

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Cone, Charles Edward, 1862-1938

Poems and stories, ca. 1886-1927

MS 4-29-5

1 folder
19 items

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ACQUISITION: Donated by C. Harvey Pitman, great nephew of Charles Edward Cone, on March 18, 1980.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing, however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the item level. All items have been placed in Mylar, into a pH-neutral folder, and then into an archival box. Two photographs were donated along with the manuscripts and biographical clippings. The photographs were separated and catalogued in the Core Portrait files. The originals were re-integrated into the collection in April 2014.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles Edward Cone, born in Kansas in 1862, spent 1886 to 1927 prospecting, fishing, and trapping in various locations in Alaska and British Columbia, with intermittent trips, before retiring to La Push, Washington. While mining on the Hartman River, he became known as “The Bard of the Kuskokwim.” His one book of published poems is entitled Beyond the Skyline.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

News clippings and biographical material from the donor. Typescripts of 12 poems and two stories labeled “Tales of the Kuskokwim.” One poem, “The Pioneer” is handwritten. Additionally, there is a letter from Cone’s great nephew and two photographs of C. Edward Cone.

SUBJECTS

Poetry - Alaska
Tales - Alaska

INVENTORY

Letter and articles

1. Letter from C. Harvey Pitman, donor, to the Director, Alaska Historical Library.
2. Article - *Charles Edward Cone: “The Bard of the Kuskokwim”* from *The Pathfinder*; Jan. 1920; v.1, no. 3.
3. Obituary – *“Bard of Kuskokwim Passes at La Push, Wash.”*
4. Article – *“Prizes Awarded In Story Contest”* from *The Pathfinder*; Jan. 1923

Poems

5. My Old Uncle Ed
6. The Greatest Mother
7. A Letter To Dad
8. “Over There”
9. For The Boys In France

10. A Red Cross Plea
11. Legend Of The Crazy-Woman River
12. Tha Girl Of My Dreams
13. S P R I N G
14. The Tides
Autograph
15. The Pioneer

Stories

16. Tales of the Kuskokwim by [Charles]Edward Cone. **“Old Charley and the Sweede.”**
17. Tales of the Kuskokwim. **“Real (True) Experience Story.”** by [Charles]Edward Cone. **“Bard of the Kuskokwim.”**

Photographs

18. C. Edward Cone
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