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Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Krug, Caryl Sale

William W. And Neeta Tobey Sale Papers  
1899-1998 (bulk 1905-1912)

MS 165

3 boxes  
3.5 linear ft.

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**Provenance:** The papers were donated by John W. and Caryl Sale Krug in 1998 (Accession no. 98-6). Please note further information on provenance in Scope and Contents Note.

**Access:** The collection is unrestricted.

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**Processing:** A folder level inventory is available. Papers are arranged primarily by type of material and provenance. The correspondence files are arranged chronologically. Photographs form a separate collection, PCA 384. Many of the newspaper clippings are yellowed and will be photocopied when necessary for preservation. Photographs and fragile documents are housed in Mylar. Separate donations to the Krugs are recorded and housed together when possible; size of items sometimes dictates placement.

### Biographical Time Line of William W. and Neeta Tobey Sale

- 1899 William Sale travels north from San Francisco to join his older brother Jack in Dawson
- 1899-1900 Sale works his brother's claim at Wade Creek, Jack Wade Mining District
- Spring 1900 Sale mushes to Nome with Clarence Hawkins and Clarence Gehrman (in one month). Sale finds a job with the Northern Title and Abstract Co.
- 1900-1912 Sale in Nome: various jobs: Deputy Recorder, Cape Nome Mining District, insurance clerk, etc.
- 1901 Trip to California, return to Nome
- 1905 Mother and Step-father, Clara and J. Henry Smith, after several previous summer visits, decide to move to Nome; Mr. Smith practices law
- April 1905 Sale becomes lifetime member of Arctic Brotherhood
- June 1906 Resigns as Deputy Recorder of Cape Nome Mining District, opens abstract office
- Sept. 1906 Roald Amundsen in Nome
- Sept. 10, 1906 William (Will) W. Sale marries Kathryn Wauneeta (Neeta) Tobey
- Dec. 1906 Trip from Nome to Fairbanks, via Valdez, to visit brother Jack and his family, who now have jewelry businesses in Dawson and Fairbanks
- 1907 Will Sale works Dome Creek claim owned by Jack, returns to Nome
- 1907 Will Sale family moves to Seattle
- Sept. 4, 1907 First child ("Little Neeta") born to Neeta and Will Sale
- 1908 Sales spend summer season in Nome, Will shares office with O.D. Goetze
- April 7, 1909 Son, Kenneth Emery, born
- 1909 Sale in Nome for summer
- 1910-1911 Sale family spends last winter in Nome
- 1911 Little Neeta dies of pneumonia in Nome
- 1912 Will signs over mining claims to Neeta in Nome
- 1912 Move to Capitol Hill in Seattle
- 1912? Adopt girl, Evelyn Virginia

Jan. 12, 1913	Son, William Calvin, born
1920	Daughter, Caryl, born
1926	Move to Los Angeles, becomes manufacturer of party favors, including retail sales
May 1, 1953	Will Sale dies
1971	Neeta marries Dick Racine
1972	Dick Racine dies
March 1977	Neeta Sale dies

Adapted by K.H. Shelton from *One Dog Short*

### Scope and Contents Note

The William W. and Neeta Tobey Sale papers include correspondence, journals, clippings, publications, memorabilia, and a few photographs. Most photographs are in a separate collection, PCA 384, however a few photographs that were included in the Minnie Madsen Brink correspondence remain with this collection.

Although the collection spans the years from 1899-1998, the bulk of the material centers around the 1900-1912 period, much of it spent in Nome, Alaska. It is from this time period primarily that the book by the Krugs, *One Dog Short*, was written. The early correspondence is from Will Sales to Neeta Tobey. There are several files on the Sourdough clubs' activities, primarily centered in the California area during the 1950's-1970's which is where the Sales lived.

Some of the material was collected by John W. and Caryl Sale Krug as they gathered information for the the above-mentioned book on Mrs. Krug's parents. This accounts for much of the material after 1960. Donations to the Krugs were from Minnie Madsen Brink, Richard T. Lindemann, and Tom Watson. Files from these donors are labeled as such and follow the Sales documents. The correspondence and photographs donated by Minnie Madsen Brink are arranged chronologically.

Neeta Tobey Sale's violin sheet music (5 items) was transferred to the Alaska State Museum.

### Folder Inventory

#### Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence: W. W. Sale to Neeta Tobey, Nome, 1905-1906
Folder 2	Business cards, post card from Will Sale to his stepfather J. Henry Smith, poetry written aboard the S.S. Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star membership certificate, and small notebook containing records of piano lessons by Neeta, a short diary of the Sales' Valdez honeymoon and expenses written by Will, and recipes

