenship investigation showing Governor John Alexander Strong to be a British subject, also related letters, 1918 January-March

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John W. Troy worked in the newspaper field and as a county official in Clallam County, Washington before coming to Alaska. From 1897-1907 Troy was publisher and editor of the Skagway Daily Alaskan, then publisher and editor of the Alaska-Yukon Magazine from 1911-1912. He became editor of the Daily Alaska Empire in Juneau in 1913 and its owner in 1914. From 1919 to 1922 he served as Collector of Customs for the District of Alaska. In April 1933, Troy was appointed Alaska's Twelfth governor serving through 1939. Troy died May 2, 1942 and is buried in Juneau.

While publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire, Troy investigated the birth record and personal history of Governor J.F.A. Strong of Alaska. He discovered Strong to be a Canadian citizen and not qualified to be Governor of Alaska.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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SUBJECTS

Alaska--Politics and government--1867-1959.
Troy, John Weir, 1868-1942--Correspondence.

INVENTORY

1. Grigsby, George (Alaska Attorney General) Juneau, letter dated Jan. 2, 1918 to Charles A. Sulzer, Alaska Delegate to Congress. (1 page)
2. [Thiel Detective Agency] Re: J.F.A. Strong. A-1088. Jan. 4-8. N. Y., Jan. 10, 1918. (7 pages)
3. Dession, Edward E., Asst. General Manager, Thiel Detective Service Co., New York, letter dated Jan. 28, 1918 to John Troy, Washington, D.C. (1 page)
4. Troy, John, Washington D.C., letter dated Jan. 29, 1918 to E.E. Dession, Thiel Detective Service Co., N.Y. (3 pages)
5. Gregory & Winslow, Barristers and Solicitors, Fredericton, N.B., letter dated Jan. 25, 1918 to Edward Dession, Thiel Detective Service Company, N. Y. (2 pages)

6. Western Union Telegram to Edward E. Dession from Gregory and Winslow. Telegram dated Jan. 26, 1918. (2 pages)
7. Telegram to John Troy from daughter, Helen, dated Jan. 31, 1918. (1 page)
8. Correspondence from Edw. E. Dession, of the Thiel Detective Service Co., to Mr. John W. Troy, dated Jan. 31st, 1918. (1 page)
9. Correspondence from Edw. E. Dession, of the Thiel Detective Service Co., to Mr. John W. Troy, dated Feb. 1, 1918. (1 page)
10. Re: J.F.A. Strong, A-1088, Feb. 4, 1918. N.Y., Feb. 5, 1918. (1 page)
11. Correspondence from Edw. E. Dession, of the Thiel Detective Service Co., to Mr. John W. Troy, dated Feb. 5th, 1918. (1 page)
12. Correspondence from Edw. E. Dession, of the Thiel Detective Service Co., to Mr. John W. Troy, dated Feb. 7th, 1918. (2 pages)
13. [Dession, Edward E.], letter dated Feb. 7th, 1918 to Gregory & Winslow, Fredericton, N.B. (1 page)
14. Grigsby, G.B., telegram dated Feb. 17, 1918 to Chas S. Sulzer, Washington, D. C. (1 page)
15. Sloane, L.O., telegram dated March 6th, 1918 to John Troy, Juneau Alaska. (1 page)
16. Pat, telegram dated March 6th, 1918 to John Troy, Juneau Alaska. (1 page)
17. Richardson, W.H., telegram dated March 7, 1918 to John Troy, Wash., D.C. (1 page)
18. Grigsby, G. B., telegram, MCH 7 - 18 [March 7th, 1918], to John Troy, Washington, D. C. (2 pages)
19. Grigsby, G. B., telegram, Mar 21, 1918, to John Troy, Hotel Seattle WASH. (1 page)