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Guide to Collection

Papers of Richard M. (Dick) O'Flyng, ca. 1929-2001 (bulk 1929-1930)

MS 189

7 folders

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ACQUISITION: The manuscript was donated by Eugenia "Jean" O'Flyng, wife of Richard O'Flyng, March 2001 (Acc. # 01-20). The manuscript was discovered by Kay Shelton, Head of the Historical Collections, at the Gustavus Inn where a copy had been placed by Richard O'Flyng several years prior. In May 2001, Jean O'Flyng sent copies of papers to accompany the manuscript (Acc. #01-34).

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: Pages of the manuscript have been numbered. Papers donated in May 2001 were added to the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Richard O'Flyng was 19 years old when he first worked on the Spasskaia Trap #7. He kept a diary and wrote letters home to his parents. He took the photos with a small camera; they were later put into an album. The O'Flyngs made two subsequent trips to Alaska in 1988 and 1990. Richard O'Flyng died in 1995. See Folder 2 for a more complete biography written by Jean O'Flyng.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The manuscript contains the typescripted diaries of Richard O'Flyng while he worked two summers, 1929-1930, at the Alaska Pacific Salmon Corporation cannery at Port Althorp as a store keeper and fish trap watchman. Also included are copies of postcards and S.S. Alaska menus, and scans of photographs. Copies of the manuscript are also in the Gustavus Inn, Gustavus and the Clausen Memorial Museum, Petersburg.

Papers added in May 2001 include typescripted letters, employment records, and other ephemera that accompany the manuscript. These documents are either photocopies or scans. Includes a letterhead of Juneau Public Library, 1930.

INVENTORY

- Folder 1: Salmon Fishing on Spasskaia Floater Trap #7, Alaska Pacific Salmon Corporation: 1929-1930 Diaries of Richard (Dick) M. O'Flyng (51 p.)
- Folder 2: Biographical information on Dick O'Flyng written by Jean O'Flyng (2 p.)
- Folder 3: Written by Dick O'Flyng to enclose in the Lesh (Gustavus) and Petersburg Museum manuscripts (1 p.)
- Folder 4: Employment records (2 p.)
- Folder 5: Covers of the two diaries, foreward page of the 1930 diary, envelope, letters, inserts from letters (6 p.)
- Folder 6: Letters, 1929, 10 p., typescript
- Folder 7: Letters, 1930, 10 p., typescript