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UNITED STATES. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Records: A Selective File Regarding Appointment of Federal Judges, Marshals,
Attorneys for Alaska and other Personnel Information, 1884-1915**

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Introduction

These records are a sampler of several series of records relating to Alaska in Record Group 60 at the National Archives, Washington, D.C. Photocopies were made of general information regarding appointment of federal judges, marshals and attorneys in Alaska; also files relating to specific individuals. There are some examples of examiners reports made in response to problems or routine investigation at Sitka (1888) and Nome (1903).

There is an extensive file of correspondence concerning personnel matters relating to deputy marshals in Alaska's 2nd Division (Nome headquarters) from 1905-1915. These provide some idea of the types of problems faced in administering justice in rural Alaska during the Territorial period.

Inventory

1-0 Index of marshals, attorneys, commissioners - Alaska. 1884-1912

Records relating to the appointments of judges, marshals, attorneys for Alaska.

1-1 General. 1885-1889.

Partial contents: letters of Sheldon Jackson (against Barton Atkins & others); John McCafferty (re. his article in the Seattle P-I and resulting problems; also other letters); Judge L. Dawson; Alonzo E. Austin (re. troubles at Sitka Indian Training School); John G. Brady (U.S. Commissioner, Sitka); Lt., U.S.N., Y. Dix Bolles (letter responding to complaints at Sitka)

- 1-2 General. 1893-1897.
Partial contents: charges against Warren Truitt, Charles A. Johnson, John F. Malony.
- 1-3 Appointment Clerk. applications and endorsements. Alaska 2nd Division general application, 1908 for marshal and attorney. Includes names of applicants and those making endorsements.
- 2-1 Atkins, Barton. 1885-1886. (U.S. Marshal, Sitka)
- 2-2 Ball, Mottrone Dulany. 1884-1886. (U.S. Attorney, Sitka)
- 2-3 Brady, John J. 1885-1888 (U.S. Commissioner, Sitka) Partial contents: letters of Alexander McCracken, and Gov. A.O. Swineford (against retention of Brady); Sheldon Jackson (for Brady and Lewis as Clerk of Court).
- 2-4 Dawne, E.J. 1885 (Judge, Sitka) Partial contents; letters from Dawne and his supporters; letter from M.D. Ball (-problems with Dawne); Gov. A.P. Swineford (re. Dawne); Gov. A.P. Swineford (re. Dawne's leaving Alaska to evade arrest for forgery and embezzlement.)
- 2-5 Garride, George. 1889. (for Marshal/Surveyor - general) Partial contents; letters from Sheldon Jackson Thomas Nowell/Nowell Gold Mining Co.
- 2-6 Hayden, Henry E. 1885 (district clerk) Healy, John G. 1887. (Marshall)
- 2-7 Kinkhead John H. 1886 (Governor) Letter to Pres. Cleveland following his suspension from the office of Governor notify his strong negative opinion of Sheldon Jackson, and feeling that Judge McAllister unfairly treated by Jackson.
- 2-8 McAllister, Ward. 1884-1885. (Judge, Sitka) includes a 16 page letter from Sheldon Jackson about Alaska and appointments to office; a letter from an Alaskan to Miss Cleveland (President's sister)- describing problems in Alaska, immoral officials, etc.
- 2-9 McAllister, Ward. 1883-1886 (Judge, Sitka) Partial contents: a petition from the San Francisco Bar in support of Alaska Ter. government and McAllister a judge; petition from Alaska merchants etc.; various letters from California and Alaska in support of McAllister; letter of J.B. Metcalfe (Pacific Coast Steamship Co.) in support and explaining situation with Sheldon Jackson: letter of Ward McAllister.
- 2-10 Whitaker, Grant. 1887-1888. (Attorney, Sitka) Partial contents: letter of Sheldon Jackson: letters in support; oath of office.
- 2-11 Hillyer, M.C. 1884-1888 (Marshal, Sitka) Contents: letters of Hillyer (Dec. 15, 1884) re. payment of bill of Deputy Marshal John C. Staples and (May 22, 1885) recommending

system of Indian policemen started by U.S. Navy; report of J.W. Nightingale, examiner (1888) on official affairs and accounts of M.C. Hillyer-this 40 page report details various vouchers, expenses and indicates the marshal did not use good judgement in making payments which were often exorbitant.

