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Historical Collections

**Guide to Collection**

Greene, Mary

Mary Greene Papers, 1922-1934

MS 4-1-2

1 album (1 in.)

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**Acquisition:** Stanley T. Rowe, Historical Society of Battlecreek, Michigan, donated the collection in 1969.

**Biographical Note**

Mary Greene served as a missionary for the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Lavinia Wallace Young Mission in Nome, Alaska from 1922 to 1930. She corresponded in detail with Inez Walthall, describing her daily life and the people with whom she lived and worked. Photographs form a separate collection, PCA 132.

**Scope and Content**

16 letters (typewritten) by Mary Greene from Nome primarily to Inez Walthall, dated Aug. 17, 1922 through Sept. 19, 1930.

2 letters (mimeographed) by W. F. Baldwin, Nome, 1932.

53 photographs (photocopies; see PCA 132)

Clippings.

## Inventory

Letters concern Mary Greene's missionary work with Eskimos including cooking, sewing and teaching at mission orphanage. Includes comment on Eskimo culture, life in Nome, trips to Candle and other nearby villages. Several Eskimo families are discussed by name.

Photographs show Nome buildings, Eskimos at Nome and Little Diomed, Eskimo boats, Eskimo burial customs, reindeer, and Mary Greene in various seasonal dress.

Clippings: Benny Benson and his Alaska Flag design; Jesse Lee Home; walrus hunting; Nome fire, 1934