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Guide to Collection

Surveyors' Log and Work Books, Alaska, 1902-1907

MS 188

4 volumes

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The manuscript collection includes four log and work books kept by surveyors probably during the construction of a short rail line with the initials A.P.R.T. Co. -- Alaska-Pacific Railway and Terminal; Company. The books mention going in and out of Juneau as well as Whale Island and Lake Kustaka; Catalla [Katalla] is also mentioned. The notes are mostly property boundary surveys and a few tonnage calculations.

According to Howard Clifford in *Rails North*, "The APR&T Co. was headed by Dr. M.W. Bruner and his operation was often referred to as the Bruner Road. Construction was by the Keystone Construction Co." (p. 138). Volume four contains a 6 page diary of a mining uprising in Alaska with Copper River and Northwestern Railway workers. APR&T employees dynamited a trestle and equipment owned by the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate which

owned the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Co. APR&T employees mentioned in the diary include Mike and Black Sullivan, Hampton, Sawyer, Sothers, and Pionus. In *Rails North* Clifford describes the "great rivalry between the two outfits." (p. 139).

INVENTORY

- Volume 1:** Includes a drawing of a U.S. tramway tower and U.S. tramway bucket, descriptions of equipment and processes, clippings of tables for calculating the horse-power of water, and an index, 1903-1904.
- Volume 2:** Surveyors' notes and diagrams, 1902, 1905.
- Volume 3:** Surveyors' notes, 1907.
- Volume 4:** Surveyors' notes and the diary (6 p.) of the mining uprising by some APR&T employees from May 28-July 21, 1907; includes the name W.M. [M.W.] Bruner and an account of the court case of the Sullivan brothers and others in the uprising.