Guide to Collection

Ferrell, Nancy Warren


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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Nancy W. Ferrell is the author of several books for young readers and adults, of fiction and nonfiction in children's magazines, and adult nonfiction in magazines. She was born August 23, 1932, in Appleton, Wisconsin, to Carolyn (Schael) Burg and Harry Warren. After graduating from high school in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, she went on to receive a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lawrence College, where she was a member of Delta Gamma. Upon her graduation, her mother, Carolyn, who married Amos Burg, and had recently moved to Juneau, sent her an airline ticket to Alaska. Nancy moved to Juneau in the summer of 1954 and found her lifelong home. Soon thereafter, she met C. Edgar Ferrell, and the two were married on March 3, 1955. Nancy and Ed became parents to twins, Patricia and William, in 1966.

Nancy practiced psychology, taught grade school, and worked in public and school libraries. Nancy was a 1992 U.S. judge for the Golden Kite Award, reviewed new children's books for publishers, and was a reviewer for the International Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). She resided in Juneau, Alaska, from the early 1960s until her death April 10, 2009. 

From the Juneau Empire obituary and information supplied by the Ferrells. For more biographical information, see Box 1, Folder 2 of this collection.

Barrett Willoughby (died 1959), also known as Florence Barrett, was a best-selling novelist of romantic fiction and nonfiction set in Alaska from the 1920s through the 1940s. Barrett Willoughby authored Sitka, Portal to Romance (1930), Spawn of the North (1932), Alaskans All (1933), Gentlemen Unafraid (1938), Alaska Holiday (1940), The Golden Totem, a novel of modern Alaska (1945.), among other titles. A few of her works were adapted for film. The movies Rocking Moon and Spawn of the North are based on her writings. She was hailed in her time as "the first real Alaskan novelist," and her works gained international press attention. Starting in early childhood, Willoughby spent many years in Alaska.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

photographs of her immediate family, travels to Russia, Australia, London, Juneau ca. 1954-late 1990s, lighthouses in Alaska, and a few newspaper clippings about the author.

SUBJECTS

Ferrell, Nancy Warren
Willoughby, Barrett
Ferrell, Ed
Barrett Willoughby: Alaska’s Forgotten Lady
White Water Skippers: The Barringtons
Klondike
Steamboats
U.S. Coast Guard
Alaska Fish & Game—Photographs
Juneau—Photographs
Biographies—Alaska
Biographies—Alaska Women
Vladivostok
U.S. Marine Fisheries
Lighthouses—Alaska
Schools—Alaska
Maps—Alaska

INVENTORY

Box 1: Photographs—Personal and research, correspondence, working Manuscripts

Folder 1  Personal photographs

1  b&w Portrait of Nancy Ferrell
2  b&w Portrait of Nancy
3  b&w Portraits of Nancy contact sheet
4  Nancy 3 b&w passport photos
5  Ed Ferrell [3 b&w passport photos]
6-9 Patricia Ferrell [4 color slides, #6 has corresponding neg.]
10  Australia trip [3 color rolls of 36]
11  Ed-photo-96 [b&w portrait of Nancy]
12-20 Juneau pictures [2 strips of color negatives of Juneau, totaling 8, one with corresponding print: Mushrooms…curbside- Juneau, 1988 [box 1, Fold. 1]
Folder 2  Author biographical information

Folder 3  Author correspondence regarding various books, draft of Barrett Willoughby Remembered


Folder 5  b&w Fish and Game, U. S. Marine Fisheries, and other photos, bulk ca. 1988