- 3-1. Administration Division Examiners Unit. Reports and correspondence. 1903-1914. Partial contents include: K.W. DeBelle report (March 1909) on investigation of claim of W.M. Eddy of Nome regarding maintenance of U.S. prisoners and recommends prosecution for endeavoring to obtain money by fraud-gives background sketch on Eddy and his misdealings. S.W. Finch and A.M. McNish report (Nov. 1903) on examination of various matters in Alaska (2nd Division Nome area) - this 34 page report relates problems at Nome with an assessment Judge Moore, Clerk of the Court Borchsenius, U.S. Marshal Richards and District Attorney Melvin Grigsby. There are other letters and statements of members of the 1903 Federal Grand Jury that relate to possible jury irregularities letter report of George B. Grigsby (Asst. U.S. Attorney, Nome) to U.S. Attorney Melvin Grigsby dated July 15, 1903 describing actions taken while the U.S. attorney was absent.
- 4 Appointments Clerk: Personnel Correspondence Deputy Marshals, Alaska, 2nd Division (Nome area).
- 4-1 1905-1906
Partial contents: letter seeking increase in wages from \$2,000/annum to \$2,500 for deputy marshals; letters of U.S. Marshal T. C. Powell regarding appointments and oaths of deputy marshals in the district.
- 4-2 1907-1910.
- 4-3 1911-1914.
- 4-4 1914-1915.
- 5-1. [Card file index to letters of U.S. Marshals in Alaska, 1920?-1959.] Photocopy of original in U.S. Dept. of Justice files, Wash., D.C. provided by William Hunt.
- 5-2. Copies of correspondence obtained by William Hunt from Justice Dept. records. Partial contents: charges against Lytton Taylor, U.S. Attorney in Alaska; 1895; letters dated 1897-1900 of U.S. Marshal James M. Shoup, regarding conditions in Skagway/Dyea and failure of deputy Marshal J.J. Rutledge to assume his post at Circle City; report dated Aug. 16, 1900 from C.S. Frost, Nome on conditions in Division no. 2, Alaska; letter dated Jan. 23, 1901 from H.G. Orton on complaints as to integrity of courts in Alaska; report dated Dec. 24, 1896 from U.S. Attorney Burton E. Bennett, Sitka; letter dated Aug. 7, 1900 from C.L. Vawter, U.S. Marshal, Nome; letter of W.L. Leland dated Feb. 27, 1901 to Sen. Wm. M. Stewart regarding charges against Judge Noyes at Nome.

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United States. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Records: Selected Alaska Material from Record Group 22. Washington, D.C.,
National Archives.**

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Photocopies

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Inventory

See also microfilm: MFAR 47

- I. General records concerning Wildlife Management. Entry 162. Includes work of U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey.

Folder 1. Alaska--Supervision, Olaus J. Murie. 80 items.

Includes correspondence from W. Nelson, Chief of Bureau of Biological Study and O.J. Murie; Assistant Biologist and Fur Warden, Fairbanks, Alaska. Murie reports on his scientific activities with bear, moose, caribou, and reindeer. Reports on fur and game conditions throughout Fairbanks region, also his photographic successes. Talks about game laws and fines, violations, prospects for game, etc.

Folder 2. Alaska--Supervision, General.

- 1-2. Memorandums dated April 23, 1920; May 16, 1921 from the Chief of the Bureau to the Secretary.

- 3-4 Letters dated Jan 7 and 9, 1922, Fairbanks from O.J. Murie (Asst. Biologist and Fur Warden) to Dr. E.W. Nelson, Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey. (describes game purchased by cafes, groceries, etc.)

Folder 3. Alaska--General.

- 1-2 Letters of E. P. Walker.(Feb. 9, 1922); E.W. Nelson (March 2 and 22, 1922); William L. Paul (March 22, 1922).
- 3 Letters of R.R. Hunter, Cordova (March 2, 1913); Arthur G. Shoup, Juneau (Feb. 26, 1913); E.W. Merrill, Sitka (Feb. 28, 1913); H.W. Henskraw, Chief, Biological Survey to George T. Emmons (July 13, 1915 and Oct. 6, 1911, March 28, 1911); George T. Emmons, to H.W. Henshaw (July 11, 1915, Oct. 4, 1911, March 26, 1911.)

Folder 4. Alaska-General, Board of Federal Bureaus.

Includes: statement of work being performed under the Bureau of Biological Survey in Alaska (May 13, 1921); letter from Charles Cole, postmaster at Jack Wade, Alaska (March 12, 1920?) to the Bureau of Biological Survey regarding killing of game out of season and response of Bureau (Apr. 28, 1921); letter from C.D. Garfield, Alaska Fish and Game Club, Juneau and response of ranger J.P. Williams, Juneau (Dec. 13, 1920); letter of foresters Charles Flory (Feb. 21, 192) and E.A. Sherman (March 8, 1921).

