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Guide to Collection

Neuman, Daniel Saheyause, 1869-

Daniel S. Neuman Papers, 1895-1921 (bulk 1911-1921)

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PROCESSING: A folder level inventory is available. Papers are primarily arranged by type or subject. The received and sent correspondence file is arranged chronologically; letters are interfiled by date on correspondence; undated correspondence and loose envelopes are placed at the back of the folder. There was no original order to the papers except for the scrapbook. The scrapbook pages were unbound and placed in Mylar. Some of the loose memorabilia from the scrapbook was placed in Mylar sleeves in a separate folder with original scrapbook pages indicated. Rusted fasteners were replaced with archival clips. The collection has been re-boxed and re-folded. Clippings on the Alaska Historical Association were photocopied on acid-free paper. Photographs form a separate collection, PCA 307.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Daniel S. Neuman was born in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1869. He earned a degree in chemistry from the University of Kiev and then traveled to America with his father. In 1895 he graduated from medical college in Denver and earned his license to practice medicine in Colorado that same year. He married an Irish nurse, Grace Bailey, and their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1898. Eight years later Grace died and he married her sister Frances, also a nurse.

Dr. Neuman had a private practice and was on the faculty of the medical school at the University of Colorado until 1910. His medical specialty was the treatment of eye disease. In 1910 he became a physician with the U.S. Department of Health and Education in Nome, Alaska. His assignment was to conduct research into the cause of an eye disease that inflicted the Inupiat Eskimos. He traced the disease to a parasite in the Inupiat's reindeer herd. In 1917 he was appointed to the Board of Medical Examiners for the Territory of Alaska. He also served on the Draft Exemption Board and as Federal Physician for the Nome District.

He wrote and contributed to several books, including the *Medical Handbook and Animal Stories From Eskimo Land*. Dr. Neuman was an avid collector of Eskimo artifacts and artwork, and was known for his lectures about his extensive collection. He frequently published articles in the Nome monthly magazine, *The Eskimo*, regarding the Alaskan Eskimos' life and history. He also collected and compiled Eskimo folk tales which were adapted and published by Renee Riggs, wife of Governor Thomas Riggs, in 1923.

Dr. Neuman left the Arctic in 1920 for health reasons and settled in Juneau where he was active in the Alaska Historical Association. It was during this time period that the Alaska Historical Library and Museum purchased Dr. Neuman's collection of some 3,000 Yup'ik and Inupiat Eskimo artifacts. This purchase helped establish the first museum in Juneau. Sometime in 1923 ill health forced him to a warmer climate. He settled in Napa, California where he grew grapes and tobacco until he died in 1935.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Daniel S. Neuman papers consist in large part of the Paul Silook journals possibly told to or transcribed by or for Dr. Neuman by Silook. Paul Silook was an anthropologist who gathered data on the Bering Strait and northern Alaska from 1912 to the mid-1940s. The journals, mostly in Dr. Neuman's handwriting, contain Eskimo stories and legends. The papers also include correspondence, both received and sent, notes, writings, publications, certificates, patents, and licenses, and a subject file of the

Alaska Historical Association. A scrapbook of clippings, programs and memorabilia makes up the rest of the collection.

Dr. Neuman's interest in anthropology and his career as a doctor specializing in treatment of eye diseases is reflected in his notes, writings, and publications. The papers include documents from 1895 to 1921 but the bulk of the collection covers the period in the Nome and Juneau Alaska from 1911 to 1921. Photographs form a separate collection, PCA 307.

FURTHER REFERENCES

"Dr. Daniel Neuman, Collector Extraordinaire" by Lynn Ager Wallen, Ph.D Concepts. Alaska State Museums, July 1994, Technical Paper Number 6. Biographical information about Dr. Neuman, his family, his medical work, and collecting activities.

"Silook's Legacy," by Mike Dunham, Anchorage Daily News, January 12, 1997, p. E-1+. Biographical information about Paul Silook.

INVENTORY

Box 1 Paul Silook journals

The mostly red journals include twelve journals, some numbered, apparently all written or transcribed from Paul Silook. Some have notes and letters inside the leaves, which have been removed and flattened. The journal from which they were removed is noted on each.

