

**Alaska State Library
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

Ricketts, Nancy

Sheldon Jackson & Stratton Library Papers

MS 291

3 boxes

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the folder & item level. Items have been rehoused in archival safe folders and boxes.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Nancy Ricketts has worked in or helped with every archive in Sitka, Alaska, in some way. She worked as a librarian for the Sheldon Jackson College's Stratton Library and during her time there, organized the archives. She was also a member of the Sitka Historical Society for many years and edited their newsletter for 10 years, as well as helped with several collections projects.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection includes Nancy Ricketts' papers related to her work at the Sheldon Jackson College's Stratton Library. The collection also includes papers retrieved from the desk files of Evelyn Bonner, who held the position of Head Librarian and then Director of Library Services at Sheldon Jackson College's Stratton Library.

SUBJECTS

Sheldon Jackson College, Stratton Library Archives

INVENTORY

Master File

Sitka Historical Society Museum, Nancy Ricketts Donation Inventory prepared by Hayley Chambers 1/29/2014

Sitka Historical Society and Museum, Temporary Deposit Agreement, includes Nancy Ricketts Donation Inventory prepared by Hayley Chambers 1/29/2014

Letter to Hayley Chambers Regarding my Personal Collection, May 21, 2014, Nancy Ricketts

Alaska State Library Instrument of Donation for Nancy Ricketts Papers

3/25/2015 Letter to Nancy from Alaska State Historical Collections Library acknowledging donation of personal papers

Document detailing telephone conversations between Nancy and Jim Simard re: placement of Nancy's papers with the State of Alaska

Box 1

Folder 1-3 Sitka Historical Society Newsletters 1986-1996 [Referred to as “Blue Binder” in Hayley Chambers inventory.]

- Folder 1** September 2, 1986
 May 1987
 August 1987
 December 1987
 Vol. 1, No. 1-February 15, 1988
 Vol. 1, No. 2- May 15, 1988
 Vol. 1, No. 3- September 15, 1988
 Vol. 1, No. 4- December 1, 1988
 Vol. 2, No. 1-February 15, 1989
 Vol. 2, No. 2- May 15, 1989
 Vol. 2, No. 3- September 15, 1989
 Vol. 2, No. 4- December 1, 1989
 Vol. 3, No. 1- February 15, 1990
 Vol. 3, No. 2- May 15, 1990
 Vol. 3, No. 3- September 15, 1990
 Vol. 3, No. 4- December 1, 1990
 Vol. 4, No. 1- February 15, 1991
 Vol. 4, No. 2- May 15, 1991
 Vol. 4, No. 3- September 15, 1991
 Vol. 4, No. 4- December 1, 1991
 Vol. 5, No. 1- February 15, 1992
- Folder 2** Vol. 5, No. 2- May 15, 1992
 Vol. 5, No. 3- September 15, 1992
 Vol. 5, No. 4- December 1, 1992
 Vol. 6, No. 1- February 15, 1993
 Vol. 6, No. 2- May 15, 1993
 Vol. 6, No. 3- September 15, 1993
 Vol. 6, No. 4- December 1, 1993
 Vol. 7, No. 1- February 15, 1994
 Vol. 7, No. 2- May 15, 1994
 Vol. 7, No. 3- September 15, 1994
 Vol. 7, No. 4- December 1, 1994
 Vol. 8, No. 2- May 15, 1995
- Folder 3** Vol. 8, No. 3- September 15, 1995
 Vol. 8, No. 4- December 1, 1995
 Vol. 9, No. 1- February 15, 1996
 Vol. 9, No. 2- May 15, 1996
 Vol. 9, No. 3- September 15, 1996
 Vol. 9, No. 4- December 1, 1996

Folder 4-5 Sitka Historical Society Newsletters 1997-2013 [Referred to as “Pink Binder” in Hayley Chambers inventory.]

