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**United States. Steamboat-Inspection Service**

**Records of the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service, 1906-1909**

**MS 083-01**

5 volumes

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**Historical Note**

The Steamboat Inspection Service was created by an Act of Congress on June 28, 1838 which authorized the President to appoint three persons to detect causes of explosions in steam boilers. The Act of February 28, 1871, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to establish boards of local inspectors. The Bureau of Navigation was created by an act of Congress, July 5, 1884 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Treasury and in 1903, jurisdiction was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor. Steamboat Inspection Service and Bureau of Navigation consolidated June 30, 1932, forming the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection. The name was changed by congressional act, May 27, 1936, to Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation.

Regulation of commerce and navigation in Alaska included establishing a board of local inspectors of steam vessels, April 21, 1898 (30 Stat. L., 360. R.S., 4414, amended). On April 9, 1960, inspection districts were established at Juneau and Saint Michael, Alaska; one inspector of hulls and one inspector of boilers. (34 Stat. L., 106) Additional records may be found on microfilm, MFAR 30.

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### **Inventory**

The records described in this inventory are from the Office of Local Inspectors, ports of Juneau and St. Michael, Alaska. (5 vol., 0.725 lin. ft.)

Vol. 1-4          Index of Licenses, Port of St. Michael, 1906-1909.

Licenses issued to engineers (Vol. 1), masters of vessels (Vol. 2), mates (Vol. 3), pilots (Vol. 4) operating in Alaska. Includes date of license, name, number of license, grade, renewals, number of old records, name of boat on which employed at date of last license, and route for which license was issued.

Vol. 5          Chronological File of Letters Sent, Port of Juneau, Alaska. 1906-1907.

Copies of letters sent by local inspectors concerning notification to steamboat operators regarding vessel inspection; license applications; vessel name changes; interagency letters; letters to other government agencies; and miscellaneous letters.

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**United States. Bureau of Land Management. Alaska State Office**

**General Land Office status book, 1905-1956**

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1 volume

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**Scope and Contents Note**

Ledger includes applications for mineral patents, Native allotments, homesteads, millsites, mission sites, townsites and others in the Tongass National Forest. Also includes a list of Rights-of-way. Type of patent (homestead, mineral, Native allotment), name of patentee, address, description of land, date/notations, and serial number are listed.

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**United States. Federal Highway Administration Alaska Division**

**Alaska records describing the work of the U.S. Alaska Road Commission, 1915-1957,  
and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, 1963-1974**

**MS 083-03**

4 boxes  
3.4 linear ft.

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**Scope and Contents Note**

These records primarily include scrapbooks of newspaper clippings describing the work of the U.S. Alaska Road Commission, 1915-1921 and U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, 1963-1974.

Includes miscellaneous records concerning the Savage Bridge Project in Mt. McKinley National Park (1950's-1960's); earthquake damage to the highway system in 1964; several project engineer field diaries for the Starrigavan Bay Crossing, Sitka Highway.

## Inventory

Series I. Scrapbooks. U.S. Alaska Road Commission. (5 vol.) Includes newspaper clippings of Alaska Road Commission, personnel, editorials. Alaska newspapers from Cordova, Valdez, Fairbanks, Ruby, Anchorage, Wrangell, Juneau, Chitina, etc. are included; also Seattle and New York.

### Box 1

Vol. 1. 1915-1917. Includes undated letters to Major Davison; Col. W. P. Richardson from Duncan W. Stewart (Seward, dated September 16, 1916); articles, editorials relating to James Wickersham and his political campaign. Excerpts from *Fairbanks Evening Alaskan* inside cover.

Vol. 2. 1920-1921.

Vol. 3. 1921.

Vol. 4. August 1948 - October 1951. Includes monthly publication of University of Alaska, July 1949; news articles from Edmonton, Prince Rupert and Terrace, Canada.

Vol. 5. November 1951 - August 1957.

