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John G. Peterson Family Papers, 1861-1961

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The Alaska Historical Library received the John G. Peterson Family Papers (Ms 111) and Photographs (PCA 280) in 1986. The late Carl Jensen, a nephew of Marie Jensen Peterson and a cousin of Ima and Margaret Peterson, had stored these materials until his death in 1986. After his death, Mrs. Carl (Caroline) Jensen gave them to Willette Janes, then president of the Gastineau Channel Historical Society, who then transferred them to the Library.

Mrs. Janes' continued interest in the collection resulted in her volunteering to help with its arrangement and description.

The Alaska Historical Library wishes to thank Mrs. Jensen for her willingness to share these materials with researchers in Juneau and Alaska. We also appreciate the support of the Gastineau Channel Historical Society and of Willette Janes who volunteered many hours to work towards producing this guide.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John G. Peterson was born in Toning, near Hamburg, Germany on October 7, 1861. He emigrated to the United States in 1881, but didn't arrive in Juneau until 1888. According to R. N. DeArmond in *SOME NAMES AROUND JUNEAU*, Peterson purchased and ran a small tin, stove, and hardware shop, which he eventually sold in 1901, in order to devote all his time to mining.

Peterson returned to Germany in 1893 to marry Marie Jensen of Schleswig-Holstein and then returned to Juneau. Two daughters were soon born: Irma Marie on September 27, 1894, and Margaret Wilhelmine in August 1897.

Peterson, who had prospected during his spare time, made significant discoveries of gold in a valley approximately 24 miles north of Juneau. He staked numerous lode claims with C. H. Harrison in 1898 and 1899. A placer claim was staked on a creek that now bears his name. He named the valley Prairie Basin. Sufficient gold values in the mines allowed Peterson and his family to devote full time to developing them after 1901. They established a homestead at Pearl Harbor about four miles from the basin. Among the claims owned by Peterson were the Cannonball, You and I, Hidden Treasure, Prairie Lode, Pearl Lode, Pilgrim, Blue Jay, Horse Shoe, Pearl, and Jesse (Jessie).

After John Peterson's death on August 20, 1916, Marie and her two daughters, Irma and Margaret, took over management of the mines, running the mill and the complete operation. The Peterson mine produced about 200 ounces of gold between 1903 and 1923.

Several articles appeared in the national press in the early 1920's, which featured the two girls' lifestyle. However, the demanding work proved to be too much for Margaret. Following a nervous breakdown, she contracted pneumonia and died at the age of 31 in Oregon in 1928.

In 1925, Irma married Charles Olson, whom she met while he was working on a road crew near the Peterson homestead at Pearl Harbor. They had one son, Eddie, who passed away September 15, 1949, at the age of 16. The Olsons and Marie Peterson continued to do some assessment work on the mines and established a mink farm at the homestead.

Mrs. Marie Peterson, also called Mary, died at Pearl Harbor in 1958 at the age of 93. Charles Olson died in 1960 at the age of 78. Irma Olson died January 12, 1961. She was survived by her

uncle, William Jensen and cousin Carl Jensen, who subsequently inherited the homestead and mining claims.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Peterson Family Papers provide a glimpse into the discovery and development of the Peterson mines in Prairie Basin near Juneau from 1889 through 1957. The collection also includes personal, business and financial records which extend beyond mining activities.

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John G. Peterson and Marie Peterson Personal Papers include journals and diaries kept by Marie and perhaps by Margaret Peterson, describing in brief notes the day's activities and transactions. Short comments as to their continuing tasks include: "crushed a ton of ore," "repaired the tram road," "moved the stamp mill to the upper camp," etc. The journals after John G. Peterson's death, probably written by Margaret, reveal the extent to which the two girls carried the daily workload of operating the mine. John G. Peterson's military career and heritage are documented as well as his marriage to Marie Jensen. Will and probate records are also included. Property records include a Telephone Hill homesite, which is still standing.

The Peterson Mine Records comprise the bulk of the collection. Location and relocation notices, claim deeds and documents, correspondence with other mining interests, maps, mineral surveys and patents, assessment work notices, assay reports and receipts all document the mining activity, especially prior to 1930. The first gold discovery in Prairie Basin by C. H. Harrison and John G. Peterson on June 29, 1898, and later discovery locations by various other prospectors and Peterson are included. Of particular interest is a bill of sale detailing the purchase of a three stamp mill and other equipment from J. G Davies of Juneau on October 8, 1904. While correspondence on mining activities is limited, one letter dated February 12, 1946, provides information on work done at the mine years before with sketches of the Prairie claim. Other letters refer to leases of the property to other mining companies. The survey records, field notes, and blueprints of all 12 claims provide excellent information on the mines. Assay records are limited but do give a sampling as to what the values of gold and silver were per ton. A June 3, 1937, preliminary report from the U.S. Bureau of Mines has geological information, development work and a brief history.