- Folder 4** Vol. 10, No. 1- March 1997
 Vol. 10, No. 2- July 1997
 Vol. 11, No. 1- March 1998
 Vol. 11, No. 2- August 1998
 Vol. 12, No. 1- April 1999
 Vol. 12, No. 2- November 1999
 Vol. 13, No. 1- April 2000
 Vol. 14, No. 1- February/March 2001 (two copies)
 Vol. 15, No. 2- November 2002
 Winter 2003
 Winter 2004
 February 2005
 Summer 2005
 December 2005
 Spring 2006
- Folder 5** Fall 2006
 May 2007
 September 2007
 Spring 2008
 November 2008
 #1 2009
 #1 2010
 Spring 2011
 February/ March 2012
 May/June 2012
 September 2012
 December 2012
 Spring 2013
 Summer 2013
- Folder 6** Notes and information related to Sitka Historical Society’s Photo Shop Collection 2004-2007
 [“Pink Folder” *Perhaps should go to Sitka Historical Society? Or remain in this collection to point researchers towards Sitka Historical Society collection?*]
- Folder 7** Notes and information related to Sitka Historical Society’s Coon Brothers Collection 2007-2011 [“Grey Folder” *This is Nancy’s personal copy of information related to Sitka Historical Society’s collection. The SHS should have their own copy of this information. Perhaps should go to Sitka Historical Society? Or remain in this collection to point researchers towards Sitka Historical Society collection?*]
- Folder 8-12** Clippings File: People, Ships, Planes, Weather, Events. Dates 1980s-2000.
 [Inventory of Clipping File by Nancy Ricketts, September 3, 2011]

- Folder 8 People**
Many articles about well-known Sitka people including Hedi, Langfeldt, Fred Bahovec, Alice Machesney, John Straley, Yvonne Mozee, Richard Nelson and Robert DeArmond.
- Folder 9 Ships**
Sinking of the ANDREA DORIA in 1956 and its aftermath; the PRINCENDAM FIRE AND SINKING IN 1980; MAJESTIC EXPLORER goes aground in 1982; jetfoil in 1983; Cruise ship sails through NW Passage with a stowaway in 1985; Allen Marine launches trips to Juneau in 20??; MARJO incident in 1997; photo of five large cruise ships in Sitka in 2005.
- Folder 10 Planes**
Ditched plane on Biorka Island in 1962; AK Airlines plane crashes off runway in Juneau in 1976; small plane crashes in downtown Sitka in 2007; pilot instructor dies in plane at Sitka airport in 1975; veteran Sitka Summer Music Festival concert-goer pilots his own plane down to Sitka from Fairbanks and lives there during the festival; picture of “Sitka International” in 1982 when bad weather forced five planes to wait for an improvement in flying conditions.
- Folder 11 Weather**
Storms and storm damage; snow and avalanches, unusually mild weather, beautiful sunsets, and record rainfalls.
- Folder 12 Events**
Laura Higbee found alive after ten days in 1976; nine-year old Jeff Young rescued after five days in 1987; SJs demise and rebirth; Causeway park; Castle Hill work in 1997; “Roundabout” letter in 2007; Lituya Bay; and other stories.

Box 2

- Folder 1** Stratton Library Inventory, July 2011, by Sara Bornstein, with Nancy Ricketts handwritten notes.
- Folder 2-3** Miscellaneous papers related to Sitka Historical Society events and programs and correspondence [*Referred to as “White Binder” in Hayley Chambers inventory.*]
- Folder 2** Correspondence to and from Maria Enckell (Russian American scholar) and (1) Copy of article, “The Adventures behind the Godenhjelm Rescue, the Symbol of our Finnish Presence in Russian Alaska” [all of these papers are paper clipped together]
- Alaska Day Report from SHS’s Annual Meeting (no date)

Print out on 2010 Russian American conference from SHS website

Instructions for Nancy and Kathy Baker, "Cataloging the Museum Library"

Postcard postmarked 1/14/2011 for Jim Davis's presentation "The Raven and the Double Eagle"

Information Packet, "Sitka Historical Society Explorations May 26, 2007 Sitka Causeway Tour"

Letter to Assembly and 2010 Annual Report [stapled together]

Envelope (no contents) from SHS to Nancy Ricketts, postmarked 10/17/2008

Letter from SHS to membership detailing upcoming museum events, 10/1/2009

SHS Annual Meeting Program, 10/11/2009

Letter from SHS to membership after annual meeting, 10/11/2004

Document from SHS "Summary of Activities for the 2004/2005 year"

SHS Annual Meeting Program, 10/10/2008

Invitation and envelope for "Tuberculosis in Alaska" presentation

Brochure for "Tuberculosis in Alaska" presentation

Postcard to SHS fundraising event for Bob DeArmond painting, postmarked 5/4/2010

2010 Russian American Conference program/ conference highlights sheet

2010 Russian American Conference program with newspaper article, "White Nights Concert Aug. 20" paper clipped to it

Newspaper clipping, "Russian America Era to be Explored," 8/13/2010

2010 Russian American Conference agenda [3 pages]

Receipt for 2010 Russian American Conference

Photocopy of newspaper article, "St. Michael's Bell Ringing May Sound Anew"

