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Guide to Collection

Roden, Henry, Collector

Portraits of the Members of the First Alaska Territorial Legislature, 1913

PCA 461

27 b&w photo prints

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**ACQUISITION:** The collection was acquired by the Alaska Territorial Historical Library and Museum on Aug 17, 1956. The portraits are from the collection of Henry Roden. Accession no. 12064 (*this number is found on the front of many of the portraits*). Similar portraits can be found at PCA 457: James Joseph Connors Photograph Collection, ca. 1913.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Henry Roden came to Alaska, around the turn of the century, to mine and prospect. He later became interested in law and built a practice that focused on mining laws. Roden compiled the mining laws for Alaska and proposed changes to them.

In 1913 Henry Roden was one of eight senators elected to the first territorial legislature. Over the following years Mr. Roden ran for a variety of elected positions. He was successful in 1940 when he was elected Attorney General for Alaska. Henry Roden also served as treasurer in 1949, filling an unexpired term, and was reelected in 1952 for a 4 year term.

One of his achievements, as a Senator in 1913, was his introduction of Senate Bill No. 1 of the First Territorial Senate. It provided for an eight hour work day in mines and mining operations and became law.

Henry Roden was known widely throughout the territory of Alaska. "He was a true Alaskan," said Governor Egan.

*[Information from newspaper articles in Biography File MS 27]*

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Portraits of Governors Clark and Strong, members of the First Alaska Territorial House and Senate, and group portraits of the full House and Senate by photographer A. C. Mercer.

## INVENTORY

### Governors

1. Walter Eli Clark
2. John F. A. Strong

### House members

3. Frank A. Aldrich
4. Frank M. Boyle
5. W. T. Burns
6. Earnest B. Collins
7. Dan Driscoll
8. Thomas Gaffney
9. Robert D. Gray
10. Charles E. Ingersoll

11. H. B. Ingram
12. Charles Davenport Jones
13. Milo Kelly
14. James C. Kennedy
15. Arthur Glendinning Shoup
16. William Stubbins
17. N. J. Svindseth

**Senate members**

18. Elwood Bruner
19. Conrad Freeding
20. B. F. Millard
21. L. V. Ray
22. Henry Roden
23. D. A. Sutherland
24. J. M. Tanner
25. H. T. Tripp

**Group Portrait**

26. First Territorial House of Rep., Mar. 1913, Elks Hall - Juneau
27. First Territorial Senate, Mar. 1913, Elks Hall