The Charles and Irma Peterson Olson Papers include personal papers such as birth and marriage records. A small number of business and financial records relate to their ice plant and mink farm at the Peterson homestead at Pearl Harbor north of Juneau.

The Publications, Writings, and Clippings series comprises a mix of articles about Ima and Margaret working on the mine in the 1920's, with books used by the Petersons. One article of

particular interest is a one page typescript attributed to Marie Peterson on the history of the Peterson mine, perhaps written about 1922. It is reproduced in full on the following page.

[Peterson, Marie. History of Peterson Mine, 1922.]

"The Peterson Mines situated about 21 miles North West of Juneau, consist of Twelve claims located along a mineralized Zone flanking the hills on the northeast side of Peterson creek. They were discovered by; Messers Rudd, Austin, Stephen, Harris and Galinger and were purchased by J. G. Peterson in 1897.

The first development work was done by means of hydraulicing (sic) the surface, exposing rich ore.

In 1903 a road was slashed out from Pearl Harbor to the mine a distance of four miles and Mr. Peterson purchased a three stamp Prospecting mill and Wolfy (sic) concentrating table, and assisted by only two working men and a mule and aftering (sic) encountering a great deal of hardships, as the road was in bad condition, the machinery was finally hauled to the mine and the mill erected.

At the mine a tunnel was started and the ore was treated in the mill the following year, showing up fine on the amalgamating plate and after the clean-up an average of \$8 per ton received.

In 1910 the road which had been gradually improved, was changed into a planked horse tramway connecting the mine with the beach at Pearl Harbor. It was three years later Mr. Peterson was preparing and getting ready to purchase a larger mill that he became sick and it prevented him from placing the mine on greater production basis.

It was during his sickness in 1916 that we had the misfortune of our home being destroyed by fire, a terrible loss as it was not insured and we had lost everything. Thus necessitating us to build a new home, which my daughters, Irma, and Margaret accomplished unaided inside six weeks.

We had just been living in our new home two months, when after a lingering illness which for two years had confined Mr. Peterson to his bed, he passed away. Several trips had been made to the states seeking medical aid but of no avail.

It was during the three years of my husbands sickness, that my daughters and I were confronted with the need of performing unaided every detail connected with extracting gold from the rock and seeing to undischarged obligations, which might lose us control of the mine, and thus having decided not to lose the mine to which Mr. Peterson had pinned his faith, risked his fortune and given his life, we have continued developing the mine to the present day.

Last spring we erected a new mill building, one mile and a quarter from the old mill, at a place where we mine the ore, and purchased a 20 ton capacity, 'Grey's' Centrifugal Ball Mill, and which was to arrive at Juneau, July 1st, but on account of some casting difficulties did not

reach Juneau until late in September and then the shipment was incomplete. For some untold reason on the makers part, he refused to supply the missing parts, so we decided to leave the mill at the wharf, and demand back our money."

INVENTORY

John G. Peterson and Marie Peterson Personal Papers (Folders 1 - 4)

Folder 1. Journals, Diaries, Notebook and Cash Books, 1906-1935. (7 items)

1. John Peterson, 1909 and 1910. Description of work at Peterson claims, tonnage crushed at the 3-stamp mill, supply lists, 1908-1910, for the mine. (on cover: PACIFIC COAST DIARY FOR 1906)
2. Diary of Margaret(?) Peterson, September 2, 1910 through February 12, 1911. Describes trip to Seattle on Str. PRINCESS ROYAL, thence to Hamburg, Germany and returning to California.
3. John Peterson, April 26 through December 2, 1911. (On cover: DIARY AND TIME SAVER, 1911) Describes work at the Prairie, Lost Soldier, etc. claims at Pearl Harbor.
4. Cash and address book., 1910, John Peterson, 1913?. Supply lists and short comments about work at the Peterson mines, especially the Prairie claim.
5. Diary, John Peterson, September 2, 1910, December 17, 1914 through March 30, 1915. Trips to Seattle, Germany and work at the mines in Prairie Basin.
6. Diary of Gretchen (Margaret?) Peterson, June 30, 1916 - 1922. (Mrs. Marie Peterson, Irma and Margaret ran the mine after John Peterson's death.) Describes constant repair of horse tramway, mill, shoeing mules, crushing one to two tons of ore a day, etc.
7. Diary of Ima(?) Peterson, May 6, 1922 to 1935. Including July 8, 1922, clearing site to move stamp mill from Lost Soldier millsite to claim. Reference is made to ordering a ball mill, but only parts arrive, so the Petersons decided to leave it at the dock and move the original stamp mill. Includes accounts receivable from their garden and chickens.