Handout, "Possible Clues to Chirikov's Lost Crewmen"

SHS Board Meeting packet, 8/26/2010

Essay, "Sergei Ionovich Kostromitinov aka Coloner George Kostrometinoff a Russian Citizen by Birth, an American Citizen by Purchase" by Sergei Kan

Copy of a PSA announcing SHS hiring Jacqueline Fernandez

Newsletter, Sitka Maritime Heritage Society, Fall 2011

Draft of SHS newsletter article on Mary Tlantich, 3/20/1999

Draft of SHS newsletter article on Doris Ulrich Grundy [5 pages]

Draft of SHS newsletter article on Ella Mae Lindberg Bankler

Letter to Nancy from R. N. DeArmond, 10/15/1991 [1 page]

Letter to Nancy from R. N. DeArmond, no date [topic: Montague, 2 of 3 pages, middle page appears to be missing]

Letter to Nancy from R. N. DeArmond, 2/23/1992 [2 pages]

Letter to Nancy from R. N. DeArmond, 2/4/1990 [1 page]

Document from "Joe's [Joe Ashby's] Memorial Service," 8/2/2002 [2 pages]

Document about Joe Ashby, presumably for memorial, with photo [1 page]

Note, "Joe's son born 1932, lived a few days" [*Handwritten by Nancy. She could not fit this information in anywhere, but thought it important.*]

Memorial Program for Joe Hickman Ashby, 8/2/2002

Document, "Sitka's Tlingit Russian Orthodox Cemetery"

Letter to SHS from Thayne I. Andersen, re: cemetery indexes,
7/5/1987 [2 pages]

Letter from SHS to membership, 5/8/2013

Folder 3

Draft of SHS newsletter article "First Visit of a U.S. President to
Alaska and Sitka," 1997 [3 pages]

SHS Board Minutes, 5/9/1996

SHS Board Minutes 3/14/1996

SHS Board Minutes 4/11/1996

Copy of SHS Articles of Incorporation

Copy of Amendment to SHS Articles of Incorporation

Copy of letter from SHS to Commissioner of Commerce &
Economic Development, re: SHS's Articles of Incorporation,
10/10/1978

Copy of Certificate certifying SHS's Articles of Incorporation,
10/12/1978

Copy of SHS By-Laws with Nancy's handwritten notes

Document, "From the Minutes Book" following minutes of
February 1961, retyped by Nancy, 12/2/1990

Document, "Materials Relating to the Formation of Policies for
Sitka Historical Society, Including Mission Statement or Statement
of Purpose," 1/21/1990

SHS Board Minutes, 11/14/1978

SHS Board Minutes, 9/24/1979

SHS Board Minutes, 1983 [2 pages]

Document, "Items of Interest from Minutes and Resolutions Since
1989," 7/8/1993 [3 pages]

Letter, SHS to All Board Members, 6/30/1989

Letter, from Barbara Dadd Shaffer to SHS Board of Directors,
7/6/1990

Letter from Bruce Gazaway to SHS Board of Directors, 7/6/1990

Document, "Absence of Tribal History in Local, State and
National Historical Societies," by Ellen Hope Hays, 1/1994

Document, "Prehisotry" (relates to Tlingit history and culture)

Document, "Sitka 50 Years Ago in World War II"

Document, "History of SHS Newsletter," 5/10/1995

Award Nomination- Nancy for the Greater Sitka Chamber of
Commerce Cossack Cap Award 2/10/1996 [2 pages]

Document, "Final Draft of Collections Policy..." 5/1/1990

Letter, Nancy to SHS Board of Directors, 1/30/1994

Letter, SHS Board of Directors to Nancy, 2/17/1994

Document related to SHS, no date

Letter to Nancy from Barbara Dadd Schaffer, 11/17/1993

Document re: SHS, 11/17/1993

Letter to Nancy from Parbara Dadd Schaffer, 9/9/1992

Postcards, Jeremiah E. Reeves Home and Carriage House

Document, Dover Historical Society's Jeremiah E. Reeves Home

Document, "Life of Mary Thlantisch" handwritten

[*Green Binder-Nancy's copy of Stratton Library Finding Aid, begins 1985 (also includes listing of Merrill photographs)

Nancy stated that her copy of the Stratton Library Finding Aid may not be up to date. The Juneau copy may be more accurate. She would like to hold on to this binder as long as she can be useful with it in Sitka to aid in locating material for people. Kept by Nancy as of 7/27/2015.]

