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Guide to Collection

Allis, W.C. (Watson Colt), 1857-1942

W.C. (Watson Colt) Allis Collection, ca. 1912-1942

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Pribilof Islands (Alaska) -- Photographs
Herschel Island, Yukon -- Photographs
Seals (Animals) - Alaska - Pribilof Islands -- Photographs
Sealing industry - Alaska -- Photographs

1 scrapbook; 1 photo album
1.4 linear ft.

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BIOGRAPHY

W.C. (Watson Colt) Allis worked for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries. He resided primarily in the Pribilof Islands. He took part in a life-threatening whaling expedition in the Arctic Circle in which the ship was frozen in the ice. He also worked for the North American Commercial Co. and the Alaska Commercial Co. Watson was nicknamed the "Dean of Sealers" because of his expertise on the subject of seals and seal life. He died in St. Helena, CA, April 7, 1942.

SCOPE & CONTENTS NOTE

The photographs and scrapbook items primarily depict his life in the Pribilofs and on Herschel Island from 1912-1935.