1  Muskoxen, by Amos Burg
2  Seining
3  Seining
4  Wilkin and Eielson in front of 1928 Lockheed Vega credit, LAC
5  Eielson taking off
6-6a 2 color slides Helicopter, Sitka Air Station
7  8x10 Seiner
8  8x10 Seiner
9  Little Port Walter
10 Submergible – close-up
11 Submergible
12 Canning
13 Fishing boat Melody-S
14 Inside submergible?
15 Herring fishing
16 Krill
17 Off-loading crabs
18 Pulling up a herring purse seine
19 Herring purse seine
21 USDA inspection stickers
22 Golden Alaska Photo, Alaska Brands Corp. [color]
23 Helicopter off-loading fish
24 Soviet factory ship, Yulian Markhlevskit, 1970, U.S. Bureau Commercial Fisheries, photographed by Branson,
25 Mendenhall Glacier, Ferrell
26 Processor ships, Bristol Bay, Salmon season
27 Japanese salmon factory, Miyajima Maru, NMFS
28 Captions
Folder 6

Photographic news prints related to Battle of Little Big Horn, research for Battle of the Little Big Horn, 1996: buffalo slaughters, Custer’s massacre. Photos include Sitting Bull and other Plains leaders, Custer with family, infantry, scouts, pile of Buffalo skulls, list of Custer’s men massacred.

Folder 7  U.S. Coast Guard Photographs

1  Sled dog scene, Alaska Dept. of Tourism
3  Scotch Cape (Cap?), 1979, U.S.C.G.
4  Scotch Cap, after tidal wave, 1949, U.S.C.G.
6  Commander Elmer F. Stone, 1887-1936, U.S.C.G.
7  One of the early helicopters commissioned in 1948, U.S.C.G.
8  Florida based Point Hudson…patrolled waters off Vietnam in the 1960s, U.S.C.G.
9  Brochure, The U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle
10 Juneau Cruise Ship Schedule, 1988
12 Revenue Cutter, Harriet Lane, U.S.C.G.
13 Cutter Tampa before she was sunk in 1918, U.S.C.G.
14 U.S.C.G. Cutter Ammen tracking a smuggler, 1926
15 Coast Guard beach patrol with dog
16 Crewmen await seizure, U.S.C.G.; Apollo III Nova Scotia, CA
17 Survivor of a small plane crash north of Cold Bay, AK, steps from a CG rescue helicopter, Dennis Schaefer
18 Cutter Bear off Point Barrow, AK, Lomen Bros. Collection, ASL-P28-70

Folder 8  Various research photographs

1  Revenue Cutter, Bear, Samuel Call Collection, Alaska and Polar Regions, UAF
2  The first woman pilot, Marvel Crosson…1920s, Crosson Collection, Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Anchorage
3  Outside Skagway, 1898, Winter & Pond, ASL-P87-663
4-5 Carl Ben Eielson, Air Mail flight, Feb. 21, 1924, Jim Ruotsala Collection [negative]
6  49th State envelope, stamped 1959
7  Mary Antisarlook (“Sinrock Mary”) was nicknamed the reindeer queen. Barrett Willoughby Collection, Alaska and Polar Regions, UAF
8  First school in Skagway, Dedman’s Photo Shop
9  Walter Northway, Joel Bennett
10 Andrew Svenson, one of the authors of The Hardy Boys, c.f. Gale Research Co.
11-12 A Piper Lance owned by LAB Flying Service out of Juneau and Haines, Alaska. [2 negatives, different plane]

13-17 5 photo newsprints: The cannery ship, Colombia, 1909; Scotch Cap, Lighthouse, 1946; Cape Sarichef sometime in the 1970s; Outline of Alaska. [microfilm of newspapers-2 negs]

18-26 Slides: Juneau, brown bear, Mendenhall Glacier, Fish & Game photos

27 Homestead up north [Cabin photo]

28-46 20 b&w photographs: Carrillo fire, Juneau, 9/19/86; Plaque and bust at Skagway, Alaska, 6/86; Eldred Rock Light St., 6/20/86; Stellar sea lions on way to Skagway, 6/20/86.

47 Lighthouse keeper, Ted Pedersen, 1930s. From Alaska Holiday, by Barrett Willoughby

48 Forest Service officers scaling sawing rafts, Naha Bay, U.S. Forest Service

49 Photocopy of Hasselborg boat with skins

50 Government Hill Elementary School after the 1964 earthquake

51 Remains of Scotch Cap lighthouse [post earthquake?]

52 ...visual light at Scotch Cap...