Folder 5. Alaska reports.

1. Reeves, J.R. (temp. game warden.) Diary, Sept.-Oct. 1922 (Copper River Flats, Katalla slough; deer conditions on Hinchinbrook and Hawkins Islands. Accompanied by letters of Bureau personnel.
Sellec(?), Harry G. (fur warden), Anchorage, letter, Dec. 9, 1922 to E.P. Walker reporting activity.
2. Cassel, Frank (dep. fur warden), Akutan. Monthly report, Dec. 1922; May, 1922; (whaling station started; trapping Atka foxes); Aug. 1922; Apr. 1922 (problems with U.S. Commissioner Bolshanin, natives making sourdough, etc.); July, 1922; June, 1922; April, 1922; March, 1922 (proposal to kill red foxes on Akutan and stock with blues); Nov. 1921; Aug. 1921; July, 1921 (turned over Umnak Native Store furs to Mr. Miller for shipment to Seattle; instructed natives not to trap out of season; sheared 20 sheep at Umnak); May 1921 (whaling station closed down); June, 1921; March, 1921; Feb. 1921; Jan. 1921; Dec. 21, 1920 (smallpox nearly finished); Nov. 1920 (in quarantine in Akutan); Oct. 1920 (20 cases smallpox at Akutan); April, 1920.
3. Culver, Walter C, Report of Moose on Kenai Peninsula. Feb. and March, 1928. 6 p.
4. Murie,-Olaus J., Asst. biologist and fur warden.
Correspondence with E.W. Nelson and field reports, 1921-1924; also letters of N.F. Bancroft in charge of Reindeers, Fur Bearers in Alaska.
--Aug. 1924--report on meeting with Nulato-Kaltag-Koyukuk Station natives about their trapping concerns relative to beaver and marten openings.
--July 18, 1923. McKinley Park.--brief report on big game distribution with map.

- Distribution and abundance of game and fur bearers. 11 l (ms.)
- June 5, 1923. McKinley Park. Capturing and handling of caribou. Also O.J. Jurie noted an honorary member of the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 4, Fairbanks.
- April 15, 1923 Fort Yukon. Decision to go to Alutna as reports on little game in the Kobuk; sheep specimens obtained; Koyukuk to Wiseman, etc.; need to discuss needs concerning natives and white residents, impressions, experiences with conservation views; plan to get caribou to a camp near Alaskan Railroad.
- Aug.-Sept. 1922. McKinley Park. Construction of Caribou Corral. 12p. and diagram (ms.)
- Letters between E.W. Nelson and Major F. Mears, Alaskan Engineering Commission. Sept.-Oct. 1922 regarding supplies, for Murie and caribou information.
- Sept. 12, 1922. McKinley Park. Sending report on Salcha Slough.
- Aug. 15, 1922. McKinley Park. Comments on support of Supt. Karstens and delay in getting caribou specimens.
- Aug. 18, 1922. Appointment of Adolph Murie as a field assistant, Alaska reindeer, investigations and capture of young caribou bulls to be used for possible reindeer development experiment.
- July 20, 1922. Fairbanks. Report on trip to Jinnie Creek, Savage -River which has favorable equipment and labor needs. 11l and 2 maps/ diagrams (ms)
- Feb. 2, 1922. Nancy, Alaska. District Attorney wants O. Murie in Fairbanks for Vachon case and Murie indicates work he feels could be accomplished and asking for direction preferred by the Bureau.
- Dec. 13 and 22, 1929. Fairbanks. Murie mailed registered reports on his trips to Chatanika River Region in Aug. and Dec.

II. Reports of Bureau of Fisheries Abents. Entry 112.

Folder 6. Annual reports 1917-1921.

1. Lyman, Jas. N. Fisheries of the Copper River and Prince William Sound, 1917. Cordova. 3, 16
2. Baker, Shirley A. Bristol Bay, 1917. Dillingham. 10l; also letter dated Aug. 24, 1914 regard to wreck of ships ST. FRANCIS and STANDARD and barkentine KATHERINE in the Bering Sea and query re: safety of Mexican laborers on the vessels.
3. Baker, Shirley A. Bering Sea fisheries, 1918. and various incidents. 12 l
4. Ball, Edward M. Report on the Fisheries of Central Alaska in.1918. 29 l. Confidential.
5. Baker, Shirley A., Warden. Report on the Fishing Sea.of the Bristol Bay Region 1919. Includes an account of the flu epidemic commending effortsof various persons assisting the Eskimo villages, but reporting lack of real assistance from most medical staff sent to assist on the Revenue Cutter UNALGA.
6. Thingard, Limuel? G., Warden. Report on Salmon Canning operations on the Kvichak, Naknek, Egagik and Ugashik Rivers, 1919, 5 l

