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Guide to Collection

Jensen, Marcus F. and Mamie

Papers of Marcus F. and Mamie Jensen, 1909-1990

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ACQUISITION: Mamie Jensen's collection of Douglas school memorabilia was transferred to the State Library from the Juneau-Douglas City Museum in 1990 (acc. no. 90-40). Marcus Frederick Jensen (1908-) donated his papers and records to the Alaska State Library in 1992 (acc. no. 92-37). Additional papers were donated by Marcus Jensen on March 8, 1995 (acc. no. 95-17). Mamie Jensen donated one folder on Dec. 5, 1995 (acc. no. 95-61).

ACCESS: Unrestricted. Some school yearbooks are in fragile condition.

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PROCESSING: Papers are described to the folder level only. Marcus Jensen's original order of correspondence folders was maintained. A few copies of TAKU, GASTINEAU BREEZE and TOTEM duplicated in the Alaska State Library collection were transferred back to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marcus Frederick Jensen, former Alaska legislator, big game guide and businessman, was born on August 8, 1908, in Westhope, North Dakota. In 1929, after four years of university and civil engineering training, he came north to Juneau, Alaska. He married Mamie Johana Feusi of Douglas on December 5, 1933, and since then has made Alaska home. They have one son, John Marcus Jensen, born on May 1, 1935.

Marcus Jensen was involved in the development of Douglas as businessman, president of Douglas Cannery (salmon), mayor (1945-1947) and two-term city council member. Although his family had long been staunch Republicans, he became disillusioned with the party in the late 1940s. When urged to run for the Juneau seat in the Territorial House of Representatives, he filed as a Democrat. He was elected and soon became heatedly involved in exposing and investigating what he saw as violations against the public interest.

Mr. Jensen's political career eventually grew into 11 years in the Alaska Territorial and State Legislatures (House of Representatives, 1949-1951 and 1961-1963; Senate, 1953-1957). He unsuccessfully ran for Secretary of State on the Republican ticket in 1966. After 25 years as a professional hunting guide near Chichagof and in southcentral Alaska, he was appointed chairman of the Guide Licensing & Control Board in 1973, and has maintained an active interest in hunting and subsistence issues to the present time.

Mamie Jensen has been active in various community projects and maintained a historic photograph collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The papers include Marcus Jensen's correspondence, selected files from the Territorial Legislature, 1947-1955, and from his work on the Guide Licensing and Game Board, 1974-1990. Also included are Mamie Jensen's records of Douglas school and alumni activities. The papers donated in 1995 pertain to Guide Licensing, Guide Unit 4, D-2 hearings, and Subsistence.

INVENTORY

Series I: Alaska Territorial Legislature, 1947 - 1955 (Marcus F. Jensen)

Box 1

- Folders**
- 1:** Autobiographical notes on service in legislature and controversies during this time.
 - 2:** Alaska Territorial Legislature correspondence and records, 1947-1955
 - 3:** Union Bank of Anchorage controversy, 1950-1951

[Partial Inventory]

- 1. Jan. 15, 1951 Marcus F. Jensen to Francis D. Flanagan regarding Palmer Airport financial report

2. Jan. 16, 1951 Marcus F. Jensen to Francis D. Flanagan regarding Palmer Airport financial statement
3. Jan. 13, 1951 Marcus F. Jensen to Francis D. Flanagan regarding telegraphs, Skagway, and Palmer airports.
Jan 11 19 Telegram regarding Palmer Airport investigation
June 15, 1950 regarding Palmer Municipal Airport
Telegram Jan. 11 1951 Hon Marcus F Jensen
Jan 11th, '51 recarding Washington D.C. Investigation of Palmer Airport deal
Report on Meeting May 5th, 1950 at Lew Williams' Office, Juneau, Alaska regarding Palmer Airport
Regarding enterprises Stan McCutcheon is interested in
4. Jan. 10, 1951 Jensen to Senator Hugh Butler regarding Palmer Airport
5. Jan 13, 1951 Response to Jensen from Hugh Butler
6. Jan 12 1951 Regarding evidence in connection with Palmer Airport Transaction
7. Nov. 28 1950 Regarding Marcus F Jensen's opposition to statehood
8. Nov. 2, 1950 Regarding investigation of Palmer land deal
9. Oct. 30, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Wm. Strand, Fairbanks News Minor regarding Palmer Airport tip
10. Oct. 30, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Senator Butler regarding Palmer Airport and Union Bank of Anchorage investigation
11. Oct. 15, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Asst. Attorney General James M. McInerney Regarding evidence given and trial events in connection with the Palmer Airstrip and Union Bank Case
12. July 15, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Ned Williams Regarding Fairbanks paper coverage of the Palmer Airport deal and Stan McCutcheon's breaking Terr. Banking laws
13. July 3, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Ned Williams Regarding Union Bank of Anchorage and Palmer Airport evidence
14. Aug. 26, 1950 Marcus F. Jensen to Phillips Moore A reply to a letter from Aug. 21
15. Aug. 21, 1950 Phillips Moore to Marcus F. Jensen Regarding a meeting between Jensen and J. W. Johnson to obtain information relative to the Federal-aid Airport Project at Palmer, Alaska.
16. Aug. 21, 1950 United States Senate committee on interior and insular affairs letter from Hugh Butler to Marcus F. Jensen regarding Senate Resolution to investigate Alaska situation.
17. Aug. 21, 1950 Phillips Moore to Jensen Regarding meeting minutes from a meeting between Jensen and J. W. Johnson.
18. Marcus P. Jensen to J. Howard McGrath, regarding alleged irregularities surrounding Palmer airport land acquisition

4: Palmer Airport investigation, 1951

5: Stanley J. McCutcheon lawsuit, 1955

Series II: Guide Licensing and Control Board, 1973 - 1990 (Marcus F. Jensen)

Correspondence and reports concerning guiding and licensing of guides in Alaska. Not all folders contain materials for all years; the bulk of the material is dated 1974 - 1980. Mr. Jensen's original order has been maintained: the correspondence files are arranged alphabetically by correspondent and/or subject. This series includes materials through 1990, sent to and written by Mr. Jensen after he was no longer a member of the Board.