Series II. Scrapbook. U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. (2 boxes, 6 vols.) Newspaper clippings from various Alaska newspapers concerning the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, State Department of Highways, Anchorage Earthquake of 1964, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, Haul Road and Marine Highway System.

### Box 2.

Vol. 1. August 1963 - February 1967. Newspaper clippings, 1961-1962; information on Alaska State Ferry System and State Department of Highways, Alaska.

Vol. 2. March 1964 - May 1966. Alaska Earthquake of 1964; excerpt from *American Legion Magazine* and other Alaskan newspapers.

Vol. 3. February 1967 - November 1968. Fairbanks flood of August 1967.

### Box 3

Vol. 4. November 1968 - May 1971. Includes extensive news stories on North Slope Haul Road and Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Some stories on Knik Arm crossing.

Vol. 5. June 1971 - 1972. Newspaper clippings on Trans-Alaska Pipeline, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

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Vol. 6. February 1973 - 1974. General information on U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Series III. Miscellaneous.

Box 4.

Folder 1. Savage River Bridge, Mt. McKinley National Park. (5 items) Includes proposal and contract 1950; final report with photos; correspondence; 1961 field diary; 1970 letter to D. F. Bolton, Bureau of Public Roads.

Folder 2. Earthquake damage to highway system, 1964. Memos and route references.

Folder 3. Project engineer diaries of W. T. Perkins on Starrigavan Bay Crossing, Sitka Highway, 1964. File includes Book 2, 9, 10, 12, and 15.

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**United States. Dept. of Justice**

**Records concerning a law case of the United States vs. John F. Malony, et al. (no. 1146-A), involving desecration of graves at Juneau in 1914**

**MS 083-04**

4 folders  
22 items

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**Historical Note**

In April, 1914, W.G. Beattie, District Supt. of Schools at Juneau, was contacted by a group of Natives and other persons to seek help as a number of native graves had been desecrated in the old cemetery site. According to Mr. Beattie, the burial ground, along the embankment that leads to Gold Creek Canyon, was used by whites as well until approximately 1891. Some graves were moved to a new cemetery but approximately fifty graves remained at the old site. While a mineral claim was filed in the area in 1887, little work was done. On March 25, 1899, this claim (fraction lode) was located as a mining claim by J.F. Malony, John Olds and L.L. Williams and recorded June 10, 1899. It was surveyed April 22-27, 1907, and patented June 21, 1909 with a plat in the U.S. Land office marked Serial no. 075. The plat also designated "old graves scattered in this area." The land was put on the market and sold as town lots by J.F. Malony, J.H. Cobb and their associates. Excavation of a residence for F.J. Wettrick unearthed the graves. Henry Phillips, a native, contacted Deputy Marshall Hector McLean and W.J. Lewis, Special Agent of the General Land office, who inspected the site and arranged recovery of the grave remains which were taken to the court house. Mr. Beattie recommended that the Secretary of the Interior request an investigation and that immediate action be taken to protect the graves. Other government officials wrote in this regard as well as S. Hall Young, Special Representative

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of the Board of Home Mission for Alaska, and James H. Condit, Presbyterian General

Missionary for Alaska.

The records include an abstract on the Fraction Lode claim patent and plat map showing the land and general gravesite in dispute and notes for a legal case that were probably prepared by the U.S. Attorney. A "Memorandum for Mr. Warren" concerning the case and a brief citing various precedent case decisions are included.

The decision to the case is not included in the collection or in ALASKA REPORTS for 1914-18.