7. Baker, Shirley A. Asst. Agent. Chronological. Report covering Investigations on the Copper River, Oct. 1-18, 1921. 8, 19l. Baker contacts roadhouses, natives and whites about their salmon catches data on the run and escapement tabulating catch data of individuals at Gulkana; Tazlina, Copper Center, Tonsina, Chitina, etc.

Folder 7. Records concerning employees. Entry 109.

1. Aller, Henry D., 1880-1931. (Storekeeper, Pribilof Islands, 1904-1924; Asst. Chief, Alaska Div., U.S. Bureau of Fisheries) .
Obituaries; correspondence 1918-1923 include temporary payroll records for Aleuts on the Pribilofs 1918; problems in doing scientific work on the Pribilofs without a laboratory; need of a building for offices and description of facilities (1919); need for water-supply tanks, privies and water-closets (1919)
2. Elliott, Henry W., 1847-1930; Obituary from SEATTLE-POST INTELLIGENCER, May 26, 1930.
3. Gilbert, Charles H., 1859-1928. (scientist, Stanford Univ., worked in Alaska)
4. Gray, Fred H., 1853-1931? (warden. U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, Wrangell)
Obituary: Report of Conditions on the Stikine River (Oct. 27, 1919); Report, 1920; Letter to U.S. National Museum with information on birds in Alaska; correspondence with U.S. National Museum re. Alaska cactus at Point Baker, etc. which might be prickly pears.
5. Hardy, Nathan O., 1888- (warden in Southeast and Cordova; Asst. agent Ketchikan. 1928-1934.; deputy U.S. Marshall and served in Alaska Legis. -HR.). Record of work. Newspaper clippings Jan. 26 and Feb. 3, 1934 regarding Hardy's appointment as Deputy Marshal in Juneau.
6. Heath, Harold (Phd., Stanford Univ.)
Correspondence, 1917-1919 regarding Dr. Heath and his scientific work in the Pribilof Islands; letters recommending Dr. Heath; Seal Island Report Summer 1918. (12 l) Details needs, problems with labor, facilities, lack of roads, need for a survey, piers, a naturalist position to assure more accurate statistics on fur seal rookeries; better conditions for the Aleuts.
7. Rich, Willis H. (Phd., Stanford Univ.)
Letter (May 21, 1910) from George A. Clark noting that W.H. Rich will work as a teacher on St. George Island; letter (June 24, 1930) Larsen Bay from Dr. Rich to Mr. O'Mallery, Bureau of Fisheries telling of his acceptance of position at Stanford Univ. and willingness to continue on salmon investigations should the Bureau want his help.
8. Smith, H.O., agent, Alaska Salmon Fisheries. Includes memorandum of solicitor's opinions (July 14, 1913) sent to H.W. Smith; letter from the Commissioner with instructions concerning field instructions; letter (Aug. 27, 1913) investigate halibut fishery using steamer OSPREY, also gathers data on fur-animal conditions and visit private salmon hatcheries; letters regarding over-haul, etc. of OSPREY; letter (April 1, 1914) directing Smith to Nushagak on APA steamer NUSHAGAK for enforcement of fisheries and fur-bearing animal laws, a census of red salmon at Lake

Folder 8. Baker, Shirley A., 1889-1935 (Asst. Agent, Bureau of Fisheries at Cordova and Wrangell). 87 items.

Correspondence, 1920-1935; work reports; investigation of charges/ complaint of Dr. Chase of Juneau against Baker for improper business ethics, affidavits, etc. obtained in Cordova cleared him of any wrongdoing; also transferred to Wrangell; Catch and Pack Statistics of the Central Alaska, By Districts, For the Season, 1922, (Folder 8-8); Movements and Operations of S.A. Baker, Assistant Agent, July 16-31, 1922 (Folder 8-16)

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Inventory of the United States, Fish and Wildlife Service

Kodiak -- Afognak District Records; 1920's - 1950's

MS 51-06 & 07

INTRODUCTION

These records of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were maintained by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries - Auke Bay Lab, Juneau until March 1985 when they were transferred to the Alaska Historical Library. The records originated in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Afognak-Kodiak District office. The files largely document the activities of the district office during the 1920's with some records continuing into the 1950's. The records include one box of correspondence files and one box of reports. A selection of 48 photographs showing the operation of weirs for counting salmon, government personnel views of Larsen Bay, Karluk Lake, Bare Lake and Olga Bay cannery are filed with photograph collections (PCA 186).

