

Northern Libraries Bulletin

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Alaska anthropologist Arthur E. Hippler and his assistant, John R. Wood, have completed an annotated bibliography on subarctic Athabaskan Indians, in which they have evaluated existing research on Northern Athabascans of Canada and Alaska. Designed as a research tool in Athabaskan studies, this reference work is the first in a series of annotated bibliographies to be published by the Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701. Future bibliographies in this field will compile sources on Aleut, Eskimo, and Southeast Alaska Tlingit and Haida groups. The new bibliography-- *The Subarctic Athabascans, A Selected Annotated Bibliography* -- is available from the Institute at \$15 a copy.

Several notable photo collections have been donated to the University of Alaska Archives Historical Photo Collection, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Fairbanks. Mrs. Katherine R. Craig donated the photo collection of her late husband, William J. Craig, who served at Ladd Field (Ft. Wainwright), Fairbanks, Alaska, during World War II. The collection encompasses 235 photographs of great historical value to those seeking pictorial documentation of the Tanana Valley and especially Fairbanks in the early 1940's. The photo collection of Mrs. Rufus E. Rose contains three photo albums and other photos picturing Alaska's coastal regions including views of Juneau, Sitka and Wrangell, dated from 1894 to 1896. The photographs were collected by Dr. Adrian Richard Alfred, U.S. Navy, father of Mrs. Rufus E. Rose, who served as medical officer on the U.S.S. Pinta in Alaskan waters in the years 1894 through 1896. The photographs of P.S. Hunt, which were donated jointly to the Archives by Joni Hendrie of Fairbanks and Charles Bean of Vancouver, Washington, picture early Kodiak, Seldovia, Unalaska, Nushagak and Latouche Island, to name but a few of the many subjects covered by the 76 photographs within the collection. Mr. Bean's grandfather, George Talmadge, collected the photos while employed as claim agent with the Alaska Steamship Lines.

English translations of a Spanish diary and correspondence dealing with a 1779 Spanish exploration of what is now the Alaska coast were recently presented to the University of Alaska by Mrs. Katrina H. Moore, wife of President Emeritus, Terris Moore of the University of Alaska. Mrs. Moore, who is fluent in Spanish, discovered the unpublished manuscripts in the Archivo General de la Nacion in Mexico City, Mexico, where arrangements were made to microfilm the originals. Mrs. Moore then translated the diary and correspondence of Don Ignacio Arteaga, Commander of the expedition sent out by the Viceroy of New Spain, Don Antonio Maria Bucarely, in February of 1779, to explore the north coast of California as far as latitude 78°N. Katrina H. Moore's research was made possible by a grant from the Rasmuson Library from funds given to the Library by Elmer Rasmuson and the Rasmuson Foundation. These funds were established to enhance the library's book and manuscript collections dealing with Alaska and the Polar Regions.

The University of Alaska Archives is presently preparing to publish *An Inventory to the Congressional Papers of Howard W. Pollock, 1966-1970*, housed within its Manuscript Collection. The 40 cubic feet of papers were presented by Howard W. Pollock to the Manuscript Collection of the University of Alaska Library following his decision not to seek re-election for a third term to the U.S. Congress.

Pryor Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, recently placed the papers of his great uncle, Robert Hunter Fitzhugh, Jr., into the Archives and Manuscript Collection, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska. The papers comprise 27 original letters written by Robert H. Fitzhugh, Jr., to his mother in Lexington, Kentucky, from September, 1897 through December of 1900, as well as transcripts of the letters and newspaper clippings relating to Fitzhugh. In the letters Fitzhugh vividly describes his journey up the Stikine River, overland by the Telegraph Creek-Teslin Route to the Klondike Gold

Fields. The letters, written with considerable humor, reflect his insight into the many problems he and his comrades were confronted with in their unsuccessful search for gold while making keen observations about the dress and habits of both prospectors and Indians, social occasions in town and the hardships of life endured by all.