Folder 1: Paul Silook Journals: v.I [cover missing; hand-numbered journal: 119 pages]
[handwritten list at front as follows:]

1. War story of the Kobuk river
2. Village story of the big lake
3. Village story of Anvik
4. Point Hope story
5. Thismareff story
6. Golovin Bay Village story
7. Cape Prince of Wales story
8. Siberian story
9. Mary's Igloo story
10. Big Diomedea story
11. War story of Kotzebue
12. War story of wilderness between Selewik and Yukon
13. Doctor's play story

14. Grand ma story [in different handwriting: "Summer on St. Lawrence Island in separate manuscript"]
15. The talking wooden pan

Folder 2: Inserts from v. I (5 items)

1. [1 leaf:] "This is the use the following curios were put to": 1.) the masks...2.) the small idols... 3.) the idol which part fish and part human
2. [set of writings held together with pin, 8 pages, double-sided; each section varies in length from ½ to 1 ½ pages. Titles as follows:]
 1. How the man tell the land when it is foggy while they are in a boat;
 2. Siberia: a seal's flipper bone
 3. Nosso per rak [a game]
 4. children play worship
 5. Nar pek
 6. worship
 7. Kil lock khak
 8. The first thing a girl done
 9. men and women famed
 10. a man who was cross to his children
 11. how a man became strong and swift
 12. visiting to the sick people
 13. when a pull [pall]-bearer came home
 14. the little girls game
 15. sok ke rak (taking whale bone from others)
 16. why is bread called nak ak rak
 17. (St. Lawrence Island) a crow that took off a squirrel's tail.
3. Games (4 sheets):
 1. King o puk a rak; Sek ko ha rak
 2. Nan no e rak (Playing bear)
 3. Kay ya gha[?] rak (a game by kayak)
 4. religion when one moved to other places
 5. the names of the boats; names of people
4. [Large double sheets folded to make 12 pages: 9 have writing. Titles:]
 1. Village story
 2. Another village story
 3. Another village story
 4. The caribou
 5. Grand ma : story
5. (Siberian) [6 sheets; 4 stories]
 - Inepow ar win
 - the story of pang ang ow win
 - famine in East Head [avan]
 - the founding of mangona (walrus skins)

Folder 3: Paul Silook Journals: v. II [hand-numbered: 116 p.; as listed in front of book with exception of bracketed title that is in book , but not listed in front]

1. War story between Council & S. Michael people
2. Story of Atrovik
3. Island Story
4. Point Hope Story
5. Noatak Story
6. Story of a man living near a river
7. Story of "Aomisesea"
8. Story of Illaghanek
9. Story of a man & wife of Keewalik
10. [Story of 2 brothers of Shaktolik]
11. Kobak War Story
12. Muskrat and fox story
13. Story of an old woman

Folder 4: Paul Silook Journals: v. II inserts [3 items]

1. [6 double-sided, handwritten sheets with two stories; one sheet of typescript with name "Chas menadelook" at end]
Story of the Crow and the mink [tul-uak tayapakak
the boy and his grandmother; the way of marriage among the eskimos of Cape Prince of Wales
The Way of Marriage among the Eskimos at Cape Prince of Wales by Chas mendalook
2. [2 sheets typescript with name "Thomas Ulegak" at end]
[no title: about boy who disappears and reappears after little girl gets kamaleka and sings his song]
3. [1 sheet, double-sided, handwritten] Appendix "F" School Report, 1909; Dear Friend Dr. Campbell; signed "your loving friend, Imergon"
4. [1 sheet, double-sided, unsigned, in different handwriting; subject is neolithic, palaeolithic, and stone age implements...]

Folder 5: Paul Silook Journals: Book III (continued from Book No. 2) [no list, pages not numbered: 40 p. est.]

1. Superstitious Religions on sea-animals
2. The fox
3. The bear
4. Religion
5. The war between Oongazek and Sivookak
6. Story (Oongazek)
7. Story (Sivookak): Anangti, the Omeluk of the Punuk Is.
8. Story (Siberian)

Folder 6: Paul Silook Journals: Book No. 4 [no list, pages not numbered: 40 p. est.]