Folder 2. Birth, citizenship, naturalization, 1874-1939. (10 items)

1. Certificate of birth and christening for Marie Wilhelmine Jensen, born June 10, 1866, in Tønning, (now in West Germany), copied December 1893.
2. Certificate of birth and christening for Johannes Gerhard Petersen, October 7, 1861. Parents... Daniel Petersen and Catherine Margaretha Tuft. Seal-copied, August 13, 1874, in German.

3. Marriage certificate of Johannes Gerhard Petersen and Marie Wilhelmine Jensen, dated December 23, 1893, in Hamburg, Germany.

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4. Programme, 6th Annual Competition for Places on the Rifle Team of the Division of the Missouri..., at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, September 1886.
5. Certificate, promotion of John G. Peterson to Corporal in Troop A, 5th Regiment of Cavalry, U.S. Army, March 16, 1887.
6. Certificate, discharge of Corporal John G. Peterson from the U.S. Army Calvary, dated December 12, 1887.
7. Citizenship papers (naturalization), District of Alaska for John G. Peterson, dated November 21, 1888.
8. Passport from the Embassy of the United States, Berlin, Germany, for John Peterson to visit Germany, dated December 2, 1893.
9. Passport from U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.?, allowing John Peterson, wife and two minor daughters to visit Germany, dated September 17, 1910.
10. Letter of Joel D. Wolfsohn, Acting Asst. Commr., U.S. Department of the Interior, General Land Office, to Marie Peterson, dated December 8, 1939. Refers to transmittal of John Peterson's naturalization papers.

Folder 3. Will and Probate Records, 1916-1958. (3 items)

1. Last Will and Testament of John G. Peterson, dated July 23, 1916. Leaves estate to wife Marie and daughters, Irma and Margaret. (2 1.)
2. Probate record, "Final Account and Petition for Distribution, #2147," of Marie (Mary) W. Peterson, dated December 15, 1958. Leaves estate to daughter Irma P. Olson. (6 1.)
3. Probate record, "Letters Testamentary, #2147," of Marie (Mary) W. Peterson, dated September 21, 1949. Executrix's (Irma P. Olson) final account receipts, real property, mining claims, etc. (3 p.)

Folder 4. Property Records, 1893-1945. (11 items)

1. Location notice, relocation of lot on 3rd Street, Juneau, Alaska (formerly owned and located by John Timmins and A. Hamel), Ownership transferred to John Timmins on May 24, 1893.
2. Location notice, dated March 17, 1894, Lots 6 and 7, Block D, Juneau townsite, by J. G. Peterson.

3. Receipt of Office of Townsite Trustee, Juneau, dated April 18, 1898. Assessment of \$6.00 for Lot 7, Block D, paid by John G. Peterson.
4. Trustee's deed, dated April 18, 1898. Thomas R. Lyons (trustee) and John G. Peterson, Lot 7 Block D, Juneau townsite.
5. Trustee's deed, dated July 1, 1902. Thomas Lyons (trustee) and John G. Peterson, Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block D, Juneau.
6. Quit claim deed, dated December 17, 1904. John G. Peterson to Marie Wilhelmine Peterson, Lot 5, Block D, Juneau.
7. Indenture, Marie Peterson to Richard Bock, Mortgage of Lot 5 Block D for \$1,500.00, dated May 2, 1922. (3 p.)
8. Letter of Frank Boyle, Land Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, to Marie Peterson, dated February 20, 1923. Refers to homestead entry status at Pearl Harbor.
9. Agreement of Mrs. J. G. Peterson, Charles Olson and Ernest Anderson, dated September 9, 1936. For \$75.00 to perform work on the Peterson house.
10. Lease, Mrs. J. G. Peterson to Mr. & Mrs. T. F. Bruget, dated October 12, 1938, of the Peterson property (house) at West Third and Dixon Streets, Juneau.
11. Agreement (Bill of Sale) for real property, Mary (Marie) W. Peterson to William and Dorothy Johnson, dated March 26, 1945, for Lots 5 and 6, Block D, Juneau; Lot 7, Block D (buildings included). (8 1.)

