Guide to Collection

Sadlier, Joseph B.

Sadlier-Olsen Family Collection, ca. 1898-2001 (bulk 1898-1950)

PCA 289

230 Photographs, B&W
Manuscript materials
1 Video
1 Cassette tape (interview)

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ACCESS: The photographs may be viewed, however, they may not be photocopied.

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PROCESSING: Photographs are numbered and sleeved in Mylar. Manuscript material is housed with the collection. The video was added in 2002. A partial inventory is available.
Biographical Note

Edith and Byron Olsen, grandparents of Joe Sadlier, were both born in Minnesota. Edith’s family goes back to the Revolutionary days. Byron’s parents came from Norway and Sweden. Byron Olsen went to the Colorado School of Mines and received a degree in Civil Engineering. Byron died February 14, 1927 and Edith died in Ketchikan in 1948 or 1949.

Byron Olsen was a mine superintendent in the Sacramento, Calif. gold fields. He went to the Yukon (date unknown). It is said that he carried Crystal [Snow] Jenne over the Chilkoot Pass as she was only about two years old. The Olsens were close friends of the Snow and Jenne families.

Edith and Byron Olsen had five children: Wade, Clarence, Dorothy, Forrest and Winona (Betty). Forrest died when he was eleven. The family lived in a log cabin halfway between Skagway and Whitehorse (Yukon). Byron worked as a Civil Engineer on the railroad [White Pass and Yukon?].

They moved to Thane, near Juneau, around 1911. He was superintendent of building the Alaska Gastineau Mine. They lived in a tent the first winter until the first company house was built. After it was completed, they moved to Salmon Creek where Byron worked on the [Salmon Creek?] dam project, then Annex Creek.

When Byron’s health started to fail they moved back to Juneau and bought the Zynda Hotel, later called the Juneau Hotel. Later, they sold the hotel and bought a large home above Main St., which they turned into a boarding house. Edith cooked and ran the boarding house. After Byron died Betty took care of Edith; they moved to Ketchikan about 1932.

Scope and Contents Note

The photographs follow the Olsen and Sadlier families and their lives in Alaska from 1898-1990, but primarily from 1898 to the 1950’s. Manuscript materials include Joe Sadlier’s field notes from his work in the Land Office survey party (Federal), Ryus Drugstore (Ketchikan) notes, correspondence, poetry by Joe Sadlier, and other memorabilia. A taped interview with Joe Sadlier conducted by Marie Darlin, January 7, 2000 and a video of the return of the LST-325 are also included.

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Inventory (partial)

Photographs:

[Draft of an inventory is located in the front of the collection.]

Photos 176-190 are taken in the Juneau Fire Hall, 1950. Photos are described left to right unless otherwise noted.

1 Edith Olsen, stage outfit in Yukon. The Olsens, Jennes and Snows were friends and performed together.

5 2nd from left, Edith Olsen, 3rd Ben Olsen, 4th Dorothy Olsen, 6th Byron Olsen, 7th Wade? Olsen.

6 Construction of Alaska Gastineau Mine

7 Construction of Alaska Gastineau Mine

21 On left Byron Olsen at entrance to Alaska Gastineau Mine

22 Construction of Alaska Gastineau Mine

26 Construction of the Alaska Gastineau Mine

27 Satko standing in front of garden

28 On Left Byron Olsen

30 Byron Olson (Grandfather of Joe Sadlier)

31 Gold Creek & tram to Perseverance, or tram to Salmon Creek Dam

32 Thane

33 Alaska-Juneau Mine strike, mid-30’s

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36 Alaska-Juneau Mine strike, mid-30's
37 Clarence Olsen, Betty Olsen, Dorothy Olsen
39 Byron & Edith Olsen at Auke Lake
45 AJ Miners, 4th of July "Day Off", Foreground Byron Olsen
46 AJ Miners, 4th of July "Day Off"
55A Alaska-Gastineau Mill, "The Tipple"
55B Alaska-Gastineau, Shift change
56A Alaska-Gastineau Mill, "The Tipple"
56B Alaska-Gastineau Construction
57 Byron Olsen, Mine shaft, Alaska Gastineau Mine
64 Alaska Gastineau Mine
65 Clarence Olsen
66 Will Rogers and Wiley Post
67 Far Right, Will Rogers
69 Hauling Freight, Wade Olsen
77 Tanana?
91 2nd from the Right, Front row, Betty Olsen, Probably 3rd grade, Thane
92 4th from the Right, Front row, Betty Olsen, Thane
96 Kodiak
98 Joe Sadlier, US Customs Agent, Arnette Island, 1948
99 J.H. Sadlier and Dorothy Olsen-Sadlier, Pelican 1959
Curtis Kirchoffer, George Hanna (Brother of Marie Darlins)

George Hanna, Elwin Wright, Curt Kirchoffer, Unknown, Ivan Daroff

Mt. Juneau Trail “Break Time”, Ivan Daroff, George Hanna, Curt Kirchoffer, Unknown

Curt, Kirchoffer, Unknown, Elwin Wright, Iran Daroff, Joe Sadlier

A & G Mine & Thane

St. Paul (Pribiloff), SS Roosevelt, Seal patrol

4th of July, Juneau ballpark, year?