53-64 12 b&w photographs: Coast Guard Polar Star, visit to Juneau, 11/1986

Box 1a: Photographs — Personal and research, correspondence, working Manuscripts

Folder 1 Personal photographs — bulk, Juneau — and some research photos


19-48a Trip to Russia, color photographs and slides, 12/1990 [3 envelopes; Negs exceed prints]

49-78 Lighthouses – Eldred Rock, Pt. Retreat, Nancy and Ed Ferrell [portraits], sea lions. 20 color prints, 9/8/00. [negs]

79 Fish wheel slide

80-88 Alyeska, Portage Glacier, Wedding; 1999 [9 color photos]

89-99 Coast Guard Polar Star, Lighthouses – Point Retreat & Sentinel Island, Whale, Sea Lions; 11 color photographic prints; 2000. [negs]

100- Wings of Alaska in [Juneau] harbor. Four color photos of Juneau wharf, float plane, cruise ship; 9/00. [ Negs exceed prints]

104 From verso: Alaska Coastal Airplanes line up on the Mt. Edgecumbe runway, ready to shuttle students to Juneau in May 1959.

105 Point Retreat

106 From verso: Nancy Warren Ferrell’s arrival in Juneau June 30, 1954. Hat, gloves, heels, purse, and a six hour prop jet flight from Seattle. Times have changed.


111 Old bridge, Harris Harbor, ca. 1959
112 20 b&w Photo prints of early Juneau from Oregon Historical Society (1) and Alaska Historical Collections (PCA 87. PCA225, Early Prints of Alaska, PCA 88)
113 Cover of Barrett Willoughby book *Sitka, Portal to Romance* (2 prints)
114 H.M.C.S. *Provider*, fleet replenishment ship brochure, no date
115-120 Negatives

Folder 2

1-25 25 Color photos of cruise ships and Coast Guard ships, Juneau harbor, 1988[Negs]
42-58 17 color slides: Barrett Willoughby dust covers, River House, Sondra O’Moore [Neg.]
59-71 13 color photos of Juneau, Fall-Winter 1988: Alaska State capitol building; Bear sculpture, by Skip Wallen; dedication of bear; Marine Drive library construction, Governor’s Mansion, Catholic Church from Gold Street, cruise ship [Negs]
72-95 25 color photos of Juneau-Douglas Summer, 1988: Ships *Explorer Starship, New Amsterdam, Cunard* [?] Princess; Juneau–Douglas bridge; Coast Guard; harbor; Chief Edwards, Coast Guard, docking *Noordam*, Fourth of July race, sand castles. [Negs]
96- 11 color photos, 1988: children’s balloon launch, Juneau; Sandy Beach, Treadwell
107- 10 color photos of Juneau, February 1988: Main Street, Greek Orthodox Church,
116 Library Annex (Main St.), Capitol School. [Negs]
117- 17 color photos of Juneau Feb. 1988: Interior and exterior of Public Library (Main and Dixon) including stained glass window facing Main, Ethel Montgomery, Charles Skuse, Channel, downtown [Negs]
134 Color passport photos: 2 of Ed Ferrell. No date.
135 Color passport photos: 2 of Nancy Ferrell. No date.
138-146 9 Color slides, National Guard. Black Hawk helicopters, maps, pilots.
147-153 8 color slides, Alaska Fish & Game: Infant Bald Eagle, Moose [credit, John Hyde], Ptarmigan on branch winter coat
154-172 Sitka Coast Guard Air Station. [Slides. Credit: Nancy Ferrell]
173 A small boat on the left loads fish onto the processor, while the boat on the right takes on ice. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institution.