Peterson Mine Records (Folders 5 - 11)

Folder 5. Location, Relocation Notices, 1898-1945 (21 items)

1. Location notice, You & I ((C. H. Harison (sic) & Peterson)), June 29, 1898.
2. Location notice, Hidden Tresuary (sic) (Peterson & Harison) (sic), July 18, 1898.
3. Location notice, Cannonball, (Peterson & Harrison), August 8, 1898.
4. Location notice, Lost Soldier (Peterson), October 17, 1898.
5. Location notice, Entrance (Peterson), July 9, 1900.
6. Water rights location, Goose Creek (Peterson), July 9, 1900.
7. Water rights location, Cheechako Creek (Peterson), April 20, 1901. (photocopy)
8. Water rights location, Auk Mountain Creek (Peterson), April 24, 1901.
9. Millsite location, Pearl (Peterson), July 28, 1902.
10. Millsite location, Cannonball millsite, (Peterson), July 28, 1902.
11. Millsite location, Lost Soldier millsite (Peterson), July 5, 1905.
12. Location notice, Entrance No. 2, (Peterson), July 10, 1905.
13. Location notice, Entrance No. 3 (Peterson), January 3, 1910.
14. Relocation notice, Entrance No. 3 (Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Olson), November 4, 1933. (2 1.)
15. Relocation notice, Hidden Treasure (Olson), May 30, 1935.

16. Relocation millsite, Lost Soldier, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), August 3, 1935.
17. Relocation notice, Prairie millsite, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), August 3, 1935.
18. Relocation notice, Entrance #2 lode, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), May 9, 1939. (2 1.)
19. Relocation notice, Entrance #2 lode, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), July 10, 1944.
20. Relocation notice, Pearl Lode, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), May 11, 1945.
21. Relocation notice, Hidden Treasure, (Marie Peterson, Irma Olson), May 22, 1945.

Folder 6. Claim Deeds and Documents, 1898-1935. (19 items)

1. Deed, C. H. Harrison to John G. Peterson, half interest in the Cannonball, You & I and Hidden Treasure lode claims in Prairie Basin north of Juneau, Alaska, October 12, 1898. (2 p.)
2. Deed, Alvin Austin to John G. Peterson, a half interest in Prairie lode, Pilgrim and an unnamed claim (Blank?) in Prairie Basin north of Juneau, November 3, 1899. (2 p.)
3. Deed, Waldemar Zimdars to John G. Peterson, the Blue Jay and Horse Shoe lode claims, 15 miles northwest of Juneau, April 20, 1900. (2 p.)
4. Deed, J. H. Stephens to John G. Peterson, 1/4 interest in the Pearl and Jessie (sic) lode claims, Prairie Basin north of Juneau, June 30, 1900. (1 p.)
5. Deed, G. W. Rudd to John G. Peterson, 1/4 interest in the Pearl and Jesse lode claims in Prairie Basin north of Juneau, July 10, 1900. (2 p.)
6. Agreement (quit claim), G. W. Rudd to John G. Peterson to half interest in the Pilgrim, Blank and Prairie lode claims, Prairie Basin, north of Juneau, August 20, 1900. (2 1.)
7. Deed, A. S. Garlick and Peter Sweedman to John G. Peterson, 1/4 interest in Jessie (sic) and Pearl lode claims in Prairie Basin north of Juneau, November 13, 1900. (1 p.)
8. Deed, John G. Peterson to Thomas D. Drew, eight lode claims and half interest in Prairie and (Blank) lode claims, Prairie Basin north of Juneau, July 22, 1903. (2 p.)
9. Deed (triplicate original), John G. Peterson to Thomas D. Drew of eight lode claims and half interest in Prairie and Blank lode claims, Prairie Basin north of Juneau, July 22, 1903. (3 p.)
10. Bill of Sale, J. G. Davies to John G. Peterson, 3-stamp mill and assay laboratory at Juneau, Alaska, known as the "J. G. Davies Testing Plant," plus miscellaneous machinery, October 8, 1904. (1 p.)
11. Agreement, John G. Peterson to H. T. Tripp, option to buy mining property, mining rights and mining privileges to 14 lode claims and 3-stamp mill located on Lost Soldier millsite, Prairie Basin north of Juneau, July 26, 1912. (Note: agreement cancelled April 4, 1913). (3 1.)

