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Guide to Collection

Diary of Abraham, an Eskimo Boy, 1912

MS 4-1-15

1 v. (53 p.) 1 chart Processed By: Gladi Kulp April 2002

ACQUISITION: The Alaska State Library purchased the diary from the Alaskan Heritage Bookshop, Juneau, March 2002, Acc. #2002-22.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: The diary has possible mildew contamination so it has been housed in acid-free tissue and sealed. A photocopy is available for public access. Alaska Reindeer Service chart folded in front of diary was flattened and placed in Mylar.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This is the diary of Abraham, an Eskimo boy. His family had a camp on the ice off Point Hope area. He describes his daily life from May 8, 1912 to June 10, 1912. The last few pages of the diary contain first names and statistics, possibly height and weight. The diary may have been found by Fred Sickler who "had 300 sq. miles as a U.S. Marshall to take care of among the Eskimos, also record of the caribou and raindeer [reindeer]." Alaska Reindeer Service chart folded inside the front of the diary contains statistical information about the reindeer at Point Hope.

INVENTORY

- Folder 1 Original diary (sealed for preservation) and photocopy of diary
- Folder 2 (Housed in MS Oversize)

Chart: (12 ½" x 16") titled "Alaska Reindeer Service, #1: Annual Statistical Report Pointhope [Point Hope] Herd Year ending June 30, 1913." Chart lists Names of owners, herd numbers past and present, and other details about the herd. On verso: various notes on costs and mileage.