Folder 4 Booklet, "Sheldon Jackson Museum: A Catalogue of the Ethnological Collections in the Sheldon Jackson Museum"

Booklet, "Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska, 1972-1974" (course listings)

Folder 5 Folder of Sheldon Jackson Legacy Committee (2011). (Nancy was a member of this committee)

Folder 6-8 [*Referred to as "White Binder" in Hayley Chambers inventory.*]

Folder 6 Group of materials related to Merrill Collection at SJ and Events.

Folder 7 1985 Nancy's copy of papers related to Sheldon Jackson Archives

Letter from Nancy Ricketts to Evelyn Bonner, re: Adventures article featuring the library 10/29/1985

List, "Archives- Special Collections Photographs- Count" (1/28/1989)

Report, "Presentation Regarding My Experience with Merrill Photographs for Sitka Historical Society's 'Explorations' Program March 5, 1995"

Letter, Tom Backmansson to Nancy (date unknown)

Letter, Elizabeth A. Tower to Nancy, 12/2/1992

Letter, Nancy to Tom Backmansson, 2/17/1993

Agreement "Regarding some filming in Stratton Library Archives" (unsigned)

Finding Aid for Esther Billman Collection

Note written by Nancy Yaw Davis

Physical Plant Work Order

Letter, Elizabeth A. Tower to Nancy, 1/9/1993

Job Description for "Sheldon Jackson College Archival Librarian"

Document, "Special Collections- Photographs- Yaw- 88029"

Purchase Agreement for the "Kashevaroff Collection Archives" (date unknown)

Brochure, "The Elbridge Warren Merrill Photographic Collection"

Document, "Description of E.W. Merrill Prints"

Letter, Scott Foster of, KTOO Rain Country radio, to Nancy, 1/7/1994 re:
Redoubt

Letter, R. N. DeArmond to Nancy, 1/8/1993 re: Merrill photograph descriptions

Note on Evelyn Bonner stationary

Form, "Sheldon Jackson Library Archives"

Document, Andrews Collection, College Archives, Merrill Photograph Collection

Document, "A Guide for the Patron Using the Andrews Room at Stratton Library,
Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska"

Letter, Evelyn Bonner to Nancy (re: Nancy's resignation), 6/8/1992

*[Hayley Chambers inventory notes that there are 2 of each of the following
reports, however duplicates have been separated to the following folder.]*

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/15/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/16/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/17/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/18/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/19/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/19/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/20/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/21/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/21/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/22/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/22/1992

Report, "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990," 6/22/1992

Document, "Names on Stones in SJ Burial Ground," 1988

Letter, Nancy ricketts to Scott Foster, 1/6/1994

Documents between Willard Bridgham, Sitka Daily Sentinel (Thad Poulson), and
Nancy Ricketts (Bridgham was son of early SJ president)

Note, "Christmas Greetings" from Kit and Ed Crittenden, 1990

Folder 8 Duplicates of "Highlights of Monthly Reports for the Years 1980-1990"

6/15/1992

6/16/1992

6/17/1992

6/18/1992

6/19/1992

6/19/1992
 6/20/1992
 6/21/1992
 6/21/1992
 6/22/1992
 6/22/1992
 6/22/1992

Box 3

- Folder 1** Bonner Office Files
 [After Evelyn K. Bonner left Sitka, Nancy brought home the papers and prints she deemed valuable from Bonner's files.]
 Contains 3 original drawings by Leslie Jackson, Sheldon Jackson's daughter.
- Folder 2** Yaw Family Papers
*[*Nancy suggests that these papers can be integrated with the Yaw collection already in the Alaska State Historical Collections]*
- Folder 3** Nancy Ricketts Personal Papers re: Sheldon Jackson.
[May contain papers from Evelyn Bonner's office files. Nancy suggests these papers may integrate with other parts of this collection.]
- Mission Volunteers Who Have Served at Sheldon Jackson College, Names and Addresses as Known June 1995
- Floor plans of Stratton Library upstairs, Nancy Ricketts 12/85
 Floor plans of Existing AV Room, Nancy Ricketts 11/5/95
- Job Description for "Sheldon Jackson College Archival Librarian" *[Duplicate of paper in Box 2, Folder 7]*
- Letter, to Nancy from Evelyn re: allow De Armond to work in Archives alone.
- Document, Condit Brought a New Dimension to Sheldon Jackson School by Sheldon Jackson
- Notes from A.P. Johnson and Henry Davis- Native Studies Department at S.J. & Some notes from Mr. Davis' lecture, Davis's art class January 28, 1975
- Article, "The First Annual Southeast Alaska Native Cultural Festival"
- Letter, to Peter Corey, 9/12/1999 re: Princess Angeline photograph by Merrill
- Transcript & photocopy of handwritten letter by William Albert Kelly, June 7, 1897

