



Fred Henton Collection Finding Aid

Fred Henton came from Yakima Washington to Alaska in 1898. He held many different occupations, and moved to Kodiak in 1922. He brought horses to Kodiak and Kanatak, started a garbage collection service in Kodiak, tried to prospect in Kodiak, and was a bear guide in the late 30's. In 1936 he caught a record breaking Kodiak bear. His wife Elizabeth Henton came up with him and lived in Kanatak and Kodiak. Her family called her Haidie and she wrote letters home to her family in Oregon. Haidie passed away in 1929, and is buried in the Kodiak city cemetery. Fred Henton remarried a few times after her passing and when World War II broke out he moved to Kenai.

Provenance

The collection was donated by Fred Henton's daughter, Dorothy Kruger in 2002.

Scope and Content Note

The collection has a wide range of correspondence, newspaper articles, an oral history, and some ephemera. Most of the collection pertains to daily activities on Kodiak Island from 1926-1937. Fred Henton's correspondence is either with Haidie Henton's family informing them of her death, or with a family who was raising a child of his. The letters speak to the difficulty of finding work on island and the amount of money he could afford to send to them. The newspaper articles and ephemera all relate to Fred Henton's life on Kodiak as a bear guide and hunter. His photographs pertain to the same topics. There is a short five page handwritten oral history of starting garbage collection in the City of Kodiak and the building of the first brothel in Kodiak. Haidie Henton's letters pertain to daily life in Kodiak. They explain how she received items and goods, how she helped out at the post office, the trips they would take around island, the route of the ships that carried mail, the gossip from the Kodiak Women's Club, and the shooting of Eric Dahlberg by the previous Deputy Marshal.

Inventory

Correspondence, Location: Archives Cabinet III, Drawer I, Folder P-712.

- Dorothy Krueger with the Baranov Museum and Kodiak Historical Society
 - 7 letters between July 19, 2000-November 24, 2002.
- Fred Henton to Family
 - 57 letters from 1926-1935
 - 2 telegrams
- Haidie Henton to family
 - 62 letters from 1926-1929

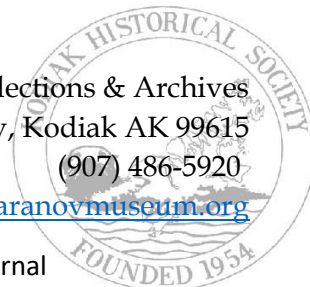
Photographs, Location: Archival Room, Photograph Cabinet

- 35 photographs in P-712

Newspaper articles, Location: in Archival Room, Archives Cabinet I, Drawer I, Folder Henton, Halferty.

- 33 articles from 1905-1938

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- Institutions included: Oregon Journal, Morning Oregonian, Oregon Daily Journal

Ephemera, Location: Archives Cabinet III, Drawer I, Folder P-712.

- Kodiak Livestock Associations' Annual Meeting handbook December 11, 1928
- Copy of manuscript from Leonard Delano c. 1940 from Outdoor Life magazine
- Excerpt of an unfinished autobiography compiled by Dorothy Kruger
- Five handwritten pages, front and back
- Notice of Fred Henton being the speaker at the Portland Agenda Club on December 29, 1931