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Guide to Collection

Nettleton, Stiles Rust (1834-1911)

Stiles Rust Nettleton Papers and Photographs, 1889-1892

MS 278

1 box  
Descendants list  
18 cyanotype and b&w prints  
2 diary copies, 2 reports  
Census

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Stiles Rust Nettleton worked as the Assistant Special Agent of the Treasury Department on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, from 1889-1892.

Mr. Nettleton traveled from Minneapolis to San Francisco and from there to St. Paul Island. He was on St. Paul in 1889-1890 and on St. George in 1890-1891. The first year he was by himself leaving his family in Minneapolis. The second year he had his wife, Almeda, and youngest daughter were with him. While on St. Paul he kept a daily journal. [*Courtesy of Elva Whiting*]

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection consists of diary copies, reports, and photographs recording Mr. Nettleton's impressions, observations, and work as the Assistant Special Agent of the Treasury Department on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, from 1889-1892. Nettleton began his diary two years previous to the start of his position with the Treasury Department. The diary records his travels on the way to St. Paul Island as well as his work once he reached the islands. Included in his reports are categories relating to Native's health, schooling, dispositions, and seal hunting. Nettleton includes a census of St. George Island population of 1891. He also provides a report with statistics about seal hunting during 1891-1892 as well as a report with statistics about schools.

Nettleton's great-granddaughter, Elva Whiting, also provided a document titled, "Descendants of Hiram and Lavinia (Janes) Nettleton."

## SUBJECTS

Census; Seals; Hunting; Schools; Natives; Health; Subsistence

## INVENTORY

### Folder 1

Descendants of Hiram and Lavinia (Janes) Nettleton

### Folder 2

Photographs (Cyanotype prints and b&w prints)

- 1 School St. Paul Island, Alaska [Cyanotype]
- 2a [3 men pose in top hats seated on wooden chairs in the corner of a room; cyanotype]

- 2b [copy of 2a; cyanotype]
- 3a 1. David Paranchin 2. [Iehiuf?] Antone [Mclirieliff?] 3. Parifaria Pankoff 4. Martin Nedizerazoff 5. Appollyon Brw duffiniki- alias Jim Crow 6. Geo Eemanoff [cyanotype]
- 3b [b/w print copy of 3a affixed to board backing]
- 4 Anna Rezinzi Care taker of Govt House St Paul Island Alaska May 10, 1890 [cyanotype]
- 5 Neon Mandregin & Wife [cyanotype]
- 6a [Men hand-painting the exterior of a building.; cyanotype]
- 6b [b/w print copy of 6a]
- 7 1. Marie Papa 2. Alex Hansen - Native 3. S A [?] doff 4. Dr [gretz?] Must have been taken by Neon Mandrigan on Sunda Dec. 29, 1889, flashlight. [cyanotype, laminated]
- 8 [A couple poses seated with their baby; b/w print]
- 9 [Men, Women, and children dancing; b/w print]
- 10 [Two women and a man pose in the corner of a house; b/w print]
- 11 [Standing girl poses with arm on shoulder of seated man; b/w print]
- 12 [Two men pose shaking hands; b/w print]
- 13 [A couple poses seated staring at each other across a table; b/w print]
- 14 [Musicians with stringed instruments and a drum pose before playing; b/w print]
- 15 Mrs. A. Milovidor, Mrs. Anton Milovidor, Mrs Alex Shaishmihoff, Mrs. H. N. Elliott, Wife Edith Elliott, Master Frank Elliott, Simeon A. Milovidor [Group seated around a table; b/w print]

**Folder 3**

Diary Copy 1: August 20, 1889 - April 21, 1890

Hand-copied by Elva Whiting's Great Aunt, Marie Nettleton, on binder paper.  
Diary incomplete.

**Folder 4**

Diary Copy 2: August 20, 1889 - July 12, 1890

Hand-copied by Elva Whiting's mother, Mary Turner Sween, on yellow legal paper. Diary complete. Includes S. R. Nettleton's notes from fly leaf.