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Folder 1. Letters, May-Oct. 1914. 15 items

1. Telegram dated May 16, 1914 from Davidson Juneau to Gov. Strong, Washington, D.C.
2. Letter dated June 10, 1914 from P.P. Claxton (Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Education) Washington, D.C. to Clay Tallman (Commissioner, General Land Office).
3. Letter dated May 21, 1914 from W.G. Beattie (Dist. Supt. of Schools), Juneau to Commissioner Claxton, U.S. Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.
4. Letter dated May 15, 1914 from A. Christensen (Chief, Field Div.) Seattle to Commissioner of the U.S. General Land office, Washington, D.C.
5. Letter dated May 7, 1914 from W.J. Lewis (Special Asst. G.L.O.) Juneau to Commissioner through A. Christensen (Chief, Field Div.) Seattle.
6. Letter dated June 19, 1914 from S. Hall Young (special Representative, Board of Home Missions for Alaska) to James C. McReynolds (Attorney General), Washington, D.C. (photostat)
7. Letter dated May 15, 1914 from James H. Condit (Presbyterian General Missionary for Alaska) Juneau to Rev. Charles L. Thomson, D.D., New York. (photostat)
8. Letter dated June 22, 1914 from Charles Warren (Asst. Attorney General) Washington, D.C. to John Rustgard (U.S. Attorney) Juneau.
9. Letter dated June 30, 1914 from A.A. Jones (First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C. to Attorney General, Washington, D.C.)
10. Letter dated July 2, 1914 from Charles Warren (Asst. Attorney General) Washington, D.C. to John Rustgard, U.S. Attorney, Juneau.

11. Letter dated July 6, 1914 from John Rustgard, U.S. Attorney, Juneau to the Attorney General, Washington, D.C. (copy)
12. Letter dated Aug. 4, 1914 from A.Christensen (Chief, Field Div. G.L.O.) to William N. Spence (U.S. Attorney) Juneau.
13. Telegram dated Aug. 6, 1914 from James C. McReynolds, Washington, D.C. to U.S. Attorney, Juneau.
14. Letter dated Sept. 24, 1914 from W.S. Harding (office Deputy) Haines to H.H. Folsom (Asst. U.S. Attorney), Juneau.
15. Letter dated Oct. 21, 1914 from W. J. Lewis (special agent G.L.O.), Juneau, to U.S. Attorney, Washington, D.C.

Folder 2. Fraction lode claims and plats.

1. Abstract of transfers of property within the Fraction Patented Lode Claim, since the issuance of the patent. (General Land Office no. 075). 25 p. with blueprint map "Golden Belt Addition to Juneau, Alaska," surveyed by Lang Cobb 1913. Recorded March 26, 1913.
2. Fraction Lode Survey 761, town site of Juneau-S. no.7. Map on linen (Includes references to old graves, houses, tunnel and Winn shaft.)
3. Blue print map of Juneau, n.d. [shows cemeteries, mining claims, Indian land with chalk references to particular locales, graves and basin rim.]  
*Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*

Folder 3. Prosecution notes and Memorial Day program dated May 30, 1896 at Juneau [typescript and handwritten notes]

1. Indians buried in old cemetery (Names and death dates; also some bodies moved to new cemetery).
2. Notes in re graveyard case [Examination of part of old graveyard Aug. 11, 1914 noting graves dug up and headboards of various persons in place.]
3. Witnesses in 1146-A U.S. vs. Malony et al.
4. [Notes: references to people buried in graveyard and identification by family members, persons reporting graveyard desecration, number of bodies, native witnesses, order of proof, testimony]

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5. Memo for Judge Folsom (Sept. 4, 1914) signed ISL. (Mr. Beattie says Mrs. Otterson or Otteson, a white woman, was an eye witness to digging up the graves and protested it. The person she saw said he was told to "go ahead" on digging.
6. Program, Memorial Day, 1896

Folder 4. Memorandum, case brief with related case decision references.

1. Memorandum for Mr. Warren concerning desecration of the graves of Indians in Alaska.
2. United States vs. Fraction Lode claim.
3. Dedication of cemetery.
4. Burke v. Southern Pacific R.R. (U.S. Supreme Court 279 & 280- Oct term 1913) opinion June 22, 1914.