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Malmberg, Casper

Letter regarding Horse Creek Mary

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1 Letter

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At the time this letter was written, April 1925, Casper Malmberg, had helped build the
Eklutna Industrial School for Native Children, where orphaned children were schooled.
His wife was a teacher at the school.

Horse Creek Mary was born at Tarral, Alaska. Her father was a Russian trader. Her
mother was a native of the Copper River Valley. Mary lived on Horse Creek most of
her life and died in Eklutna, Alaska, in 1923. By Malmberg’s estimation, Mary lived to
be about 85 years old. She was buried near Chitina, Alaska. She was the mother of 4
children who reached adulthood, but preceded her in death. “She was a favorite subject
for paintings by both Jules Dalagher [Dahlager] and E. Ziegler.” - Quoted from a donation

A letter dated April 1925 from Caspar Malmberg, Eklutna, Alaska, to Miss Nita
Johnstone, Cordova, Alaska, regarding biographical information about Horse Creek
Mary.

Horse Creek Mary; Casper Malmberg; Eklutna, Alaska; Alaska Railroad; Tarral;
Chitina; Copper River; Russian trader Manena; Jules Dahlager; Eustace Ziegler.

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1 Letter typed on onion skin paper, 4 pages