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Rasmussen, Jacob Adolf, 1882 - 1963

A log of my life's experiences, [ca. 1882-1953]

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BIOGRAPHICAL OR HISTORICAL NOTE

Captain Jacob Adolf Rasmussen, born in Denmark, was trained on sailing ships and first came to Seattle in 1904. He worked for the Alaska Steamship Company, obtaining his master's license in 1915. From 1918 to 1936 he was cannery superintendent in Kenai, Alaska, for Libby, McNeil, & Libby. From 1948 until 1953, he managed the cold storage plant for Alaska Seldovia Packers, retiring in 1953. He married Florence Pearson in 1918.

Biography written by Captain J.A. Rasmussen and distributed to his children in 1960. Retyped by Gordon Rasmussen who also added a short appendix that includes copies of news clippings of his parents' obituaries. Rasmussen began as an able seaman at age 17 and worked on sea-going vessels much of his life, witnessing the transition from sail to steam. Captain Rasmussen worked for the Alaska Steamship Company, much to the time in Alaska, until 1915, and then worked for Libby, McNeil, Libby on ships and in canneries, especially those located along Cook Inlet on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The log mentions Kenai history, salmon and herring fishing, a trip to Bristol Bay and lists canneries operating in Cook Inlet "during my time," as well as people who worked for Jacob Adolf Rasmussen.

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