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Guide to Collection

Truitt, Gil

Souvenir Programs: Sitka High School Basketball, 1979-1997

MS 214

1 Box

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**PROCESSING:** The programs were arranged by year and placed in an archival box. The poster was placed in a folder in the MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Gil Truitt was born and raised in Sitka. Orphaned at the age of 13, he raised himself to adulthood. He was a teacher, basketball coach, administrator at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka from 1956 till 1990. He earned a BA from Harding University, 1956, an MA in Education Administration from Arizona State University, 1971, and an honorary Dr. of Law from the University of Alaska Anchorage. A street in Sitka is named in his honor and the auditorium at Mt Edgecumbe High School is named "Gil Truitt Activity Center." He was named "Mr. Edgecumbe" by the students and alumni of the school.

Mr. Truitt lived in Sitka all of his life except for the periods when he was in college and military service. He worked as a commercial fisherman. His wife is Shirley Guilford, retired Home Economics teacher. The couple has three grown children, all of whom are college graduates.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains 9 souvenir programs from Sitka High School basketball tournaments. The programs contain photographs of players and articles written by Dr. Gil Truitt concerning the history of high school basketball in Sitka. Also included is a poster, "Sitka ANB Tribe, 1914-1964" featuring ball players who wore Sitka ANB uniforms, 1914-1964; Hall of Fame individuals are named; dedicated to Peter Simpson.

## INVENTORY

### Programs

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion Basketball Tournament; Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1979; Sitka, Alaska; SHS Gym
2. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Class B Basketball Tournament; Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16, 1980; Mt. Edgecumbe Fieldhouse
3. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion Basketball Tournament; Feb. 2-7, 1981; Sitka, Alaska; Sitka High School Gym; B.J. McGillis Fieldhouse
4. Annual Southeast Class B Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament; Mt. Edgecumbe; February 14-19, 1983
5. Championship Records 1921-85; Region V; Southeast High School Activities Association; January 1986
6. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion Basketball Tournament; January 21-26, 1991; B.J. McGillis Fieldhouse; Mt. Edgecumbe High School; Dedicated to the Memory of Ivan P. Gamble

7. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion Basketball Tournament; January 13-18, 1992; Hames P.E. Center; Sheldon Jackson College
8. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion Basketball Tournament; January 24-29, 1994; B.J. McGillis Fieldhouse; Mt. Edgecumbe High School
9. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sitka American Legion/Alaska Airlines Basketball Tournament; January 5-11, 1997; B.J. McGillis Fieldhouse; Mt. Edgecumbe High School; Harold Donnelly

**Poster:** *Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*

10. "Sitka ANB Tribe, 1914-1964" featuring ball players who wore Sitka ANB uniforms, 1914-1964; Hall of Fame individuals are named; dedicated to Peter Simpson