1. A woman's adventure's
2. Moon worship of our tribe
3. Hunting of Iyomik
4. Story (Siberian) [first wife]
5. Story (Siberian) [girl and old woman]
6. Story (Siberian) [only beautiful daughter of chief and orphan boy]
7. Story (Siberia) [man who had three sons]
8. Tattooing [with two drawings]
9. Story (Sinovokak) [two women]
10. Religion; how a man got his worship
11. Story. Siberian. [man who had a daughter who did not want to marry anyone]
12. [one sheet insert:] Cutting Hair

Folder 7: Paul Silook Journals: [no number] [no list, pages not numbered: 40 p. est.]

1. Why the parents want their daughter to stop school
2. Story of Yaktak (Siberian)
3. Story (Siberian) [Ongazek successful hunter and wife whose boy kid cried]
4. Story (Siberian) [strong man Kingowelo]
5. Story (Siberian) [man and wife who could not have a child]
6. Selling of dogs
7. A man who lived like a woman
8. Religion
9. How the people believed about Christian Religion
10. Story (Sivookak) [strong Amalik who lived at Punuk, named Kalak]
11. Story (Sivookak) [man who was a successful whaler]
12. Story (Siberian) [man and woman who had a child who was small and stolen by a bear]
13. How the storm had happened.
14. True Story (Sivookak) [man named Sooma who had lots of tobacco]
15. Story (Siberian) [man and woman who had children who, as soon as they could walk, died]
16. Story (Siberian) [daughter goes to another village with husband and all village dies]
17. The religious superstitions on funeral procession
18. The boat captain's funeral
19. Two strong men told
20. Belief
21. [insert, 2 sheets:] Ping kr urak[?] [worship done by one man]

Folder 8: Paul Silook Journals: Vol. VIII [list of stories in back of book - hand-numbered: 109 p.]

1. Em mim kon

2. Ivango's lost sister
3. Sovek a chief and Se ra nak an orphan
4. Four lost brothers or a big drum
5. Running stick
6. The swan and an eagle
7. A lost wife
8. A halibut
9. a lost daughter
10. A pouch
11. An orphan (a wizard)
12. Killers
13. A man forbidden by his wife to kill only male seal
14. A man killed his wife with an axe
15. A woman carried up to heaven
16. A man who killed many people
17. Eyahenalik
18. Sikolhotuk
19. A lost son
20. Kokseuk
21. A man who had no children
22. [insert 1 sheet:] letter to Dr. D. S. Neuman, Nome, Alaska from Jean Dupertius, Department of Interior, Bureau of Education, Alaska School Service, Gambell, Alaska, July 8, 1918. [in second paragraph, she states in part: "Paul wrote four books for which we paid him \$20.00. He is working on one more which he says will be ready when the Bear comes, and I shall take it and leave it with you when we reach Nome. Paul's actions this winter has made me doubt the sincerity of his writings."

Folder 9: Paul Silook Journals: Vol. IX [approximately 1/5 of volume is full: 15 p. est.; also contains article by Dr. Neuman as noted below]

1. What the woman wear on their bodies
2. The eclipse of the moon and the sun
3. Belief on when some part of the body do
4. The children is allowed not to look at the moon
5. The quarrel between a man
6. The good man
7. Five men married sea-girls (St. Lawrence Is.)
8. Ak na ka and Ar e too wak (St. L. Is.)
9. A girl that married her first cousin (Siberian)
10. A man married a fox
11. An orphan boy and his sister (Siberian)
12. Religion of two brothers
13. The law of quarreling
14. The tattoeing of the legs

15. A girl dressed like a man (Siberian)
16. [by Dr. Daniel S. Neuman, copyrighted 1918 by the author] Nature study in the Stone Age

Folder 10: Paul Silook Journals: Vol. X, August 13, 1917 [hand-numbers: 111p.]