Box 6. Correspondence.

These files contain correspondence with the Seattle, Juneau and Wash., D. C. offices, mainly relating to administrative policies; requests for payment of supplies, transfer requests, changes in policies and procedures etc. There are some letters, between wardens, on a more personal basis concerning trips, health financial status, etc.

There are two major correspondents; Supt. Fred Lucas, 1920's - 1930's, and Marcus W. Meyer, Fishery Management Agent, 1940's - 1950's, both of the Kodiak Afognak District office.

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Folder 1. Correspondence, 1922-1923.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.

Major correspondents: Fred Lucas, Supt.-Afognak, Dennis Winn, Agent Seattle, J. Russel, Field Supt.-Seattle, Henry O'Malley, Commissioner Wash., D.C., and Shirley.A. Baker, Warden-Cordova.

- Folder 2. Correspondence, 1924.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.
Major correspondents: Fred Lucas, Supt.-Afognak, E.M. Ball, Asst. Agent-Juneau, Dennis Winn, Agent-Seattle, Henry O'Malley, Commissioner Wash., D.C., Lewis Radcliffe, Acting Commissioner-Wash.; D.C.
- Folder 3. Correspondence, 1925.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.
Major correspondents: Fred Lucas, Supt.-Clackamas, Oregon and Kodiak, J. R. Russel, Field Supt.-Seattle, E.M. Ball, Asst. Agent-Juneau, Henry O'Malley, Commissioner-Wash., D.C., Howard Hungerford, Warden Kodiak-Afognak, Frank Snipes, Supt.-Afognak.
- Folder 4. Correspondence, 1926.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.
Howard Hungerford, Warden-Kodiak-Afognak, Dennis Winn, Agent-Seattle, Henry O'Malley, Commissioner-Wash., D.C.
- Folder 5. Correspondence, 1927.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices. Major correspondents: see folders 1-4.
- Folder 7. Correspondence, 1929.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D. C. offices. Major correspondents: see folders 1-4.
- Folder 8. Correspondence, 1930.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices. Major correspondents: see folders 1-4.
- Folder 9. Correspondence with Supt. Fred Lucas and other wardens, watchmen, etc. 1922-1925. Correspondence with H.H. Hungerford, Warden in charge, Kodiak-Afognak, 1926-1929.
- Folder 10. General correspondence, 1922-1925.
Includes requests for permits from citizens and companies; letters to and from hatcheries, canneries, merchants, etc.
- Folder 11. General correspondence with Marcus W. Meyer, Fishery Management Agent, Kodiak, 1931., 1943-1950.
Includes letters to and from citizens, friends, canneries, merchants, etc.

Folder 12. Correspondence between Juneau and Marcus W. Meyer, Fishery Management Agent, Kodiak, 1944-1948.

Folder 13. Correspondence between Seattle office and Marcus W. Meyer, Fishery Management Agent, Kodiak, 1944-1948.

Box 7. Reports.

These files contain semi-monthly and monthly reports of Fishery Management Agents, weather logs, proposals, reports of examination of Alaska salmon streams, pilot house logs and reports.

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Folder 1. Monthly and semi-monthly reports of operations for the Kodiak-Afognak District, October 1925-October 1934.

Folder 2. Monthly and semi-monthly reports of operations for the Kodiak-Afognak District, March 1935-December 1942.

Folder 3. Monthly and semi-monthly reports of operations for the Kodiak-Afognak District, June 1943-July 1947.

Folder 4. Monthly and semi-monthly reports of operations for the Kodiak-Afognak District, January 1948- December 1952.

Folder 5. Reports and Correspondence for Olga Bay, 1925-1953.

Folder 6. Weather logs for Ugankik Bay, July 1, 1925-September 30, 1925.

Folder 7. Proposals, March 1924-November 1925.

Folder 8. Reports of Examination of Alaska Salmon Streams, August 24, 1927-September 22, 1927.
Includes Izhut Creek, Little Afognak, Seal Bay, Paramanoff and Aeieiff. One handwritten and three typewritten copies of each report.

Folder 9. Pilot house logs for RED WING and EIDER during patrol trips, 1928, 1929 and 1939.

Folder 10. Miscellaneous reports.
Includes mainly inventories and lists of needed supplies.