

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

**Guide to Collection**

**Wendt, Florence Carr, Collector**

**Florence Carr Wendt Collection, 1935-1967 (bulk 1935)**

**MS 194**

1 box (7 folders)  
0.8 linear ft.

Processed By: Laura Wood  
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**ACQUISITION:** The collection was a gift to the Alaska State Museum, Juneau, from the Florence Carr Wendt Estate (Douglas W. Plier, attorney). It was transferred to the Alaska Historical Collections on October 5, 2001. (Acc. No. 2002-18)

**ACCESS:** The collection is unrestricted.

**COPYRIGHT:** Request for permission to publish or reproduce material from the collection should be discussed with the Librarian.

**PROCESSING:** The pages in the scrapbook are fragile and deteriorating but it was left intact so that a number of items can be unfolded or removed from envelopes to view. The pages are numbered. Loose photographs have been sleeved in Mylar. Eighteen loose travel brochures, some of which are duplicated in the scrapbook, were transferred to MS 102.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

Florence Carr Wendt was born on Nov. 17, 1903 in Horicon, Wisconsin where she lived until April 5, 2001. In June of 1935, she traveled from Wisconsin to Oregon and Washington, then toured Alaska, the Yukon, and British Columbia by rail and steamer. Her scrapbook documents her travels in memorabilia and photographs. Her trip also inspired a manuscript, "Life Along the Yukon as seen by a tourist in 1935," which she described in her last will and testament as an 'interesting and of-historical-value account of ship-rail-boat travel, about life

styles, politics, natives and tourists and local color, geography from Seattle and Seward to Fairbanks, up the Yukon River to Whitehorse and back to Seattle in long-ago 1935."

Menus in the collection, from the *S.S. Victoria* and *S.S. Yukon*, depict scenes of Alaska by photographers E. Andrews, H.W. Steward, and woodcuts by Glenn Sheckles. Postcards, postmarked 1967, sent to Florence from a friend or relative who wrote from places in Alaska and the Yukon that Florence herself had visited in 1935 were left in the album (loose) where they were found.

## INVENTORY

### Folder No. 1

1. Stateroom Plan of the Alaska Liner, *S.S. "Victoria,"* Alaska Steamship Co., The Alaska Line.
2. "A Good-Natured Map of Alaska, Showing the Services Offered by Alaska Line." 1934.
3. [Program] Masque Ball, *S.S. Victoria*, August 2, 1935.
4. "Tour G...Yukon River Circle Tour: Itinerary of the Twenty-three Day Yukon River Circle Tour (Downstream)." [1935 schedule for the Alaska Steamship Company]
5. [Travel brochure] "Canadian National Alaska and Pacific Coast Cruises." 1935-1936.

### Folder No. 2

- 1-2. Menus (2) from the *S.S. Victoria*, August 3, 1935. Cover: by Sydney Laurence.
- 3-17. Menu-postcards (15) from the *S.S. Victoria*, July 20 - August 3, 1935. [Scenes of Southeast Alaska, Anchorage, glaciers.] Covers: E. Andrews, H.W. Steward photographers.
- 18-26. Menus (9), from the *S.S. Yukon*, July 1, 1935 - July 4, 1935, Seattle to Seward. Covers: wood block prints by Glenn Sheckles.

### Folder No. 3

1. "Mt. McKinley," by Sydney Laurence. 9" x 7 1/2" copy. Purchased in Anchorage, 1935.

### Folder No. 4 [Typescripts]

1. "The Cremation of Sam McGee," Robert W. Service, 3 pp.
2. "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," [Robert W. Service], 3 pp.
3. "The Little Old Cabin," from: *Collected Poems of Robert Service*. 1972. 1p.
4. "Good-Bye, Little Cabin," from: *Collected Poems of Robert Service*. 1972. 1p.
5. "The Alaska Skeeter, ...a poem penned by a local bard." [from manuscript, p. 74] 2 pp.
6. "The First Earthquake in the Yukon, an Indian Legend Concerning the Origin of the Big Slide Back of Dawson City, Yukon." 2 pp.
7. "The Big Flood, a Legend of the Yukon Indians." 1 p.
8. "An Indian Marriage in the Early Days of the Yukon Territory." 1 p.
9. "How Summer Came to the Yukon, an Indian Legend." 1 p.

### Folder No. 5 [Manuscript]

"Life Along the Yukon, as Seen By a Tourist in 1935," c1936 by Florence Wendt. [typescript], 117 pp.

**Folder No. 6** [Manuscript]

"Life Along the Yukon, as Seen By a Tourist in 1935," c1936 by Florence Wendt.  
[mimeograph copy with handwritten revisions], 118 pp.

**Folder No. 7** [Scrapbook]

[Alaska trip June 29, 1935 -1967]. 142 pp. Includes photographs, postcards, maps, letters received in route, travel brochures, and memorabilia from Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Yukon, and British Columbia.