[list (in different handwriting) of stories – many of which are less than one page long--found on p. 111 are not very descriptive, so following titles taken from text:]

1. Tattoeing of a woman
2. Tattoeing of a man
3. Walrus cutting
4. When a seal or mukluk is killed
5. The law of inheritance
6. The law of trapping ground
7. Ceremonies in trapping
8. When a bear is killed
9. Tribes [on St. Lawrence Island]
10. Marriages
11. Dances
12. When a white whale is killed
13. Charms
14. Burials
15. Eskimo doctors
16. Whaling custom
17. Idols
18. (Siberian) [young man who was strong and became cruel]
19. One kind of idol they used to worshipped
20. Worshipping to the walrus head
21. The other kind of belief
22. Religion of dead people
23. The thunder storm
24. Idols
25. The punishment of a murderer
26. The first killing animals
27. Why should woman not sew at night when a person died
28. Daily life
29. The time for crabbing
30. Games: the use of sling
31. The signs to take cooked meat when hunting in a [illegible]
32. The time to dry a walrus skin
33. A vok tak (Tossing a walrus skin
34. Swing
35. Ma ki [worship]
36. Tegh eck sek (calling walrus)

37. Ak ko ta mok [worship done by one woman on island]
38. Kam ma re la [worship]
39. Eveek [worship]
40. Naskone rak [worship]
41. Worship after whaling
42. When a man is drowning
43. Laws to a boat hitter
44. The holy things in the boat

Folder 11: Paul Silook Journals: Vol. 12 [hand-numbered: 111p.] [list in back pages is as follows:]

1. Bad man
2. Man and woman seperated
3. How a man can lend his wife
4. Songs of idol
5. One kind of woman worship
6. Trading with the Siberian man
7. Woman
8. Clothing
9. The making of white intestine
10. Dyeing of seal fur
11. How the lamp was made and how it is used
12. How the gum is made
13. How the name is given
14. Sorcerers own songs
15. Beginning of a sorcerer
16. How the idols are made
17. Why the house is moved when a person died
18. Who owned the house
19. Old men
20. Use of drift wood
21. Charms
22. Games
23. The dances of the women
24. Evil spirits
25. Eskimo sorcerers
26. Iyahoya (a story)
27. The dogs (a story)
28. Fottball, by women
29. Hospitality
30. Numbers
31. Arm pulling
32. Neck pulling
33. Tag

34. Girls tag
35. Rope jumping
36. Shoulder push
37. Hide and seek
38. Blind man's bluff
39. Jumping
40. Humerus (a game)
41. Hand ball
42. Racks
43. Tobacco
44. Seasons
45. Prices of things
46. Ceremonies on mittens
47. Cutting with knife
48. Treatment of a sick people
49. A seal founded by the girls (a story)
50. When the crow should no be eaten
51. Fish worship
52. Cemeteries
53. Rock worship
54. Eskimo Prayers to the evil spirits
55. The Shags (story St. L. Is.)
56. The wolf
57. Fur seals
58. The dissapearance of the bears
59. The law of walrus law
60. The reason why they not eat any of the meat for worship
61. Religion on animals
62. Punuk Island
63. The birds of St. L. Is.
64. The arrows (a story Siberian)
65. Five men and five women (a story St. L. Is.)
66. The religion on the old things
67. The feast after a covering a canoe
68. An orphan who married a polar bear (story)
69. Ceremonies on first things done
70. Why the people do not touch a man's bone or step on
71. The evil spirit woman (a story) (Siberian)
72. A woman founded (a story) (Siberian)
73. Ceremonies on seal cutting

Folder 12: Paul Silook Journals: Vol. 12 inserts [4 items]

1. [8 sheets double-sided, handwritten:
 1. Eskimo Story: The orphan boy

2. The crow and the daylight
3. Some eskimo customs now disappearing
4. The rat
5. The two brothers
2. The Eskimo, v. 2, no. 5 (January 1918): "The Adventures of ki-ya-yuk-tua-look"
- 3 The Eskimo, v. 1, no.9 (May 1917): [opened to story,] "The Boiled Owl"
4. [typescript, 1 sheet, rest missing] Etiquette of Cutting and Division of the Animal in St. Lawrence Island

Folder 13: Paul Silook Journals: [n.d.] The book of Iumek (Old Time) Oct. 15 – 1917

[30p. est.]

