Blair, George M., Photographer

George M. Blair Photograph Collection, 1930-1959

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Helen Smith came to Alaska in 1936 to teach school. She married George Blair and lived in Alaska from 1936-1966. George Blair died in 1952 in Juneau, where he is buried.

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Letters received by Helen Blair from Governor Ernest Gruening, Marie Drake, Margaret Harrais and other material of Helen and George Blair form a separate collection, MS 4-4.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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