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Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Swineford, A. P. (Alfred P.), 1834-1909
Shattuck, Mrs. Allen (Agnes Swineford), 1879 - 1973

Papers of Alfred Peter Swineford and Agnes Swineford Shattuck
1885 - 1931

MS 150

1 box (15.5"W x 23"D x 1.5"H)
1.9 linear ft.

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Acquisition: The papers were donated by Mrs. Allen Shattuck (Agnes Swineford) about 1963.

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Processing: No original order. Grouped by type of material. These papers relate to the Swineford official papers found in the Alaska State Archives. A file of official correspondence of Governor Swineford (formerly numbered MS 34) was transferred to the Alaska State Archives in 1993.

BIOGRAPHY

Albert P. Swineford: Born in Ashland, Ohio, September 14, 1936, Swineford served as governor of Alaska Territory 1885-1889. A journalist from Ohio and Michigan, he worked as a printer, editor, and publisher in the Midwest before and after his time as Governor. In 1901 he returned to Alaska as publisher of the Ketchikan MINING JOURNAL and the Ketchikan MINER. He held several mining interests in Alaska, was active in politics, and died in Juneau on October 29, 1909. --*Who's Who in Alaskan Politics*

Mrs. Allen Shattuck (Agnes Swineford): Born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 23, 1879, she came to Alaska with her family in 1886. She married Allen Shattuck in 1900 and lived in Juneau until her husband's death in 1960. She died in Rafael, California, on March 15, 1973. --*Juneau Empire*, 3/26/73

Scope and Contents Note

Papers document Annahootz and Sitka Indian Police Force in the 1880s, Swineford's trip on the *Thetis*, and his political interests after his Governorship. His daughter's notes on her memory of the school in Sitka while her father was Governor.

INVENTORY

Folder 1

Letter to Hon. A.P. Swineford, Sitka, from J. W. Vanderbilt, Killisnoo, Alaska, November 13, 1885, regarding first issue of "The Alaskan" (1 p.)

Letter to W. Clark, Esq., Sitka, Alaska, from A.P. Swineford, Sitka, April 22, 1887, regarding legal dispute on property sold by Hillyer, O'Rourke case. (italic typescript on onion skin, 3 leaves)

REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, Sitka, District of Alaska, October 1, 1884. John H. Kinkead, Governor, District of Alaska, to the President, 7359. (typescript copy on onion skin, 6p.)

Folder 2

Note written on Alaska Territorial Senate letterhead regarding school building in Sitka by Agnes Swineford Shattuck, August 26, 1963, 1 leaf. Photocopy (2 p.) of school taken from *Education in Alaska, with maps and illustrations* by Sheldon Jackson (1886).

Folder 3 - 5

3 folders: newspaper clippings relating mostly to Swineford after his governorship. Several concern grand jury charges of "neglect of duty" against Sheldon Jackson then Superintendent of Education for the District of Alaska. (These have been photocopied; the originals are in fragile condition. All of the originals are in correspondingly numbered folders):

Description of photocopied clippings (Use for research):

Fldr 3 Swineford, Governor A.P. "The Cruise of the Thetis" during summer of 1888 (14 leaves). From *Detroit Free Press*.

Fldr 4 Miscellaneous (mostly undated) newspaper clippings relating to Swineford's bid to represent Alaska as delegate to Congress, his death in 1909, and allegations against Sheldon Jackson.

Fldr 5 All of the following are incomplete papers. If a single article, title is noted.
The Alaskan, February 16, 1889
The Alaskan, June 25, 1892 (2 leaves)
Juneau City Mining Record, June 9, 1892, p. 2(?)
The Daily Alaskan, May 23, 1906 "Skagway is for Swineford"
The Daily Alaskan, July 2, 1906
Daily Alaska Dispatch, July 21, 1906: "Candidates line up at the Start"
2 sheets of miscellaneous clippings

Folder 6

Historical documents regarding payment to Annahootz and Indian policemen in Sitka, 1885 - 1931 (4 items):

Letter to Mrs. Allen [Agnes Swineford] Shattuck from William L. Paul, Alaska Native Brotherhood, Ketchikan, March 16, 1931, regarding records in file (1 p.).

Statement of facts for the benefit of Annahootz, James Henry [Henry Took-sa-odt], Dick [Sta-gwan], Jacob [Shkowlh-yalh], Tom [?], and [Paul] Kattlan, Indian policemen of whom Annahootz was the chief...by A.P. Swineford, Governor, May 24, 1888.

Letter to the Hon. Donald Sutherland, Washington, D.C., from (Mrs. Allen) Agnes Swineford Shattuck, December 4, 1923, regarding authenticity of her father's signature on "Statement of facts...1888."

Certificate: 33 x 43 cm: Appointment and Commission by Alfred P. Swineford, Governor of the District of Alaska of Annahootz, Chief of the

Indian Police in the Native Village of Sitka, October 5, 1885. (Stored flat in bottom of box.)