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The Government Library of the Northwest Territories is now in operation. It was set up by authority of the Executive Committee to serve all Territorial Government departments and agencies, as well as the Territorial Council, and to bring together the small collections which were being developed in various places throughout the Government. The present collection consists of books, reports and periodicals from Economic Development and the Executive Secretariat, as well as some material from Social Development. Arrangements are underway to have most books, reports and periodicals within the Departments turned over to the library. The Government of Canada has granted the library full depository status.

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John Splettstoesser, formerly with the Institute of Polar Studies, Ohio State University in Columbus, is now with the Ross Ice Shelf Project Management Office at the University of Nebraska. Responsibilities of the Management Office include ice-core drilling coordination in both polar regions and alpine areas as well. This past summer, they had a very active program in Greenland, coordinating drilling and other activities at various locations on the ice sheet. From October through February they will again coordinate activities on the Ross Ice Shelf, Antarctica, in preparation for drilling through the ice shelf, sampling in the underlying water column, and going on into the bottom sediments. The major drilling activity is scheduled to begin in the 1975-76 austral summer. While RISP has no formal library, a good set of reference books and journals has been put together by consolidating personal collections of the professional staff.

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Recently the Alaska Historical Library film archives in the Alaska Division of State Libraries, Juneau, has received a 16mm, silent, black and white film titled *The Reindeer Industry of Alaska*. This 1938 film was donated to the library by Ralph Lomen, a pioneer in the reindeer industry. The film primarily shows the reindeer herds of the Nome-Teller area. It includes much on Eskimo culture, such as their methods of processing fish with footage devoted to Eskimo dances and clothing. When duplication of the film is completed, copies will be available for circulation. Consideration is being given to development of a commentary for the film.

Five albums of photographs and postcards of Alaska and the Yukon Territory were donated to the Alaska Historical Library by Mrs. Fred B. Dodge. The collection includes loose prints and clippings. One album of Dawson and Klondike gold mining prints were probably made directly from glass plate negatives of E.A. Hegg, Larss & Duclos, and Keir. Other albums are devoted to construction of the Alaska Highway (1942-43) and the White Pass Railroad and its terminals for the same period.

The Alaska Historical Library has nearly completed arrangement of the Alaska Communication System photograph collection received from the U.S. Air Force prior to the RCA purchase of the long lines system. The photos include some negative files and most are organized by community or site of the communication station. There are also group photos, aerials of communities and files concerning problems with the communication lines. In addition to the photograph files, there are six volumes of news clippings, 1962-1970, a volume concerning ACS participation in the 1967 Alaska Purchase Centennial, and a volume titled *ACS Historical Data 1900-1916*.

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Effective October 1, 1974, the address of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives will be changed from London, England, to Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, Provincial Library and Archives Building, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1T5, Canada.

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The following publications and information should be of interest to northern libraries. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board has revised *Source Directories No. 1* and *No. 2*. *Source Directory No. 1* is a directory of Native American owned and operated arts and crafts organizations located throughout the United States, including artist and craftsman cooperatives, tribal enterprises and non-profit

Native American arts organizations. *Source Directory No. 2* is a directory of Native American arts businesses which are privately owned and operated (1) by Indian or Eskimo designer-craftsmen and artists who design, produce and market their exclusive products, or (2) by Indian or Eskimo merchants who retail and/or wholesale authentic Native American arts and crafts products. The entries in both directories give name and address of the business, telephone number and business hours, outline the major products handled by each business, and indicate if mail orders are accepted. As the majority of the sources listed maintain retail shops, the two directories also will be of special interest to tourists in the United States. For the traveler's convenience, the businesses are listed alphabetically by state. The two *Source Directories* are issued as an information service to potential customers of authentic Native American arts and crafts. Single copies of both *Source Directories* are distributed free upon written request to: Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

The metric system has been introduced on northern maps by the Canadian Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. They will show height measurements and contours on new topographic maps of the Yukon and Northwest Territories in metres instead of feet. The northern areas were chosen because much of the area has not yet been mapped at 1:50,000 scale. The experience gained from this conversion will be useful when full-scale conversion is undertaken in the rest of Canada. Although the department is proceeding with metric conversion of new northern maps, a date for the start of full-scale national conversion of all topographical maps to the metric system has not yet been determined. Due to the great expense of changing contours and heights on thousands of maps already published, the conversion process will be gradual. For maximum economy, conversion will be combined with the normal revision process when maps that are out-of-date are revised to accommodate recent changes in topography.

