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N. P. Severin Co., Creators

Juneau, Alaska, Federal and Territorial Building Construction Collection, 1929-1930

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HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1911 the United States Congress authorized funds to construct a capitol building for what was then the Alaska Territory. Construction was delayed by World War I and the funds appropriated by Congress were insufficient and only paid for half of the block on which the building is located. The citizens of Juneau raised the additional money needed to buy the remainder of the site and presented the property to the government. Construction began on September 18, 1929. The future capitol building was completed on February 2, 1931, and formally dedicated on February 14, 1931.

The building was designed by Treasury Department architects under Acting Supervising Architect James A. Wetmore in the Art Deco architectural style. It was used initially by the federal government and housed a federal courthouse and a post office. Since Alaska gained statehood in 1959 with the Alaska Statehood Act the building has been used by the state government.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains photographs, backed with linen, of the exterior of the Juneau, Alaska, Territorial/Capitol Building throughout the construction period. Accompanying documents include invitations for bids and construction contract.

INVENTORY

- 1 November 2, 1929. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking South East. N.P. Severin Co. Contractor. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer [Empty lot at future site of Capitol.]
- 2 August 2, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking South. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer [Capitol under construction, with scaffolding.]
- 3 September 1, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking North. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer [Capitol under construction, with scaffolding, front view]
- 4 October 4, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking East. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer. [Capitol under construction, back view.]

- 5 October 4, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking West. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer. [Capitol under construction, right corner of front view.]
- 6 October 4, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Looking South. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer. [Capitol under construction, 5th Street view.]
- 7 November 3, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Front Elevation. N.P. Severin Co. Contractor. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer [Completed Capitol, front on.]
- 8 November 3, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Main Street Side. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer.
- 9 November 3, 1930. P.O. & Cu.H. Juneau, Alaska. Front. N.P. Severin Co. Contractors. Jesse I. Marshall Construction Engineer. [Residential houses across the street, current (2013) location of Court House]

10 Stipulation & Consent Contract, 1930

11 Construction Contract

Standard Government Form of Performance Bond

Standard Government Form of Bid (Construction Contract)

Correspondence

Addendum No. 2 to the Specification dated April 27, 1929, for the Construction (Except Elevators) of the United States Federal and Territorial Building at Juneau, Alaska.

Addendum No. 1 to the Specification dated April 27, 1929, for the Construction (Except Elevators) of the United States Federal and Territorial Building at Juneau, Alaska.

Specification for the Construction (Except Elevators) of the United States Federal and Territorial Building at Juneau, Alaska.

Standard Government Form of Invitation for Bids

Standard Government Instructions to Bidders

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Specification for the Construction of the United States Federal and Territorial Building at Juneau, Alaska.

[A bound copy of this document, *Juneau, Alaska Federal and Territorial Bldg. [construction specifications]*, is also located at TH4021.S64 1911 OVERSIZE.]