12. Deed, John G. and Mary W. Peterson to H. T. Tripp, mining property, mining rights and mining privileges, 14 lode claims; 2 millsites, four water rights and Thomas D. Drew wagon road, buildings and tools, Prairie Basin north of Juneau, August 21, 1912. (4 1.)
- 13b. Final, signed copy. (4 1.)
14. Option to Buy, Marie W. Peterson and Irma M. P. Olson, to Capt. John C. Holland, n.d. (probably post-1925). Nine lode claims, ore dumps and machinery rights to wagon road in Prairie Basin, Juneau Recording District. Incomplete.
15. Agreement, mining lease, Marie W. Peterson, Irma M. (Peterson) Olson and Charles Olson to Capt. John C. Holland, 9 unpatented lode claims (Peterson mining property) for 5 years. October 19, 1934 (2 1.)
16. Option to purchase, Marie W. Peterson and Irma Peterson Olson to Capt. John C. Holland. The Peterson property consisting of nine lode claims, two mill sites, machinery, tools, etc., ore dumps and rights to tram road, April 15, 1935. (3 1.)
17. List of lode claims, including locators and individual interests and lien (?) claimants, January 16, 1905 to ? (8 1.)
18. Notice, lessee Capt. John C. Holland agrees to hold owners Marie Peterson and Irma and Charles Olson, harmless to liens about labor materials, etc. pertaining to his operation of 9 lode claims and two millsites, April 1, 1935. (1 1.)
19. Working agreement of Irma Peterson Olson and Marie W. Peterson with Capt. John C. Holland to work Peterson property, September 1, 1935. (1 1.)

Folder 7. Correspondence, 1924-1958. (13 items)

1. Letter of Marie W. Peterson to M. S. Hudson, Chicagoff (sic), Alaska, dated July 9, 1924. Concerning commission involving sale of Peterson property to Mr. Stoess & Bohm for \$48,000. (1 1.)
2. Letter of Mrs. John Peterson and Irma Olson to R. R. Wilson, Mgr., Dir., St. Eugene Mining Corp. Lt., Vancouver, B.C., dated July 26, 1944. Offers firm exclusive option to purchase the Peterson property consisting of 10 claims, two millsites and water rights for \$50,000. (2 1.)
- 3 through 8. Letters of St. Eugene Mining Corporation Ltd., Vancouver, B.C., dated September 7, 1944 through January 30, 1945. Acknowledges July 26, 1944 correspondence, requests additional information, transmits \$200 for payment due on option and then cancels the arrangements due to war conditions.
9. Telegram of St. Eugene Mining Corp. to Mrs. J. Peterson, dated November 25, 1944. Informs her that \$200 has been wired to Behrends Bank. (1 1.)

10. Letter of Jasper T. Robertson to Mrs. Irma (Peterson) Olson, dated February 12, 1946. Refers to sample drilling done on the Peterson Mine many years before with recommendations, and includes two sketches of the site. (2 1.)
11. Letter of Benj. F. Culver, Chief, Land Registration, [Alaska] Territorial Department of Lands, to Mrs. Chas. (Irma) Olson, dated December 6, 1955. Regards filing statements of ownership on unpatented mining claims. (1 1.)
12. Letter of Irma P. Olson to W. T. May, Bureau of Land Management, Juneau, dated June 2, 1958. Request for filing of notice of ownership of mining claims and millsite for Peterson Mine. (4 1.)
13. Letter of Joseph R. Neely, Land Law Examiner, Bureau of Land Management, Juneau, to Irma P. Olson, dated June 11, 1958. Concerning proper filing procedures for legal notices as requested in her letter of June 2. (2 1.)

Folder 8. Maps, 1912-1959. (6 items) *Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*

1. "Alaska Southern Lode Mine Syndicate, Ltd., Peterson Mine, Prairie Claim (scale 1:500 ft.)," blueprint by M. A. Allen, dated Dec. 19, 1912.
2. Positive print of same.
3. Peterson Creek lode claims, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson, dated November 1959. Layout sketch of 12 lode claims and Lost Soldier and Prairie mill sites, with detail map of Prairie mine workings.
4. Plate I. "Sketch of Surface Workings, Praire (sic) and Blank Claims, Peterson Property, Juneau Gold Belt, Alaska," by J. C. Roehm, Assoc. Engineer, Aneroid & Brunton, for the Terr. Department of Mines, Juneau, dated June 3, 1937 (scale 1":40 ft.). Shows surface workings and buildings of Peterson property.
5. Plate 3. "Sketch of claims taken from District Sheet 228, Public Survey, PETERSON PROPERTY, Juneau Gold Belt, Alaska." Terr. Dept. of Mines. (Scale 1":600 ft.).
6. Plate No. 2. "Sketch of Tunnel Workings, Cannon Ball claim, Peterson Property, Juneau Gold Belt, Alaska." By J. C. Roehm, Assoc. Engr., Aneroid & Brunton for the U.S. Department of Mines, Juneau, dated June 2, 1937 (scale 1":40 ft.). Also with assay chart.