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Rovaniemi, Finland will be the site of the fifth Northern Libraries Colloquy during the last week of May in 1975. Jorma Etto, Chief Librarian for the Rovaniemi Library, 96100 Rovaniemi, Finland, will serve as host for the Colloquy. Jorma extends an invitation to all interested in attending the Colloquy May 26-31, and also said the Nordkalottens Biblioteksmote, library meeting for Northern Scandinavia, will meet at the same time. One day of the Colloquy will be concerned with Scandinavian questions and problems.

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The Alaska Division of State Libraries has moved into the newly completed Alaska State Office Building in Juneau. Presently the library is in boxes awaiting book stacks so service is limited, with the periodical and microfilm collections receiving maximum use. Researchers will enjoy expanded work space and a spectacular view of the Gastineau Channel.

Dr. Richard Pierce has completed further translations of material relevant to Alaska native culture for the Alaska Division of State Libraries Translation Project. Most of these translations are *extracts* from works originally issued in Russian or German. Five of these translations are now available on *microfiche* to libraries requesting this material. The microfiche can be requested from the Alaska Division of State Libraries, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811. These include:

Alaska Division of State Libraries Translation Project--

No. 1 - Russian American Company. *Charters*.

No. 2 - Romanovskii. *Five Years of Medical Observations in the Colonies of the Russian American Company*.

No. 3 - Holmberg, Johann H. *Ethnographic Sketches of the Peoples of Russian America*.

No. 4 - Tekhmenev, Petr A. *Historical Survey of the Formation of the Russian American Company and Its Activities to the Present Day*.

No. 5 - Merck, Carl H. *Ethnographic Observations Concerning the Peoples of the Bering Sea (1789-91)*.

The first published index to an Alaska newspaper has been issued as Historical Monograph No. 3 by the Alaska Division of State Libraries. This work, titled *Subject Index to the Alaskan, 1885-1907; A*

Sitka Newspaper, was indexed by Robert DeArmond. It is available in limited quantity to research libraries. This newspaper has been microfilmed, so a microfilm copy is available for purchase. *The Alaskan* is a valuable information source for Alaska history, government activity, gold discoveries, etcetera, as it was the only newspaper in Alaska for a period of time.

Harry King, Scott Polar Research Institute Library, Cambridge, England, CB2 1ER, is in touch with a London publisher anxious to add some polar titles to a list of reprint publications. The criteria for publication are: (1) the book must be out-of-print; (2) in copyright; (3) sufficiently sought after to make its reprinting commercially worthwhile. Please send your suggestions to Mr. King.

The following publications have recently been released by the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701, and are available by writing to the administrative secretary.

Alaska Place Names (Elmer E. Rasmuson Library Occasional Papers No. 2) 32 p. \$2.00. A supplement to Donald Orth's *Directory of Alaska Place Names* (Washington, D.C. 1967), listing new and revised Alaska place names from the Decision Lists of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, compiled by Alan E. Schorr. A history of the Board on Geographic Names written by Schorr will appear shortly in the *Bulletin* of the Special Libraries Association, Geography and Map Division.

Bibliography of Alaskana. Prepared by Joe Burke. This is a KWOC (Key-work out of context) author and subject index to periodical articles on Alaska received by the Rasmuson Library. It may be purchased in three separate formats: (1) 1969-1973 edition. 2v. - \$15.00; (2) Monthly updates, Jan. 1974 - \$9.00; (3) A yearly accumulation of these monthly updates will sell for \$6.00. Any library interested in Native Claims, the pipeline, or any Alaska related issue would find this a helpful reference tool.

