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Guide to Collection

Davis, Rosemary and Stewart

Rosemary and Stewart Davis Photograph Collection

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1 Folder
35 b&w photographs (some duplicates)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rosemary McVeigh Davis was a school teacher in several places in Southeast Alaska including possibly Treadwell, Juneau, Douglas, and Metlakatla. Rosemary spoke Tlingit, was made an honorary member of the ANS and was an adopted member of the raven tribe. She also traveled with the "fishing fleet" and taught at outlying schools. The donor relates from Stewart Davis' stories of his mother that her heart was always in Alaska.

Stewart Davis was Rosemary's son. He gave the photographs and other items to the donor. The dates on some of the photos are from 1920 to 1939. The other items are an Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) sash and photograph of Rosemary whom the donor gave to Daniel Smith who sold them to the Alaska State Museum.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Davis collection contains 35 black and white photographs of various sizes regarding Rosemary Davis' teaching career in Alaska. The photographs show Rosemary, high school basketball teams, school band class, Douglas Island Women's club, native school children, the Bethel Beach Home for native children (Christine Peterson and Mrs. Millie Stevenson, missionaries in charge). Rosemary is in many of the photographs and is holding a saxophone in the band class photo.

SUBJECTS

Alaska, teacher, Metlakatla, Juneau, Treadwell, Douglas, Bethel Beach Home, Christine Peterson

INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 1

- 1 [School band class. Rosemary is holding a saxophone.]
- 2 Back view of school. The door closest leads into social hall. The center door into hall and farthest door into manual training room - The lady is Mrs Frank Janes, a very nice Indian lady.
- 3 [Two men pose]
- 4 [Men, woman, and children on a wooden sidewalk]

- 5 [Unidentified man]
- 6 [2 children]
- 7 [Children and women outside Bethel Beach Childrens Home] [Christine Peterson?
-White hair]
- 8 [Rosemary? posing with foot on basketball labeled "MST 1920"]
- 9 [Rosemary posing with 5 girls, front child holds basketball labeled "MST 1920"]
- 10 [Team of six boys pose with basketball labeled "MAC 1920"] [2 copies]
- 11 [Rosemary posing with 5 boys, front child holds basketball labeled "MST 1920"]
- 12 [Rosemary posing with 5 girls, front child holds basketball labeled "MST 1920"]
- 13 U.S. Public School, Metlakatla, Alaska
- 14 U.S. School Teacher's Bungalow, Metlakatla, Alaska.
- 15 [Rosemary posing with 5 boys, front child holds basketball labeled "MST 1920"] [3
copies]
- 16 [Rosemary posing with 5 girls, front child holds basketball labeled "MST 1920"] [4
copies]
- 17 [Boys basketball team, boy in front holds basketball labeled "MAC 1920"]
- 18 [Gym class]
- 19 [4 boys outside with ball labeled 1939]
- 20 [5 girls outside with ball labeled 1939]
- 21 [Cabin with 4 people in doorway] [2 copies]
- 22 [Full image same as #19]
- 23 [Cropped image of boys from photo #19]
- 24 [Group of children - class photo?]

- 25 [Group of children – class photo?]
- 26 [Group of children –class photo? with women at back of group]
- 27 Douglas Island Womans Club; Rosemary in top row, second from right
- 28 [Group of children – class photo?]
- 29 [Boys basketball team, boy in front holds basketball labeled “MAC 1920”]