Wade Olsen, Thane, Planked Main St. to Suicide Falls

Family Picnic

Family Picnic, 3rd from Left Betty Olsen, 5th J. H. Sadlier, 6th Dorothy Olsen, 8th Edith Olsen

Wade Olsen, Auke Lake

1944 Forest Service Trail Crew, Elwin Wright, Ivan Daroff, Curt Kirchoffer, George Hanna, Photo by Joe Sadlier

First Air Mail, Arrived in Ketchikan, AK, 1st Left, Emmett Ryus

St. Paul School, Prebloff Island

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St. Paul School

Wade Olsen, Thane

Survey Crew 1920, Cal, Joe H. Sadlier, Emmett Ryus,

Survey Crew 1920, Far Right Emmett Ryas

Edith Olsen
143  Survey Crew 1920 Joe N. Sadlier, Lal, Unknown, Emmett Ryus
144  Sledding on White Pass- Yukon R. R., Wade Olsen, Clarence Olsen, Dorothy Olsen, Unknown, Forrest
145  Clarence Olsen
146  Wade Olsen
147  The Ryus Family,(Helen, Ruth, Emmett), Ketchikan AK
151  Emmett Ryus and family, Ketchikan AK
152  Emmett Ryus and family, Ketchikan AK
153  Emmett Ryus and family, Ketchikan AK
154  Emmett Ryus and family, Ketchikan AK
155  Forrest Olsen
156  Middle Emmett Ryus
157  Left Wade Olsen
158  Joe H. Sadlier, Dorothy Olsen 1925
159  Joe H Sadlier, holding Tom Sadlier (his brother Jim’s son).
160  Joe Sadlier summer 1941 Ketchikan
161  Joe Sadlier wth girlfriend
162  Byron Olsen
163  Dorothy & Joe H. Sadler Pelican 1959
164  4 Generations, Joe Sadlier, Dorothy Olsen-Sadlier, Edith Olsen, Marmie
165  2nd from Left Dorothy Olsen, Serving hot dogs, Hoonah AK, 4th of July C.A. 1919
166  Betty Olsen with ball player
167  Betty Olsen, Clarence Olsen, Dorothy Olsen

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168 Betty Olsen
169 Dorothy Olsen
170 Left, Wade Olsen
171 Right, Dorothy Olsen
172 Clarence Olsen, Dorothy Olsen, Betty Olsen
173 Forrest Olsen

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176 Unknown, Phil Berthal, unknown, Erv Hagerup, unknown, Joe Sadlier, unknown, unknown, Lee Lucas, Bill Niederhauser, unknown, unknown, Skip McKinnon

[Above, there are 14 people in the photo but only 13 listed]

177 Fire Chief Minard Mills, distributing money for fire calls, 1950, Juneau Fire Hall: Unknown, John Morrison, Joe H. Sadlier, Lee Lucas, Fire Chief, Minard Mills

178 Dewey Baker distributing money for fire calls, 1950, Juneau Fire Hall. Seated: Bill Nederhouser, Dewey Baker, Stu Houston, Skip McKinnon

179 Unknown, Joe Sadlier, Unknowns, Stu Houston, Skip McKinnon

180 Left to right: Fire Chief, Minard Mills, Jimmy Orme, Unknown

181 John Morrison, Phil Berthal, Lee Lucas, Fire Chief, Minard Mills,

182 Joe Sadlier (plaid shirt), Skip McKinnon (tilted chair)

183 Seated at desk: John Morrison, Fire Chief Minard Mills

184 Seated at left: Joe Sadlier, seated center: Fire Chief Minard Mills

185 Seated: Fire Chief, Minard Mills, standing: John Morrison

186 Unknowns

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187  *Seated at desk:* John Morrison, Fire Chief Minard Mills

188  *Left to right:* John Morrison, Unknown, Fire Chief Minard Mills, Lee Lucas

189  *Left to right:* John Morrison, Unknown, Fire Chief Minard Mills, Lee Lucas

190  Unknowns

*Folder 5 contains photographs numbered 191-231; these include miscellaneous postcards, reprints, and photographs of people*

**Documents:**

Folder 6:

- K.K.K. Minstrel Show, Kennecott, Alaska, program and photograph
- Correspondence, ephemera, poetry, article: "*The Year Was 1944 and They Were the Forest Service’*

Folder 7: Taped interview with Joe Sadlier by Marie Darlin, January 2000

Folder 8: *[Accession #2002-26]*

- Video: *Return of LST-325,* by the History Channel
- Correspondence: 2 letters and one message of congratulations for voyage of LST-325 from:
  - George W. Bush, President
  - Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

**Conversation with Joe Sadlier, Ketchikan, 2/10/99:**

*Photos:*

- Lady with frying pan is probably a café in Dawson.
- Ladies on wagon - Dawson

*Grandparents (maternal):*

- Byron and Edith Olsen
- Good friends with the Jennes

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Edith (with bowler hat) – theatrical production with the Jennes
Lived in Dawson, etc.

Forrest Olsen (uncle) died at age 11 of?? – looked for grave in Dawson? – did not find

Mother – lived in Cassiar until she was 9