UNITED STATES. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE


MS 51-04

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, Sikta); 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.


2-11 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 misdealing. 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.


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See also microfilm: MFAR 47


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.
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

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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


3. Baker, Shirley A. Bering Sea fisheries, 1918. and various incidents. 12 ℓ


5. Baker, Shirley A., Warden. Report on the Fishing Sea of the Bristol Bay Region 1919. Includes an account of the flu epidemic commending efforts of various persons assisting the Eskimo villages, but reporting lack of real assistance from most medical staff sent to assist on the Revenue Cutter UNALGA.


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7. Baker, Shirley A. Asst. Agent. Chronological. Report covering Investigations on the Copper River, Oct. 1-18, 1921. 8, 19f. 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.


   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.


   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.


   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

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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)
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 KodiakAfognak District office.

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

Folder 2. Correspondence, 1924.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.

Folder 3. Correspondence, 1925.
Includes letters to and from Juneau, Seattle and Wash., D.C. offices.

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 10. General correspondence, 1922-1925.
Includes requests for permits from citizens and companies; letters to and from hatcheries, canneries, merchants, etc.

Includes letters to and from citizens, friends, canneries, merchants, etc.

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

Folder 6. Weather logs for Ugankik Bay, July 1, 1925-September 30, 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 Aeleiff. One handwritten and three typewritten copies of each report.


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

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