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**SCHOOL FILES FROM THE
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
OF THE ALASKA DIVISION,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, 1908–1934**

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INTRODUCTION

On the 27 rolls of this microfilm publication, M2150, are reproduced “school” files from the General Correspondence (ARC Identifier 1910381)* of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These records are part of Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record Group (RG) 75.

BACKGROUND

The Alaska Division of the Office of Education was established in 1885 by authority of Section 13 of an act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 234), which directed the Secretary of the Interior to provide education for the children of Alaska. The Alaska Division had a central office in Washington, DC, that administered the policies formulated by the Commissioner of Education and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and a field office in Seattle, Washington, that supervised field activities. Several school districts were established, the names and boundaries of which changed over the years, each administered by a District Superintendent of Schools, who supervised individual schools established in villages across Alaska. On March 14, 1931, the Secretary’s Order 494 transferred the Alaska Division from the Office of Education to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

The records consist of correspondence files relating to school appointments; reports on schools, hospitals, and villages; various financial matters; native customs and living conditions; and recommendations. The files are arranged by village name then chronologically by year. Several files related to village hospitals and the Alaska Division’s Nome Distribution Center were also microfilmed with the school files.

Years are calendar years for 1908 and 1909; the extended period January 1910–June 1911; and then by federal fiscal year (July–June) beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1911. The year spans noted in the roll list may, in some cases, refer to the years in which the correspondence was dated, not the strict fiscal year.

These records are part of the series identified in Edward E. Hill, Preliminary Inventory 163, *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Record Group 75), Volume I*, as Series 806, General Correspondence, 1908–1935, which now also has the additional ARC Identifier 1910381, and are currently (2011) at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC. These records are arranged by year then by subject. The subjects include these school files, district files reproduced in microfilm publication M2149, *District Files from the General Correspondence of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1908–1934* (20 rolls), and numerous other topics.

* The Archival Research Catalog (ARC) is available for research online at www.archives.gov.

RELATED RECORDS

RG 75 includes several correspondence and financial series from the Alaska Division, some of which have been microfilmed. National Archives Microfilm Publication M2043, *Indexes to General Correspondence of the Office of Education, Alaska Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1910–1930* (2 rolls), provides an index by subject or correspondent name to Series 806 as a whole, as well as to this microfilm publication. Other microfilm publications include:

M1333, *Records of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Concerning Metlakatla, 1887–1933* (14 rolls).

M1854, *Statistical Records and Reports of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1912–1941* (12 rolls).

M1971, *Letters Sent by the Office of Education, Alaska Division, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1877–1908* (32 rolls).

M1977, *Letters Received by the Office of Education, Alaska Division, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1878–1916* (39 rolls).

M2149, *District Files from the General Correspondence of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1908–1934* (20 rolls).

P2010, *Historical Album of Bureau of Education–Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools in Alaska, ca. 1925–35* (1 roll).

REPRODUCTION NOTE

These records were microfilmed in the 1982 in response to a customer order. A positive copy of the film was retained for reference purposes and was eventually assigned the number M2150 in order to issue it as a National Archives Microfilm Publication.

The camera operator usually filmed the folder cover (which indicates the village name and year) before filming folder contents. Occasionally, however, the camera operator forgot to film the folder cover, so that folder change “signal” is sometimes missing.

ROLL LIST

ROLL	LOCATION	DATE SPAN
1	Afognak	1908–09
	Akhiok	1909–19
	Akiak	1912–20
	Akiak Hospital	1917–18
	Akulurak	1909–20
	Alatna	1907–09
	Allachaket	1909–10
2	Anvik	1908–09
	Atka	1910–20
	Barrow	1907–20
3	Bethel	1907–20
	Bettles	1908, 1917
	Buckland	1913–17
	Candle	1913
	Chignik	1908–17
	Chilkoot	1910–11
	Chogiung	1908–20
4	Circle	1908–20
	Copper Center	1903–04, 1907–09
5	Copper Center	1908–14
6	Copper Center	1915–18
	Cordova	1919–20
	Cordova Hospital	1918
	Council	1902–16
	Craig (aka Fish Egg Island)	1911–13
	Deering	1908–14
	Diomedede	1909–18
	Douglas	1910–20
	Eagle	1909–19
7	Eek	1916–17
	Elim	1916–20
	Ellamar	1919–20
	Fort Yukon	1916–20
	Gambell	1907–20
	Golovin	1907–17

8	Goodnews Bay Haines Hamilton Holy Cross Hoonah	1910–13, 1915–20 1907–20 1908–20 1912–20 1907–20
9	Hooper Bay Howkan Hydaburg Icy Cape Igloo	1910–17 1910–12 1911–20 1907–14 1907–17
10	Iliamna Jackson	1907–20 1908–09
11	Juneau	1905–20
12	Juneau Hospital Kaguyak Kake Kanakanak Kanakanak Hospital	1916–18 1908–09 1907–20 1907–18 1917–18
13	Kasaan Kenai Ketchumstock Killisnoo	1907–16 1907–16 1908–09 1908–20
14	Kinak Kivalina Klawock	1909–16 1908–19 1908–19
15	Klinquan Klukwan Knik Kobuk Kogiung Kokrines	1905–11 1908–19 1908–09 1907–09 1909–16 1907–13, 1918–20
16	Koserefsky Kotzebue Koyukuk Kulukak Kuskokwim Hospital Little Delta Loring	1908–13 1907–19 1908–12, 1919 1910–17 1916–17 1908 1908–17

17	Louden Metlakatla Moquawkie Mountain Village Nenana Noatak	1908–18 1913–17, 1919 1916–17 1908, 1910–19 1907–08, 1910 1908, 1910–17
18	Nome Metlakatla Nome Distributing Center	1907–19 1913–14 1910–18
19	Noorvik Nulato Nulato Hospital Nushagak Perry Petersburg Pilot Station	1916–19 1908–20 1917–18 1908–13 1912–13, 1917 1908–12, 1916 1909–19
20	Point Ellis Point Hope Port Moller Quinhagak Rampart Russian Mission	1909–10 1909, 1911–13 1915–18 1909–19 1907–19 1908–19
21	Saint Michael Saxman Selawik	1907–19 1908–13 1908–19
22	Seldovia Shageluk Shakan Sitka Sitkoh Bay Stevens Camp/Village Shaktoolik Shishmaref Shungnak	1907–08, 1910–15 1910–17 1907–08, 1910–13 1907–19 1908–10 1907–12 1912–19 1908–19 1909–18
23	Sinuk	1907–19
24	Susitna Tanana Tatitlek	1908–19 1908–15 1908–19

25	Tee Harbor	1908, 1911–12
	Teller	1908–17
	Togiak	1910–17
	Tolovania	1908
	Tyonek	1908–19
	Ugashik	1909–18
	Unalakeet	1908–19
26	Unalaska	1909–19
	Wainwright	1907–19
	Wales	1908–19
27	White Mountain	1916–19
	Wrangell	1908–19
	Yakutat	1908–17
	Yukon	1908–18