Folder 9. Mineral Surveys and Land Patents, ca. 1910. (6 items)

- la. Mineral Survey No. 919 A and B (original) of the survey of the mining claim of John G. Peterson and the Alaska Consolidated Mines Co., by F. J. Wettrick, U.S. Mineral Surveyor, U.S. General Land Office, completed June 29, 1910. 41 p.
- lb. Carbon typescript of field notes, p. 1-7. (4 1.)

2. Application for U.S. Patent, by John G. Peterson, n.d. 10 lode claims and two mill sites, description of original locations and dates (unsigned typescript, 5 1.)
3. Application for U.S. Patent by John G. Peterson, n.d. 10 lode claims and two mill sites, Prairie Basin, description of claims. (carbon copy, 3 1 .)
4. Notice of application for U.S. Patent, Survey No. 919 A & B, by John G. Peterson by John G. Heid, attorney (Peterson claims), dated September 16, 1910. Field notes attached, signed by Peterson and John Heid, his lawyer.
5. Fragment of survey report listing total area of lode claims, mill sites and location of claims.

Folder 10. Assessment Work Notices, Proof of Labor, and Exemption Reports, 1905-1962. (51 items)

1. Assessment work notice, dated December 31, 1905, by John Peterson for \$100 worth of labor and improvements done on the Prairie, Blank Lode and Pilgrim Lode claims.
2. Assessment work notice, dated December 13, 1907, by J. G. Peterson. Labor completed on 10 lode claims (Prairie Basin) consisting of running tunnels and open cuts, building a tramway.
3. Assessment work notice, dated January 27, 1910, by J. G. Peterson. Labor completed on 13 lode claims in Prairie Basin, including driving tunnels and building a road during the year 1909.
4. Assessment work notice dated December 7, 1911. Labor completed on 13 lode claims consisting of driving tunnels and open cuts by John Peterson, Charly Sundlodz(?) and August Lindel.
5. Proof of Labor, Harris Mining District, dated December 10, 1914. Work performed by John Peterson on 13 lode claims.
6. Proof of labor, dated January 13, 1917, by Marie W. Peterson. Labor completed on 12 lode claims and two millsites consisting of extending the Prairie claim tunnel, repairing 4 miles of road from Pearl Harbor, constructing a new cook/dwelling house on the Lost Soldier millsite, etc., performed by Irma, Margaret and Marie Peterson with John Dubeck.
7. Assessment work notice, n.d., by Irma M. Peterson. Work performed on 11 lode claims and two mill sites.
8. Proof of Labor, dated March 20, 1920, by Irma Peterson. Work performed on 12 lode claims and 3 mill sites. (2 1.)
- 8a. Proof of labor, dated December 21, 1920, by Irma M. Peterson. Work performed on Lost Soldier and Entrance No. 1 millsites.