1. Beliefs
2. Human man changes into stone
3. Beliefs on the images
4. Our songs
5. The sorcerers of the stone age
6. Why the people would not use another's boat in whaling
7. The reason why the people won't let the children play some kind game
8. What had happened to the people of Kukulik
9. Noon a gak
10. Punut Island and its people
11. Merakta
12. The language
13. The prophesing
14. Agegsarak
15. Fairie story (Siberian)
16. Fairie story (Siberian)
17. Fairy Story (Siberian): Alngekhkuk
18. Fairy story (Siberian)
19. Fairy Story (Siberian)

Folder 14: Paul Silook Journals: St. Lawrence Island [n.d.] [112 p. est.]

1. A Race by a reindeer and a fish
2. A Blind orphan (told by Kaelak)
3. A Blind orphan or How the white whales were happened by Ozuk, but he died a couple of years ago
4. How the deer men were happened (Told by the Siberian)
5. How the puffins men were happened (told by nearly all of the old men)
6. Why should we have sunshine
7. A coloring between a crow and an owl
8. A fox and a crow. Part I (Siberian)
9. A fox and the bear. Part II
10. The fox and the wolf. Part III

11. Kol ker ry; The crow who had send his son to the deer men to marry their daughter (Siberian)
12. A child stolen by a black bear (Siberian)
13. An unsuccessful hunter (St. Lawrence Is.)
14. The two orphans. Both of them were sorcerers. (Siberian)
15. Why we have summer. (St. Lawrence Is.)
16. Why we have storm happened (St. Lawrence Is.)
17. Why we have good weather and bad weather
18. A successful hunter
19. A sea lion
20. A boy who married five girls at a time (Siberian)
21. Ak ak ko, who had killed nearly all the demons on the Puduk Is. (St Lawrence)
22. The four lost brothers (Siberian)
23. Ivanq a, a strong man whose brothers were carried away by the storm
24. Konge
25. I wa nal nga win, the most beautiful girl in the world
26. A crow that went to the demons for food
27. Mi e rak puk (a giant)
28. Melotkalo (Siberia)
29. Ilugan Parinega
30. An orphan who was covered with sores
31. A foolish crow jumped into a flame of fire

Folder 15: Paul Silook Journals: [no. Vol. #; n.d.] [32 p.]

1. Grand ma story
 2. Fox story
 3. Village story
 4. Buckland story
- [incomplete?]

Box 2 Dr. Neuman's official and personal papers

Folder No.

1. Certifications, patents, licenses
2. Correspondence: Received/Sent
3. Alaska Historical Association: Correspondence, clippings, reports, by-laws and letters of incorporation
4. Sketches of artifacts and letters with sketches by Dr. Neuman

- 5-7a. Notes and writings on Eskimos by Dr. Neuman
8. Copies of *The Eskimo* containing articles by or about Dr. Neuman and one issue of *The Alaska Pioneer* with an article by Elizabeth Neuman; bound volume of *The Eskimo*, 1916-1918
9. Articles, mostly reprints, about health issues, by Dr. Neuman
10. Photos and memorabilia including a booklet of poems, "Ballads of the Reindeer Fair," by W.T. Shields and a member list of the Twentieth Century Club (medical personnel); one receipt is for Elizabeth Neuman, postcards to Elizabeth Neuman, probably from Esther Birdsall Darling
11. The Keenok Club: dedication to the Keenok Club by Walter C. Shields and letter to Elizabeth Neuman about the Keenok Club, written by Dr. Neuman
12. The Canadian Arctic Expedition: report and letters concerning the expedition
13. *The Great Dog Races of Nome*: souvenir history booklet by and postcards from Esther Birdsall Darling

Box 3 Scrapbook

1. Scrapbook: clippings from Nome newspapers, *The Aurora*, '13 published by Nome high school students, *Northern Light* (Unalakleet) and other memorabilia; also includes an article from *The Alaska Pioneer*, "Eskimo Wish Dance," October 1913 by Elizabeth Neuman. (*Needs preservation work*)
2. Memorabilia from scrapbook: programs for banquets for Governor Strong, 1913, and explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson and party, 1913, Jafet Lindeberg, 1911,
3. Newspaper clippings from scrapbook (inserts)