

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Troy, John W., 1868-1942

John Weir Troy Photograph Collection, ca. 1933-1939

PCA 523

21 B&W photographic prints
(Two are documents)
One folder

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ACQUISITION: Donated by Kathryn M. Monds, of the Clallam County Historical Society. The first 21 photographs (Acc. # 2009-51) originally were found in a shed in Alaska by a young woman. The additional three photographs (Acc. #2009-65) are from the John/Minerva Lewis Troy Collection at the Clallam County Historical Society.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the item level. Original order maintained. Fragile photo images placed in Mylar, and all items placed into a pH-neutral folder. Other photographs and papers of the Troy family are housed in the Helen Troy Mosen collection (MS 206) at the Alaska State Library, and at the Clallam County Historical Society in the Minerva Lewis Troy Collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The photographs in this collection are from the period that John Weir Troy (1868-1942) was Governor of the Alaska Territory, from 1933-1939. Troy was a democrat, and was preceded by George Alexander Parks, a Republican and succeeded by Ernest Gruening, a Democrat. According to *Port Angeles Evening News* obituaries collected and posted online by the Clallam County Historical Society on *Pioneer Families of Clallam County*, Troy was “[a]ppointed Governor of Alaska by President Roosevelt in May, 1933, Troy occupied that position until ill health forced him to resign 2 years ago. For many years publisher of the Daily Alaska Empire, Troy was a dominant figure in democratic politics and was collector of customs for the territory under the administration of President Wilson.” For more biographical information on the Troy family, see the Clallam County Historical Society Web site: <http://www.olympen.com/rfoss/pioneerfam.html>. Also see the detailed biography on the Helen Troy Monsen collection finding aid.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Portraits of prominent Alaska politicians and businessmen, photographic images of peace negotiations between clans mediated by Territorial offices.

SUBJECTS

Alaska--Politics and government, Governors--Alaska – photographs, Alaska--history

INVENTORY

- 1 Bart Thane, Herbert L. Faulkner, BM Behrends, Japanese men
- 2 Letter to Chief of the Chilcats, 1889 , signed by Acting Governor Hayden (3 pages)
- 3 Treaty of Peace, 1881 or 1889, signed by Henry Glass (2 pages)
- 4 Will Rogers and D. W. W. Council
- 5 Luther Hess, Fairbanks, Alaska Legislature
- 6 Mrs. Luther Hess, Fairbanks, Alaska. Harriet-member of Bd. Of Regents, Univ. of Alaska
- 7 Signed portrait of Tom Riggs, Governor of Alaska, 1914-18, 6/22/1921
- 8 Harold Orme
- 9 Signed portrait of Thomas Riggs, 3/14/ 1928
- 10 John Weir Troy
- 11 John Troy
- 12 Senator Tom de Vans of Ruby administering oath of office as Governor of Alaska to John Weir Troy, Juneau 1933
- 13 Duplicate of photo above
- 14 Portrait signed by “Jackie”
- 15 Signed portrait of Anthony Dimond, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, 1930s

- 16 Signed portrait of Geo. F. Alexander, Federal Judge, 1st Division Territory of Alaska, 1933
- 17 Signed portrait of James Farley, Postmaster General, 1933
- 18 Signed portrait of four men: "Merry Xmas 1936, Chip Robert"
- 19 John Troy
- 20 Unknown industrial building (*Missing from collection*)
- 21 Postcard of Juneau Public School by Trevor Davis. To Minerva. (*Missing from collection*)
- 22 Newsroom, possibly the Daily Alaska Empire with Troy and employees in photograph