Guide to Collection

Parks, George A., 1883-1984

Governor George A. Parks Papers, ca. 1976-1981

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Scope and Contents Note

The collection includes correspondence to and from Governor Parks in his later years. Dora Sweeney wrote some of the letters for Governor Parks. The letters center on his birthdays after age 90. The collection also includes a proclamation by the City and Borough of Juneau for Governor George Parks Day and “State of Birthdays in the Supreme Court for Candle County” from a group of his friends.
Biographical Timeline

1883 May 29  Born in Denver, Col., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks

1906  Graduated with an E.M. degree from Colorado School of Mines

1907  Arrived in Alaska and worked as a mining engineer for private companies

  • First lieutenant of engineers, Fairbanks
  • Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, Camp Lee, VA
  • Reassigned to Ninth Div. of Alaska as gas officer to train troops in gas warfare

1919 May 12  Appointed Chief of the Alaska Field Division, General Land Office, Juneau

1924 April 9  Appointed Assistant supervisor of Surveys and Public Lands

1925 June 16  Appointed Governor of Alaska by President Calvin Coolidge

1919 Oct. 1  Reappointed Governor for a second term by President Herbert Hoover, terminating April 3, 1933 with his resignation to President Franklin D. Roosevelt

1934 June 14  District Cadastral Engineer, Alaska

1936 Jan. 1  Regional Cadastral Engineer, Alaska

1948 June 2  Retired from federal service with forty years of service to the Territory

1948-1984  Continued living and working in Alaska until his death on May 11, 1984 in Juneau just a few weeks short of his 101st birthday

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