**Folder 5**

Report to Major W. H. Williams, From August 28, 1891 to November 23, 1891, S. R. Nettleton, Special Agent, St. George Island, Alaska  
16 pages.

**Folder 6**

Report of affairs on St. George Island, To Major W. H. Williams, From S. R. Nettleton 1891 to 1892

*Report categories:*

- Pg. 1 Health of the Natives
- Pg. 1 School
- Pg. 2 Fuel Supply
- Pg. 3 Subsistence of the Natives
- Pg. 4 Widows Orphans and Indigents
- Pg. 5 Seals killed for Natives food
- Pg. 6 Conduct of Natives

*Report Attachments:*

- Pg. 8 Native Health Report 1892, Dr. L. A. Noyes
- Pg. 9 School Report, September 1, 1891-April 30, 1892
- Pg. 10 Native Health Report 1892, Dr. L. A. Noyes
- Pg. 11-12 Arrival of Seals, 1891-1892
- Pg. 13-17 Census for St. George Island Alaska 1891

**Census Names:** St. George Island Alaska 1891

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Lestinkoff, Rev Chnookety | Philimonoff, Olleta    |
| Lestinkoff, Elizabeth     | Philimonoff, Gregoria  |
| Lestinkoff, Helena        | Philimonoff, Evgenia   |
| Lestinkoff, Mary          | Philimonoff, Demetri   |
| Lestinkoff, Michael       | Oustegoff, Eforotia    |
| Lestinkoff, Sarah         | Malavausky, Nicoli     |
| Shaisinkoff, Julia        | Malavausky, Reprmia    |
| Dekanoff, Anfasea         | Malavausky, Wassa      |
| Dekanoff, Katie           | Malavausky, Stepeneda  |
| Dekanoff, Helena          | Malavausky, Kleofoatra |
| Lestinkoff Demetri        | Malavausky, Peter      |
| Lestinkoff, Anna          | Oustegoff, Susan       |
| Merculieff, Mark          | Nederazoff, Arkenty    |
| Philimonoff, Andronic     | Nederazoff, Evgenia    |
| Philimonoff, Benovia      | Nederazoff, Malina     |
| Philimonoff, Marina       | Nederazoff, Malina     |
| Philimonoff, Simeon       | Nederazoff, Nicoli     |
| Philimonoff, Erdokia      | Nederazoff, Isadore    |
| Philimonoff, Innokenty    | Lekauoff, Stepan       |
| Philimonoff, Tiedosia     | Lekauoff, Pelegia      |
| Philimonoff, Joseph       | Lekauoff, Annalolia    |
| Philimonoff, Andrian      | Lekauoff, Sergius      |
| Philimonoff, Parascorico  | Prokopieff, Peter      |
| Philimonoff, Pelegia      | Prokopieff, Afanasia   |
| Philimonoff, Eoff         | Rezanoff, Fedosia      |

Rezanoff, Innokenty  
Rezanoff, Seneferia  
Oustegoff, Alexa  
Oustegoff, Martha  
Oustegoff, Mike  
Oustegoff, Simeon  
Sweetzoff, Eustin  
Sweetzoff, Catherine  
Sweetzoff, Gregori  
Sweetzoff, Polexenia  
Sweetzoff, Terrona  
Gorokoff, Corneal  
Gorokoff, Katerina  
Galanin, Parfaria  
Galanin, Alexander  
Kulikulieff, Evard  
Kulikulieff, Varivania  
Vickaloff, Erdokia  
Rezanzoff, Peter  
Rezanzoff, Matriona  
Rezanzoff, Tatianna  
Shane, Ricssa  
Shane, Ollity  
Shane, Michael  
Mercurioff, Stepan  
Mercurioff, Nadesda  
Galaniu, Ocolena  
Galaniu, Evan  
Mercurioff, Terrona  
Mercurioff, Joseph  
Mercurioff, George  
Mercurioff, Stepimda  
Mercurioff, Helena  
Mercurioff, John  
Mercurioff, Wassalesa  
Mercurioff, Evan  
Mercurioff, Alexandra  
Mercurioff, Erdokia  
Mercurioff, Helena  
Mercurioff, Anna