Box 2

- Folders 1:** Guide board, general - 1951-1989. (Includes license from 1951)
2: Reports by Jensen, letters to guides and Board members, 1973-1980.
3: Letter to *Empire* on subsistence, 1986.
4: Correspondence, "complimentary" file, [1951], 1977-1980.
5 - 11: Correspondence, 1973 - 1990, "A" - "G".

Box 3a

- Folders 1 - 13:** Correspondence, 1973 - 1990, "H" - "W".

Box 3b

- Folders 1 - 5:** Subsistence, 1976 - 1990. (five folders of legal opinions, letters, publ.)

Box 4

- Folders 1:** Correspondence, 1973 - 1982, "State of Alaska, Misc."
2: Correspondence, 1973 - 1982, " AK. Dept. of Commerce, Division of Occupational Licensing"
3: Unit 4: Guides - S.E. Alaska.
4: History and Publicity on Guide Licensing and Game Board, 1974 - 1990.
5: Division of Legislative Audit, Performance Review, 1976-1979.
6: Regulations, Legislation and Statutes
7: Reports and Resource Studies

Series III: School Papers (Mamie Jensen)

- Box 5** *Taku*, Douglas High School, a publication issued annually by the students 1921, 1923, 1926, 1928, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 (Vol. XV), 1936 (in 1937, the Douglas School burned and no further publications were made until 1947) 1947-1948, 1949, 1955 (Juneau and Douglas High Schools consolidated: 4/1/1955)

Totem, Juneau High School yearbook
 1912, 1918, 1920

Box 6

- Folder 1** *Totem* (continued) 1925, 1928, 1929 (poor condition)
- Folder 2:** *Gastineau Breeze*, Douglas High School newspaper, 41 issues.
 1920: Dec. 7

1921: Jan. 12, Feb. 7, March 8
 1922: Nov. 22, Dec. 21
 1923: Jan. 24, Feb. 22
 1928 Feb. 3
 1936: Dec. 11
 1937: April 28
 1944: May 12
 1945: May 18, Dec. 19
 1947: May 15, Dec. 24
 1948: Dec. 21
 1949: March 30, Dec. 21
 1950: March 31, May 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18
 1951: April 13, May 11, Oct. 31, Dec. 20
 1952: May 9, Oct. 31
 1953: May 5, Nov. 13, Dec. 18
 1954: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, May 7, Oct. 22, Dec. 3
 1955: Jan. 28, April 8, May 6

Folder 3: *Commencement Programs, Douglas High School*

May 16, 1946 (36th) and 5/12/1946 Baccalaureate program

May 15, 1947 (37th)

1951 (41st)

May 15, 1952 (42nd)

May 13, 1953 (43rd)

May 19, 1954 (44th)

May 23-27, 1954 Golden Anniversary commencement program

May 18, 1955 (45th) and 5/15/55 Baccalaureate program

Douglas Alumni Association

Reorganized December 1939: Constitution & By-laws

Reorganized 1946: Letter

List of Douglas Alumni, 1909-1946 (6 p.)

First Homecoming Event and Reunion of Alumni: program, 12/29/32

Grand Ball homecoming program, 12/29/32

Program for DHS alumni homecoming reception & rally, 12/29/32

2nd Annual SE Alaska inter-school meet program, Juneau, 4/23-28, 1923

Tom Sawyer program (an operetta by Douglas grade school: 4/27/1945)

News clipping concerning the operetta

Folder 4: *Alaska Teacher*, publication of the Alaska Education Association, April-May 1955

Folder 5: Legislative Wives Club, 1959 - 1972? Records. (incl. 5 snapshots-1964)
[acc.#95-61]

Series IV: Papers and correspondence related to Guide Licensing, Guide Unit 4, D-2 Hearings, and Subsistence (Marcus F. Jensen)

Box 7 – *Additional papers; Acc.#95-17*

- Folder 1** Correspondence pertaining to Guide Licensing 1980-1982
- Folder 2** Unit 4 – Brown Bear and exclusive & joint usage
- Folder 3** Wolf control - Newspaper articles and correspondence 1985; ANWR correspondence 1987
- Folder 4** Marine Mammal guide tests 1982
- Folder 5** Correspondence Guide Licensing 1977
- Folder 6** D-2 hearings 1977
- Folder 7** Unit 4 – Brown bears. Correspondence 1975-1986
- Folder 8** Subsistence – Jensen Letters 1981-1990
- Folder 9** Unit 4 – Paul Johnson 1951-1988
- Folder 10** Unit 4 – 1979-1980
- Folder 11** Subsistence Reports – Attorney Gen. opinion:
Subsistence information/correspondence 1986-1991
“Decision: The Future of the Coastal Plain, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge”;
November 1987; Prepared for Rep. Sam Cotton, Co-chair House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature by Ned Farquhar Committee staff
- Folder 12** Letters sent 1978-1990
- Folder 13** Folta letters 1952-1955
- Folder 14** Subsistence – Paper & Documents 1976-1991
- Folder 15** Letters received – Statement subsistence 1978-1990
“Subsistence” Pat Janik, PADM 601, Politics and Administration, December, 1985