174 The 296-foot American factory trawler, the *Arctic Trawler*...catches, processes, and markets cod and Pollock...Trans-Pacific International Industries, Inc.
175 View of the stern runway aboard the factory ship, the *Arctic Trawler*…
176 Fish packing the cod end of the trawling net…
177 Photo print reproduction of Barrett Willoughby novel *Alaska Holiday* dust cover
178 Photo print reproduction of Barrett Willoughby novel *The Fur Trail Omnibus* dust cover
179 Hell’s Angels. “Many people believe the B-17 Flying Fortress to be the best loved plane in American history. B-17s dropped…”
180 Negatives

**Folder 3**  *White Water Skippers of the North: The Barringtons* working manuscript

**Folder 4**  Valdez Manuscript

**Box 2: Barrett Willoughby**

**Folder 1**  Willoughby – Earlier Correspondence, 1984
   Scudder, Helen
   Katalla, Alaska
   Barrett, “Flossie” Florence
   Barrett, Fred
   Barrett, Lawrence
   Whitworth College
   Blahuta, Renee

**Folder 2**  Sarah Willoughby Info – News B, C & O
   Willoughby, Charles
   Willoughby, Oliver
   University of Washington Libraries
   Port Townsend, Washington

**Folder 3a**  Willoughby – Early Years, 1886-1910
   California Historical Society
   Vital Records
   “A Basic Bibliography of Alaskan Literature, Annotated”
   “Thrilling Days in Dawson When the Klondike Rush Was On”

**Folder 3b**  Willoughby – Early Years, 1886-1910
   Katalla Herald (articles), 1907-1909
   “The Catalla Drill”

**Folder 4**  Willoughby – 1910-1920 (ca)
   Correspondence
Census Records
Cordova Daily Record (ca. 1912-1919)

Folder 5  Willoughby - 1922-1929
“Rocking Moon” – motion picture
Reviews
The Alaska Weekly
The Stroller’s Weekly
“The Passing Alaskan”
Native Alaskans
Tlingits
McKinstry, Grace E.
Writing

Folder 6  Willoughby - 1930-1939
Sitka: Portal to Romance
Spawn of the North
Captive Bride
Hubbard, Rev. Father B. R.
Interviews
Matanuska Valley
Radio Talk (NBC, 1932)
Typescripts of letters

Folder 7  Willoughby - Research Notes, 1940-1959
Correspondence
Jack London and wife Charmian
Diaries of Charmian London
Death Certificate (Barrett Willoughby)
Obituary

Folder 8  Willoughby - Vital Records
Marriage Certificate
Divorce Decree

Folder 9  Willoughby – Development
Outline for Barrett Willoughby biography (handwritten)

Folder 10  Willoughby - Book Sales
Reproduction of “Dwellers in the House of Sleep” from The Alaska Sportsman, August 1938.
Folder 11  Willoughby - Miscellaneous Research
   Articles for The All-Alaska Review 1916-1917
   “Papa Came” in Good Housekeeping, July 1956 (partial)
   “The Silent City” in Alaska Sportsman, June 1959.

Folder 12a  Willoughby - Book Research
   Biographical data: Capt. Charles L. Willoughby and Martin Barrett
   “Barrett Willoughby: First Lady of Alaskan Literature”
   Trail Eater
   “Volcanoes Packed In Ice”

Folder 12b  Willoughby - Book Research
   Bibliographies
   Katalla, Alaska in “A Tale of Three Cities”

Folder 13a  Willoughby – Photograph Requests
   Correspondence
   “Xeroxes” of photos from UAF finding aid on Barrett Willoughby
   PCA 336 Brenneman Papers Finding Aid

Folder 13b  Willoughby -Photocopies of photographs
   Cover Photos of Willoughby books – reproductions
   UAF photos - reproductions

Folder 13c  Willoughby - Photographs, negatives and extra prints
   Prints (black and white) 5 x 7 of Barrett Willoughby (n. d.)
   Reproductions of prints