Document, Some Aspects of the Education System of Sheldon Jackson School

Bonner's general philosophy during the time Nancy Ricketts worked with her, written by Nancy Ricketts

The Board and Batten Newsletter of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society
February/March 1997 [*Nancy stated that this came from the time the Sitka Historical Society was researching other societies that have claimed residence in a historical house so that the SHS might do the same.*]

Document, Alaska Native Tradition Bearers Conference, April, 1978 [2 documents]

Article, "This Earth is Sacred"

Live and Fine Arts Conference, April 24-26, 1975

Urgent note to Nancy to locate information, 9/26/87

Letter to Nancy with photocopies of photographs belonging to Sasha Calvin (Mary Kashevaroff)

Memorial program Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Evelyn K. Bonner

Letter, to Evelyn Bonner from Marilyn R. Knapp re: Nancy Ricketts and project with Sitka Historical Society

Correspondence between Ken Nail and Nancy Ricketts, 2004

Letter, to Nancy Ricketts from Cheryl Pearson Re: Sitka Consortium Library

Document, A Rough Inventory of Stratton Library Archives Holdings, for Bob Medinger from Nancy Ricketts, September 11, 2008

Letters, Sheldon Jackson College re: Board of Trustees, 2007

Evelyn K. Bonner obituary

Letter, to Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, 2002 re: Haines House personnel files.

Document, Alaska State Documents

Document, Try for Grant to Assess Andrews Collection Books, 1/12/2003

Letter, to George Eastman House from Nancy Ricketts, 3/22/1989, re: Merrill and Smith photographic collections

Articles re: Alaska Native Brotherhood, with handwritten notes in margins

Letter, to Nancy Ricketts from David Harrington

3 Letters to Kathryn (Kay) Shelton from Nancy Ricketts, 2001-2001

Nancy Ricketts handwritten floor plan of library 3/3/85

2 Lists identifying people in Stratton Library's photograph of a "1914 ANB Convention at Sitka" [*1st list has 2 copies.*]

Letter, to Nancy Ricketts from Kay Shelton, 6/10/2002

Archives- Special Collection Photographs- Count, January 28, 1989

Photocopy of Nancy Ricketts certificate of Archival Certification

Book Repair/Conservation Workshop Outline

Archives Goals, Objectives, Activities

Sheldon Jackson College Archives Access Policy

From the S.J. Archives, Nancy Ricketts, 11/16/2001

Sheldon Jackson College Archives Mission Statement

Archives Planning, Use and Policies

Letter, to Nancy Ricketts from Carlyle Haaland, June 8, 2000

Correspondence between Evelyn Bonner and Doris Barber, 1987

Photocopy of photo from Newspaper, "S. S. Alaska Pokes Her Nose in the Trees"

Letter to Editor, Daily Sitka Sentinel, re: Stratton Library

Letters from Nancy Ricketts, 1984-86 re: Condit diaries

Correspondence with Eva Major-Marothy & photocopies of photographs

Haines House file cabinet Preliminary Inventory, 9/9/1986

Correspondence with Loren Bailey

Alaska Depository Library Contract, February 1972

Alaska Heritage Resources Survey requested by Nancy Ricketts

Harding's Visit, Sitka Historical Society Newsletter, March 1997

From Home Mission Monthly, Sept. 1923

Sitka Sentinel Newspapers, 1997

Memo to Nancy Ricketts from Evelyn K. Bonner, 10/28/1985

Artemis BonaDea resume [Original letter & photocopy]

Folder 4 A Bibliography of Alaska Native Materials [available in Stratton Library] by Nancy Ricketts, April 1979. Introduction by Evelyn K. Bonner

Folder 5 Nancy's personal notes from early SHS newsletters about goal setting (handwritten) [*Nancy suggests this may be thrown away if not important.*]

Folder 6 Papers re: Sitka Historical Society after new administration 2014-2014

Folder 7 Grant report, "A Russian American Photographer in Tlingit Country by Vincent Soboleff," published in *Alaska Humanities Forum Fall/Winter 2013* [*Nancy suggests the article may be thrown away if not important.*]