- Folder 3 Correspondence, primarily written to Neeta Sale, from social organizations
- Folder 4 The Sales' marriage certificate, programs including banquet for Roald Amundsen and the crew of the Gjoa, and clippings, 1904-1906 [all items are laminated]
- Folder 5 Clippings [photocopies], 1899-1908
- Folder 6 *The Great Dog Races of Nome* by Esther Birdsall Darling
- Folder 7 Correspondence, including a letter from Carrie McLain, ca. 1950's, 1971
- Folder 8 Letters and a photograph from Carl J. Lomen, 1953, 1955
- Folder 9 Postcard from Robert Service to Dick Racine, 1956 [laminated]
- Folder 10 Items from the Alaska Yukon Club of Southern California, ca. 1950-1956
- Folder 11 Items from International Sourdough reunions, 1933-1966
- Folder 12 Alaska Yukon Sourdough News, 1960-1977; letter from Alan Cooke, Dartmouth College
- Folder 13 Name tag
- Folder 14 Publications about Alaska, 1950's, 1960's
- Folder 15 Clippings about Alaska, primarily Sourdoughs activities, 1941-1966; includes photo clipping of Klondike Kate, 8/15/1941
- Folder 16 Items related to Jack Sale
- Folder 17 *One Dog Short* [publication]
- Folder 18 Sourdoughs' correspondence, 1950's [Tom Watson donation]
- Folder 19 Sourdoughs' reunions, 1933-1966 [Tom Watson donation]
- Folder 20 Publications, Alaska-related, 1907, 1922 [Tom Watson donation]
- Folder 21 Information about Minnie Madsen Brink including birth certificate and obituary [Minnie Madsen Brink donation]
- Folder 22 Correspondence, primarily, between Minnie Madsen Brink and Neeta Sale, 1959-1977 [Minnie Madsen Brink donation]
- Folder 23 Correspondence, primarily, between Minnie Madsen Brink and Caryl Sale Krug, 1978-1985 [Minnie Madsen Brink donation]
- Folder 24 Correspondence, primarily, between Minnie Madsen Brink and Caryl Sale Krug, 1986-1996, and undated [Minnie Madsen Brink donation]

Folder 25 Photographs included with Minnie Madsen Brink correspondence, ca. 1969-1996  
[Minnie Madsen Brink donation]

### Box 2

Folder 1 Master Masons certificate, 1912; deed of mining claim from William W. to Neeta Tobey Sale, 1912

Folder 2 Clippings, ca. 1904-1958

Folder 3 *Souvenir of North Western Alaska*, Nome, Arctic Circle, 1900-1917 [Tom Watson donation]

Folder 4 Sourdoughs reunion, 1953 [Tom Watson donation]

Folder 5 Pictures of Nome, U.S. mint bullion scale, "A Polar Possibility" by Charles Lassell, 1924 (cover of *The Literary Digest*, 1925) [Tom Watson donation]

Folder 6 Clippings, 1953-1957, primarily about Sourdoughs activities [Tom Watson donation]

Folder 7 Charles W. Lindemann diary, 1903 (photocopy) [Robert T. Lindemann donation]

### Box 3 (*Located in MS Oversize*)

- "Route From Dawson City To Nome Taken By W.W. Sale, C.H. Gehrman & C.H. Hawkins Early Spring Of 1900. [Map of Alaska & Yukon Territory]
- "Landmarks Of Early Nome"; Official Plat. 4-13-05.
- Valdez-Fairbanks Trail 1906; Roadhouses [names and miles from Valdez]
- Yukon Horticultural & Industrial Exhibition Diploma "Byree Sale for Prettiest Girl Baby under one year"; September 1904
- Arctic Brotherhood - Lifetime membership in Camp Nome No. 9 for Will W. Sale; April 20<sup>th</sup> 1905
- "I was a Daughter of the Gold Rush" by Klondy Nelson as told to Corey Ford; *The Saturday Evening Post*; December 24, 1955
- *The Fairbanks Times Industrial Edition*; Fairbanks, Alaska; April 3, 1910
- *The Nome Chronicle*; Nome, Alaska; Tuesday, June 18, 1901
- *Valdez News*; Thursday, July 25, 1963
- "No Land at Top of the World, Amundsen Learns" by John W. Nelson; *Seattle, Wash.*; Tuesday, January 23, 1922
- "49<sup>th</sup> State 2 ½ -Mile Walk Over Ice From Siberia" by Warren Unna; *The Washington Post and Times Herald*; Friday, July 18, 1958
- "Why Alaska Wants \$1,000,000. Worth Of Roads"; *The Seattle Sunday Times*; Jan. 31, 1909
- "Sepulchre of Ice and Snow; An Awful Avalanche Buries A Great Host of People."; *The Dyea Trail*; Dyea, Alaska; April 9, 1898
- *The Alaska Weekly*; Friday, June 29, 1956 & Friday, August 24, 1956
- *The Nome Gold Digger*; Saturday, July 17, 1909
- *The Klondike News*; Dawson, N.W.T.; April 1, 1898
- *Fairbanks Weekly Times*; Monday, November 13, 1911
- *The Nome News*; Nome, Alaska; Friday, June 5, 1903

**Oversize Folder- Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault**

*Laminated newspapers:*

Fairbanks Evening News; Fairbanks, Alaska; Wednesday, May 8, 1907; Vol. III No. 110

The Nome Daily Nugget; September 10, 1906. "Capt. Amundsen's Official Story"

The Nome Daily Nugget; Nome, Alaska; Thursday, October 21, 1909; Vol. 9 No. 249