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Guide to Collection

Annis, Elizabeth deCourcy, (1925-2011)

A Tribute to My Sister, Elizabeth Roland deCourcy Annis, 1925-2011

MS 281

7 folders
Correspondence, essays, writings
Photocopies of photographs

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elizabeth (Betty) deCourcy Annis arrived in Juneau, Alaska in 1955 and almost immediately got herself a job as proofreader for the Daily Alaska Empire (now the Juneau Empire). Betty worked for the Empire in various positions from 1955-1957. After leaving the Empire she worked for The Independent for a year, a weekly Juneau paper. Later she served as a secretary at Holy Trinity Church and worked for Clark Gruening, while he was a member of the State House of Representatives, in the 1970s. After Betty stopped writing for the paper, she continued to write letters to the editors of Alaskan papers. This manuscript is a compilation of her writings.

Biographical information from Gastineau Heritage News article "Betty Annis in Her Own Words, Life at the Empire, 1955-1957," Vol. 17, No. 1, Jan. 20, 2014.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains a scanned copy of selected materials concerning the life of Elizabeth deCourcy Annis. With the manuscript is a copy of a Gastineau Heritage News publication, Volume 17, No.1, January 20, 2014. This issue is dedicated to a biography of Betty Annis: "Betty Annis in Her Own Words: Life at the Empire, 1955-1957," and a couple of the articles she wrote for the Daily Alaska Empire: "War Buddies" and "The Hub of the City" (about the opening of the Baranof Hotel in Juneau in 1939).

INVENTORY

Gastineau Heritage News Volume 17, No. 1, January 20, 2014

Folder 1: Early Years

- a. Somerset, Chevy Chase Maryland
- b. New Hampshire, at Grandmere's House
- c. Washington, D.C.

Folder 2 & 3: Germany 1946-1949

Folder 4: Alaska, 1955-2011

- a. Juneau, 1955-1989
Newspaper: "...The Hub of the City" [article and photographs regarding the Baranof Hotel grand opening, March 10, 1939] The Daily Alaska Empire; Juneau, Alaska; Friday, August 31, 1956; pg. 5. (*Item located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*)

b. Anchorage, 1990-1995

c. Sitka, 1995-2011

Folder 5: Writings

Folder 6: Politics

Folder 7: Illness & Death