9. Proof of Labor, dated April 25, 1922, by Irma M. Peterson. Work performed on 12 lode claims and two millsites, consisting of tunnel work, repairing tramway, etc. (2 1.)
10. Proof of Labor, July 24, 1924, by Irma M. Peterson. Work performed on 12 lode claims and two millsites consisting of road work, erecting a 3 stamp mill (moving mill from Lost Soldier millsite to the Prairie lode claim), concentrator and gas engine. (2 1.)
11. Proof of Labor, tramway repair on seven lode claims by Irma Peterson and helper, September 14, 1925. (2 p.)
12. Proof of labor, work performed on seven lode claims consisting of repairing tramway by Irma Peterson and helper, July 1925 to May 2, 1926. (2 p.)
- 13 through 17. Proof of labor on lode claims in Prairie Basin, dating from September 20, 1927 through September 9, 1931, by Irma Olson.
18. Exemption from assessment work, dated 1932, by Irma Olson. Suspends work from July 1932 to 1933 on nine lode claims.
19. Exemption from assessment work, July 1933 to 1934 on ten lode claims, Marie W. Peterson and Irma Olson, 1933.
- 19A. Assessment work on the Peterson property, dated July 10, 1935, completed by J. C. Holland, C. B. Holland, C. E. Gordon, F. E. Davis, Harvey Emsheimer, and Lester Jones including brushing 4 mile tramway, building a footbridge across Peterson Creek,.
- 20 through 22. Proof of labor dated July 12, 1935 through June 30, 1937, by Irma Olson. Work performed on nine lode claims at Pearl Harbor.
23. Exemption from assessment work, dated June 30, 1938, by Irma Olson. For work in 1937 and 1938 on nine lode claims and Lost Soldier millsite.
- 24 through 26. Proof of labor, June 23, 1939 - June 38, 1941, by Irma Olson. Work on nine claims and two millsites, also erecting a cabin on Prairie claim.
- 27 through 32. Exemption from assessment work on Prairie claims and millsites by Irma P. Olson, July 1941 - July 1947.
- 33 and 34. Assessment work exemption, dated June 21, 1948 and June 20, 1949, by Irma P. Olson, on the Peterson group of mining claims.
- 35 through 45. Proof of labor on lode claims in Prairie Basin by Irma Olson, June 29, 1950 - August 29, 1960.
- 46 and 47. Proof of labor on twelve lode claims and two millsites at Pearl Harbor by Carl and Carolyn Jensen, August 16, 1961 August 16, 1962.

48 through 51. Receipts for payment of assessment work by Irma P. Olson, June 1956, 1957, 1959 and August 1960.

Folder 11. Assay Reports and Receipts, 1917-1962. (10 items)

1. Assay report, Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. for Thorne or Thorpe, dated July 23, 1917 (gold and silver).
2. Assay report, Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co., for Mrs. John G. Peterson of concentrates at mill and beach, dated November 14, 1919.
3. Receipt, Dexter Horton National Bank for gold bullion bars deposited at U.S. Assay Office, Seattle, worth \$545.17, dated April 29, 1921.
4. Receipt, Dexter Horton National Bank for one gold bullion deposited at the U.S. Assay office, Seattle, worth \$74.38, dated September 8, 1921.
- 5a & b. Receipt, Tacoma Smelter to Mrs. John G. Peterson, crushed ore, dated April 6, 1922.
6. Receipt, Dexter Horton National Bank for a gold button deposited at the U.S. Assay Office, Seattle, for \$50.03, dated May 3, 1922.
7. Receipt, Dexter Horton National Bank for gold bars deposited at the U.S. Assay office, Seattle, for \$347.62, dated December 26, ?
8. Memo of L. C. Beyer(?), Tacoma Smelter, to Mrs. J. G. Peterson, dated April 7, 1922. Refers to settlement sheets for 37 sacks of concentrates received March 13, 1922, and check for \$92.52 (see #5).
- 9 and 10. Report of assay, Division of Mines & Minerals, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, to Carl W. Jensen (nephew of Mrs. John Peterson), July 31, 1961 and August 23, 1962.

Charles and Irma Peterson Olson Papers (Folders 12 - 13)

Folder 12. Charles Olson Records, 1924-1961. (26 items)

1. Stationsman's contract between Charles Olson, Ed King and the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads, dated September 19, 1924. To grade Eagle River Section of the Glacier Highway in Tongass National Forest.
2. Marriage license of Charles Olson to Irma Peterson, dated November 10, 1925, at Skagway, Alaska.
3. Certificate of Citizenship for Carl Olson, dated May 17, 1932.

4. Receipt of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Ketchikan, Alaska, to Charles Olson, dated November 26, 1934. For mail delivery to Sentinel Island Lightstation.
5. Notebook, Pacific Marine Supply Co., Seattle, Washington, Charles Olson, September 14, 1934 - December 1934. Receipt book for delivery of mail to Josephine C. Spickett.
6. Bill of Sale, Walter Butts to Charley Olson, dated October 22, 1940. Personal Property from homestead located on Eagle River Road.
7. Telegram of St. Eugene Mining Co., to Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Olson, dated November 25, 1944.
- 8 through 24. Federal income tax papers of the Olsons, 1936 to 1947/48. Includes references to their fur farm operation and fishing expenses. Original and typescript copies.
25. Billing from Charles M. Carter Mortuary, dated September 19, 1949. For expenses incurred for the funeral of Edward Olson.
26. Tax notice, Juneau-Douglas School District to Charles Olson, dated October 8, 1961.