Picture Alaska, 2nd edition (Elmer E. Rasmuson Library Occasional Papers No. 1) revision by Joe Burke of first edition prepared by Joe Drazan. 225 p. \$5.00. This is a revision of a very popular work which was, soon after publication, out of print. Approximately 200 books and periodical titles have been scanned to provide indexing to pictures on Alaska.

Charles Parr, Arctic Bibliographer at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, writes that one result of Captain Cook's voyage to the North Pacific in 1776-1779 was the formation of a fur trading company on the northwest coast of America by several English businessmen. Two ships, the *King George* commanded by Captain Portlock, and the *Queen Charlotte* under Captain Dixon, were outfitted and sailed from England in August, 1785. Upon their return, both captains wrote about the voyage. Much rarer than either of their accounts, however, is that written by a man identifying himself only as C.L., who was on the *Queen Charlotte*. The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library has recently been fortunate enough to acquire a copy of C.L.'s book, *A Voyage Around the World, in the Years 1785, 1786, 1787, and 1788* (London, 1789). According to Lada-Mocarski (1969), only three other copies are known to exist in the United States. They are in the Yale University and New York Public Libraries.

The Alaska Division of State Libraries and the University of Alaska Library are cooperating in a project for a computer based book catalog of Alaskana materials. Initially, the catalog will include approximately 10,000 titles in the Skinner Collection of the Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Eventually it will be expanded to include the major Alaskana holdings from all libraries in the State. Entries will be in the MARC format, arranged by author, title and subject. The Washington State Library will prepare the materials under contract as part of their library resources directory. It is expected that the catalog will be ready for distribution by June, 1975.

The Geological Survey of Greenland, Oster, Voldgade 10, DK-1350 Kobenhaven K, Denmark, issues a number of technical research studies on the geology of Greenland. A list of these reports is available from the Survey. Stuart Watt of the Survey felt that their Report No. 56, *A Survey of the Economic Geology of Greenland (Exclusive Fossil Fuels)*, by Bjarne Leth Nielsen, would be of

general interest. This report is available for D. Kr. 12.00. Add 10% to order for surface mail. Checks should be made payable to the Geological Survey of Greenland expressed in Danish kroner with an allowance equivalent to D. Kr. 5 added to checks in other currencies.

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Audrey Dawe, Chief of the Library Division, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario KIA, OM8, writes that the reports of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-1918 are available on request. Also the National Museum of Man has instigated a program of facsimile editions so that their out-of-print publications will be available.

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Letters and questionnaires concerning the *Directory of Northern Libraries* are being sent out at the end of August. It is hoped that everyone who receives a communication will answer immediately so the Directory will not be delayed. Anyone who does not receive a communication, and who thinks their library should be included should write to Norma Corley Murcheson, Editor, Northern Libraries Directory, 185 Kamloops Avenue, Ottawa, Canada K1V 7E1. Any polar librarian who knows of a library that may have been omitted from the initial mailing is asked to submit names and addresses so that forms can be sent out. All suggestions and recommendations will be gratefully received.

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The editor regrets that she is unable to furnish an account of two meetings of the Commission of Polar Geography since this information had not arrived as the *Bulletin* goes to press. Marie Catherine Raynaut of the Centre D'Etudes Arctiques in Paris did report that Mr. J. Malaurie is the President of the Commission, receiving this appointment from the National French Committee of Polar Geography. It is this editor's understanding that the Commission coordinates French research and exploration of the polar regions.

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The Center for Arctic Research, Graduate School of Commerce, 5255 Decelles Avenue, Montreal 250, Canada, will resume publication of the *Catalogue Des Coupures De Presse* collection of G. Gardner sometime this fall. This has been made possible through a grant from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

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