Folder 13d  Willoughby - Photographs, negatives and extra prints
   Color slides of book cover pictures
   Ben Eielson (8 ½ x 11 prints)
   Contact sheets
   Pilot A. A. Bennett and Barrett Willoughby (8 ½ x 11 print)

Folder 13e: Willoughby - Photographs, U of A Fairbanks--some not labeled
   Prints and negatives

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/MS234.pdf
Folder 13f  Willoughby - Photographs, negatives and extra prints  
   Pioneer of Alaska Skies (3 copies)  
   Portrait (signed) 8 ½ x 11 of Barrett Willoughby

Folder 14a & 14b  Willoughby - Photos, journey to publication, late 1980s, early 1990s  
   Bibliographies  
   Holy Names Academy  
   Alice Anderson  
   Walstein G. Smith  
   Scotty Allan B  
   Dr. C. C. Georgeson  
   Review of Ferrell’s Barrett Willoughby: Alaska’s Forgotten Lady

Folder 14c  Willoughby - Photos, journey to publication, late 1980s, early 1990s  
   “The Grand Ball at Sitka”  
   Correspondence  
   Manuscript revisions  
   Bibliography

Folder 14d  Photographs, journey to publication, late 1980s, early 1990s  
   Correspondence:  
   Jefferson County Historical Society  
   University of Alaska Press  
   California State Library

Box 3: Barringtons working papers, research notes, correspondence, maps

Folder 1  Barringtons - Correspondence  
   Information gathering, versions of book with publisher, permissions

Folder 2  Barringtons – Early Manuscripts, Notes, Correspondence, and Bibliography

Folder 3  Barringtons– Klondike and Yukon Steamboat Years, 1898-1905  
   Ed dies, Captain Syd, Charles & Jim Binkley, DeLisle: Related articles, notes, and author correspondence

Folder 4  Barringtons – 1899-1903  
   Spike at Lake Bennett, Nome visit, steamers, Syd arrested, York’s death - Newspaper

Folder 5  Barringtons – 1904, 1905-1910

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist hist_docs/finding_aids/MS234.pdf
Map of Stikine, Newspaper - Violette, Crowhurst

**Folder 6**  
Barringtons – Through 1911, 1912-1913  
Newspaper clippings – Yorke, stampede, watch, Hill Barrington marriage

**Folder 7**  
Barringtons – 1868-1915  
Newspaper clippings and articles – Edward Barrington and Christina McCrohan, early Yukon, Stikine background: *Trail to the Interior* excerpt, map of Stikine, etc.

**Folder 8**  
Barringtons – 1916-1920  
Newspaper Clippings - South America, Trip up Stikine, Hazel B speed record, Jackson Ranch, Binkley, Hill, Thomas McCrohan, Syd.

**Folder 9**  
Barringtons – 1920s  
Newspaper - Cassiar, Whidbey, Syd, Freckles

**Folder 10**  
Barringtons – 1930s  
Author correspondence, Newspaper - Syd, Trip up, Gold 1939, Christina’s obit

**Folder 11**  
Barringtons – 1940s  

**Folder 12**  
Barringtons – 1950s  
Pioneer Dick Hastie, half-sister, obits, Syd 1962 trip to Alaska (82 years old)

**Folder 13**  
Barringtons –1853-1960s  
Newspaper, Background articles, Biographical, Railway, Alaska topics

**Folder 14**  
Barringtons – Information gathering, ca. 1998  
Yukon territory and Stikine maps, Notes (steamships, Stikine, correspondence with publisher, Pacific Marine history, Barrington family history *History of a Whidbey Island Family*, by Peggy Darst Townsdin (great great granddaughter), copies of family letters, author’s correspondence and notes from phone conversations with family, personal interviews, letter from Robert de Armond regarding 1950s interview with Syd (3/1998)

**Box 4**  
Alaska Women, ca. 1900-1960s  
Largely uncategorized newspaper and magazine articles about women in Alaska. Themes range from opinions about women in relation to men in Alaska (for example, a cartoon about a Yukon territory maps tax on single women by Governor Egan in 1949
and musings on women as wives, mothers, and “rugged femininity” to researched portraits of women explorers, pioneers, etc.

