

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Robinson, Charles M. and Doris Florence

Robinson Family Collection, ca. 1889-1926

MS 285

5 boxes
Short story manuscripts, log books,
Letterpress book
Postcards, photo album

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the folder level. Photographs placed in Mylar, and all items placed into pH-neutral folders, negatives have been placed in envelopes and an archival box.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles M. Robinson was an Attorney at Law in Aspen, Colorado in 1889. In 1915 Robinson was a government teacher on the Mequawkie Reservation at Kenai, Alaska, and in 1916, a teacher in a U.S. Public School at Tyonek, Alaska. He was appointed Special Peace Officer of the Third Division of the District of Alaska [date?]. Charles M. Robinson lived in Anchorage by 1924, 1926 and wrote short stories which he sold to magazines for publication.

Daughter, Doris Robinson born in Denver, Colorado, October 21, 1899. Attended Arlington High School in Washington through 1913-1914 term. Family moved to Tyonek, Alaska in August of 1914.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains hand-written short story manuscripts and journals of Charles M. Robinson, a letterpress book, a photo album of what appear to be Alaskan photos, postcards, and album photo duplicates.

INVENTORY

Box 1 [Manuscripts]: Short Stories

Folder 1

Mythology
 Scruggins: or How the Weasel Won
 Stamp and the Bear
 Susanne 12/8/16

Folder 2

Mattie's Debut
 The Case of Tom Boone 8/27/19
 [Untitled] "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine - nine of them - Milly's first mistake."
 Paying for Their Drinks 10/27/17
 How the Kaiser Conquered America 12/28/19
 Running Away with a Car 8/18/19
 Two Explanations, By Charles Moore Robinson
 Rowdy, X, A Piece of Her Mind

Folder 3

(Rowdy) III, The Weaning of Rowdy
 Rowdy VI, From Bud to Bascom

Rowdy II, Kitty Stancliff

Folder 4

Rowdy V, The Hopewell Arbor

Rowdy IX A Desperate Resolve

Rowdy VII, The One Mutiny of a Lifetime

[Untitled] "The Lady listened and loved."

[Untitled] "Not a mouse dared take up his residence near the Appleby place."

A Word About Dieting

[Untitled-journaling? Correspondence?] "Frank Smith and his family, who expect to spend the ensuing winter at their Chuitna home have not yet returned from Anchorage."

[Untitled-journaling? Correspondence?] "Lee Waddell, well known trapper of the McArthur region, will play Robinson Crusoe on Kalgan Island this winter."

Bachelor Girls and Marriage

Mr. Stover's Victory

Folder 5

The Battle in the Air January 23, 1926

The Testing of Lou Belle by Charles M. Robinson, April 28, 1924

Sooltan, Sooltan 2, Zoolden, Introducing the Puppies, Introducing the Puppies 2

The Rehabilitation of Grasshopper Johnson by Charles M. Robinson

Folder 6

[3.5x7" stapled papers of short stories beginning with "A Rose to the Living"]

[Pinned papers with writing about the American Flag.]

The Maidens Three by Charles M. Robinson [5 stanza poem]

[Acceptance letter for "The Story of the Five Bears" from Outdoor Recreation magazine]

[Untitled manuscript missing page 1]

Epigrams

Sweet Hour of Grub

[Correspondence related to finances.]

Folder 7

Introducing Jimmie Whirlwind

The Great Loafer Wolf of Mohi by Charles M. Robinson

The Maidens Three by Charles M. Robinson [5 stanza poem, No. 1]

Melon Time in Texas

[Hunter -Trader-Trapper magazine correspondence]

Half a Century on the Mink's Trail

Dunderspiel on Corporations
Dunderspiel's Prophecy
Dunderspiel on the Alaska Railroad
[Sheet music with lyrics]
Flight of the Great Gray Owl

Box 2 [Manuscripts]

Log books:

Log Book #1

OG XVII Guitar Accompaniments, Solos, Songs, Hymns, Etc.

OG VIII Cooking, Medical 4, Packsack 46, Fish 18 to 34, Knots 2-3, Pigeons 12-66,
Photography 54-62

OG XVIII Robinson's Log Book from January 3, 1917 to December 18, 1917 and
from December 1, 1923 to

OG XV Newspaper Clippings

OG XIV Typewriting Exercises and Shorthand

OG XX

[Evergreen No. 2880 Notebook. 1918 entries. Water damage.]

Folder 1: Publications

[Taped together Magazine - contains dried flowers]

Selections from Edward Burke

Industrial Workers of the World Songs to Fan the Flames of Discontent,
Sixth Edition

Instructions regarding Methods of Keeping Records and Accounts

Relating to the Public Lands, Dept. of the Interior General Land Office,
Approved August 9, 1918

Folder 2

Correspondence (Typed)

Beer [Recipe]

Certificate: Albert S. Burlson Postmaster General of the United States of
America

Folder 3: Folder of education related material

Arlington High School report of Doris Robinson 1913-1914

Monthly Report Card, Arlington Public Schools, Doris Robinson

Correspondence on yellow legal pad paper explaining lack of birth
certificate and early schooling.

Shipping request by Government Teacher [Charles M. Robinson],
Mequawkie Reservation, Kenai, Alaska to Department of the Interior, US
Bureau of Education, Alaska Division.

Correspondence stating Charles M. Robinson appointed a Special Peace Officer of the Third Division of the District of Alaska by Attorney General, Geo. W. Wickersham

Folder of Newspapers:

Anchorage Daily Times, Tuesday, 24, 1957 [Christmas articles]

The Monroe Independent, Monroe, Washington, Friday February 23, 1912

The Monroe Independent, Monroe, Washington, January 20, 1912

The Monroe Independent, Monroe, Washington, May 3, 1912

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings:

Ingalls on Oratory

Ex-Coyote Athletic Director, Coach Dead of Cancer at 70 (R. R. Robinson)

Uncle Henry on the Outskirts of History, March 10, 1923

Box 3 [Manuscripts]

Letterpress book (Inscription at front of book: Charles M. Robinson, Attorney at Law, Aspen, Colorado, 1889)

Box 4 [Photographs]

Folder 1: Alaskan postcards and photographs mostly of wildlife and scenery.

Folder 2: Hand-tinted scenery photographs and large black & white scenery and wildlife photographs

Folder 3: Unidentified studio portrait photographs

Folder 4: World's Fair 1933 Chicago Postcard Packet

Box 5 [Photographs]

Framed photograph: Three women stand and sit on a boat tied to a pier with a dwelling in the background on a hill.

Photo album subjects:

Alaskan Airlines small planes

Ceo. Roll. Merchant. Building

People with automobiles, moose

Alaska Moose Kenai Peninsula

Cabins

Fox farming, Champion Silver Black Fox of Alaska, fox pelts

Moose, Sled dogs, Foxes, Bear cubs, Birds, Fish
Hunting, Fishing
Flowers and plants

Oversize Photos

Five unidentified scenery photographs, one is a panoramic photograph.

INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES

Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

1 Box - Negatives of prints in photo album

51 negatives - 3x5 and 3½x3½