Lukens, Walter W.

Walter W. Lukens Collection, ca. 1916-1925

PCA 394

3 boxes

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Walter W. Lukens was born January 28, 1883, in Hardy, Sharpe County, Arkansas. He moved to Ukiah, California, where he graduated from grade school in 1902. Later Mr. Lukens attended Lincoln Night School in San Francisco, California, where he received degrees in Architectural I.C.S. and Civil Engineering I.C.S.

During his stay in Alaska, Mr. Lukens was employed by the Alaska Engineering Commission as a bridge erector from 1916-1919. He was employed by the Alaska Road Commission as superintendent from 1920-1925.

Walter met a waitress in the Arcade Restaurant in Juneau, Alaska. Linda Drabe and Walter were married in Seattle, Washington, on November 25, 1925. After his retirement on May 2, 1927, Walter and Linda Lukens purchased and moved to Linda’s parent’s homestead at Rainier, Washington, where they had a dairy farm.

Walter died on March 10, 1954, and is buried at Masonic cemetery, Tumwater, Washington.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Boxes 1 and 2 of this collection contain black and white photographs and postcards of Juneau, Valdez, Nome, and other areas of Alaska during the years 1916 to 1925. Box 3 contains federal publications, letters, brochures, maps, and a Juneau Cook book from the time period 1912 to 1927.

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### Box 3

#### Folder 1

1. Permit card: Department of the Interior Alaskan Engineering Commission; 1918
2. ID card: Department of the Interior Alaskan Engineering Commission
3. Letter to Walter W. Lukens, Superintendent, Alaska Road Commission, Tacotna, Alaska from Jas G. Steese; War Department, Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska, Juneau, Alaska; May 31st, 1922; 2 pages

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5. Letter to W.W. Lukens, Superintendent, Alaska Road Commission, City from H.R. Edwards, General Superintendent, Hammon Consolidated Goldfields; October 11, 1924; 1 page
6. H.J. Res. 241; December 20, 1921; Joint Resolution Authorizing a preliminary examination or survey of Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage, Alaska.
7. Active Routes
8. Wage Scale, Chitina & Nizina, Season 1924;
9. Wage Scale, Fairbanks & McKinley Part, Season 1924
10. Wage Scale, McGrath, Season 1924
11. Wage Scale, Seward & Anchorage, Season 1924
12. Wage Scale, Valdez, Season 1924
13. Computations, Jun-14-1924, W.W.L.
14. Dredging Funds applied to Tram Repairing Hauling Nome Locals to Harbor…

Folder 2
1. Entrance To Kuskokwim River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1912.
2. Tolovana River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1918.
3. Wrangell Harbor, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1922.
4. Tolovana River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1924.
5. Report Upon The Improvement of Rivers and Harbors in the Juneau, Alaska, District; J.G. Steese; 1921.
7. Apoon Mouth, Yukon River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1914.
9. Wrangell Narrows, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,…1922.
11. Laws for the Protection and Preservation of the Navigable Waters of the United States. 1922. (2 copies)

Folder 3
1. Juneau Cook Book 1925; Good Cooking published by the Martha Society of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church; Juneau, Alaska; 1925.
2. Alaska Magazine; Vol.1 No.2; February 1927.

Folder 4
1. …12 one-day trips in …Juneau Alaska’s Capital; Juneau Chamber of Commerce Juneau – Alaska’s Capital; n.d (brochure)
2. Little Journeys Into the Land of Enchantment; Gold Belt City Juneau Alaska; n.d (brochure)
3. Juneau Alaska; Published by Juneau Chamber of Commerce Juneau, Alaska; n.d (brochure)
4. Cape St. Elias to Shumagin Islands; U.S.C. & G.S.; 8502; Aug 20, 1924 (map)
5. Alaska Road Commission Map of Nome District 1923 (blueprint map)
**Folder 5**  
Empty negative and print envelopes

**Negatives without prints**

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**INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES**  
Negatives stored in freezer in Vault

**2 Boxes:**
- Box 1 - Sleeves that contain negatives for **Prints and negatives** #1-25
- Box 2 - Sleeves that contain negatives for **Prints and negatives** #26-37 and 11 sleeves of negatives for **Negatives without prints**