Folder 1
   General Information [about women in Alaska]

Folder 2
   Alaska Women – Some: Biographical Alphabetical list with sentence long descriptions, Newspaper clippings

Folder 3
   Marriage

Folder 4
   Klondike, Klondike Kate, Dawson, Other topics

Folder 5
   Women in legislature, mushing, hiking, frontiers women, Dr. Lillian Irwin, Francis Gillis, Lulu Fairbanks, “Women unafraid,” and other biographies.

Folder 6
   Biographies of professional women:
      Doctors; Alaska Highway work; Alutiiq teacher, Sophia Vlasoff; Unangan tradition bearer, Lillian Alling, who walked from Nome to Siberia, Mary Antisarlook, reindeer herd owner from Unalakleet; women writers; bachelor tax, 1933; Garnet mine owned by women

Folder 7
   Biographies, early alphabet and women related stories:
      Biographies of women in politics: Mildred Banfield, Ann Engstrom, Martha Louise Black, and other pioneering women: Thelma Engstrom, Rusty Dow-truck driver, nurse Ida May Burkholder, Charlotte Selina Bompas included.

Folder 8
   Biographies of mostly women, mixed with dogs, bios of male pioneers

Folder 9
   Biographies F-P:
      Josephine Peary, wife of explorer, first Notary, etc.
Box 4 Cont’d:
Alaska Women, ca. 1900-1960s
Northlanders: Prominent and notorious Alaskans, Aleutians, WWII

Folder 10
Biographies P-W

Folder 11
Women’s clubs, professional women, views on liquor, pioneer home, wife beater, hospital living, Circle City School

Folder 12
Northlanders:
Notes, Interviews, Correspondence

Folder 13
Anthony Dimond, Klondike Kate, Harriet Pullen, Serum musher Nollner

Folder 14
Leonhard Seppala

Folder 15
Harriet Pullen

Folder 16 [Folder missing 11/1/2013 jas]
Soapy Smith?

Folder 17
Blue Parka Bandit--Charles Hendrickson

Folder 18
Don Sheldon--Mt. McKinley rescue, 1960

Box 5  Heroes, Rescues and Rescuers
Folder 1
Heroes: Correspondence and general information

Folder 2
Heroes: Clyde John Aketachunak

Folder 3
Heroes: Jim Blades
Folder 4
Heroes: Robert Brantley, Tom Burgess, David Lancaster

Folder 5
Heroes: Robert Cusack

Folder 6
Heroes: Nancy Davis

Folder 7
Heroes: Dora H, Captain Mark Worley

Folder 8
Heroes: Rosie Edenshaw

Folder 9
Heroes: Rose Edgren

Folder 10
Heroes: David Graham

Folder 11
Heroes: Louis Gottwald

Folder 12
Heroes: George Jackinsky

Folder 13
Heroes: Darin Olanna

Folder 14
Heroes: Gilbert Pelowook

Folder 15
Heroes: Eric Pentilla, Walt Greaves, Randy Oles, Jerry Austin

Folder 16
Heroes: Randy Prinzing

Folder 17
Heroes: Albert Rothfuss
Folder 18
Heroes: Jason Rutman, Evans Geary, Johnny Sheldon, Jessie Ahkpuk Jr.

Folder 19
Heroes: Robert (Bob) Larson

Folder 20
Heroes: Alaska Army National Guard members rescue of walrus hunters

Folder 20a
Photocopied prints from CD of Walrus Hunter of Savoonga rescue, 1988, National Guard CD-ROM

Folder 21
Heroes: Miscellaneous rescues

Folder 22
Medals

Folder 23
“Lighting Northern Shores” by Nancy Ferrell
Lighthouses: Then and Now a supplement of Commandant’s Bulletin. U.S. Coast Guard.