Folder 13. Business Records for Ice Plant and Mink Farm, 1936-1937. (7 items)

1. Blueprint, York Ice Machinery Corporation, Seattle, dated June 8, 1937. Ammonia mains and connections for Charles Olson, Juneau. *Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*
2. Blueprint, York Ice Machinery Corporation, dated February 20, 1936. Proposed plant for Mr. & Mrs. Leath, Juneau. *Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*
3. Blueprint, York Manufacturing Ice Machinery Corp., dated June 8, 1937. Coil and hanger locations for Charles Olson, Juneau.
4. Superior H. D. 10 Barrel Pump... [assembly instructions], Superior Manufacturing Co., Albert City, Iowa.
5. Water connections for condenser and compressor. Sketch by Charles Olson, dated June 10, 1937.
6. Agreement to sell, Charles Olson to Mons(?) Anderson, dated July 3, 1936. 200 mink kittens for \$4,000.
7. Agreement, Charles Olson and Art Nyquist, dated July 6, 1937. Agree to install a cold storage plant for Mr. Olson.

Publications and writings (Folders 14 - 15)

Folder 14. Articles on Petersons, 1916-1961. (9 items)

1. Peterson, Marie, [History of the Peterson Mines], from 1897 to approximately 1922. (1 p. typescript)
2. "Two Juneau girls run a paying gold mine," from DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH, no. 285, February 14, 1918. Their work at the mine. (1 1.)
3. Wenrich, Wright, "Two girls who own and operate a gold mine," AMERICAN MAGAZINE, January 1920, p. 50. Includes photo of Ima and Margaret Peterson on horseback. (1 1.)
4. "Preliminary Report of Peterson Property, Peterson Creek, Juneau Gold Belt, Alaska, June 3, 1937." (6 p. typescript copy).
5. Letter of Jasper T. Robertson, San Francisco, dated October 4, 1945, to Mrs. Charles Olson. Describes his work at the Peterson mine site in 1910 and 1911. (1 1.)
6. Wilcox, Winona, "Girls own and work gold mine in Alaska," from a Baltimore, Maryland newspaper, ca. March 8, 1918.

"Two young girls operate Alaskan mine," [source unk.], Mar. 2, 1923?

7. Wilcox, Winona, "Two young Alaska girls own gold mine; they shoe mules, cut wood, do it all," [source unknown], ca. 1918.
8. Miscellaneous newspaper articles:
 - "[John] Peterson called by grim reaper - pioneer tinner of Juneau is dead," DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH, 1916, and funeral notices.
 - "Edward Olson taken by death here Thursday," ALASKA SUNDAY PRESS, September 1949.
 - "Eddie Olson, 16, dies in hospital; funeral Monday," [source unknown], September 15, 1949.
 - "Schoolmates as pallbearers at Olson funeral," DAILY ALASKA EMPIRE, September 1949.
 - "Miss Peterson is wed to Mr. Olson," [source unknown], 1925.
9. Miscellaneous newspaper articles:
 - "Mary Peterson, 93, Dies Here Friday," May 1958, (and executrix notices), [sources unknown].
 - "Death Claims Charles Olson, Early Alaskan," [source unknown], 1960. "Mrs. Ima Olson Dies in Hospital," [source unknown], Jan. 12, 1961. "Ima Marie Olson Services Tomorrow," [source unknown], 1961.

Folder 15. Books, 1873-1916. (5 items)

1. Brown, L. E. THE CONTRACTORS', BUILDERS' , AND CARPENTERS' BUILDING TABLE AND ESTIMATE BOOK, 3rd Ed., Wm. T. Comstock, N.Y., 1889, 150 p.

2. Rose, Joshua. THE COMPLETE PRACTICAL MACHINIST, 15th Ed., Henry C. Baird & Co., London, 1889, 439 p. + 35 p. book catalogue.
3. Upton, U.S. ARMY INFANTRY TACTICS, rev. ed., ca. 1873, 446 p.
4. GOLD BELT CITY, Lowman & Hanford Co. publishers for the Juneau Commercial Club, ca. 1910, 24 p. (inc.), illus. Many pages removed.
5. ALASKA INFORMATION, C.W. Young Co., 1916. Booklet with regulations, information on mining, fishing, timber, and other industries, 104 p.

Folder 16. Plat maps of claim of J. G. Peterson and The Alaska Consolidated Mines Company, Surveyed June 15 - 29, 1910. 20" X 14" oversize folder. Nos. 1-8. (*Located in MS Oversize*)