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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Alaska Commercial Company

**Title:** Alaska Commercial Company Records,

**Date (inclusive):** 1895 - 1897

**Extent:** 0.20 linear feet(1 archives box)

**Abstract:** Records (1895-1897) of the Alaska Commercial Company, a San Francisco trading company largely concerned with the Alaskan fur trade.

**Repository:** University of California, San Diego. Geisel Library. Mandeville Special Collections Library.  
La Jolla, California 92093-0175

**Collection number:** MSS 0234

**Language of Material:** Collection materials in English

**Access**

Collection is open for research.

**Acquisition Information**

Not Available

**Preferred Citation**

Alaska Commercial Company Records, MSS 0234. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.

**Publication Rights**

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**Historical Background**

The Alaska Commercial Co. was a San Francisco based company which bought out the assets of the Russian-American Co. in 1867. The company supported the Alaskan fur trade by providing steamship transportation, general merchandising, and other commercial and financial services. The company had offices at Unalaska on Unalaska Island, at Unga on Unga Island, and at St. Michael on the west coast of Alaska in the Norton Sound.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Materials include 34 letters [59 pages] written from early March to 12 October 1897 between agents Otto W. Carlson at Unga, R.T. Lying and James M. Wilson at St. Michael, and company representatives N. Gray and Rudolph Neumann at Unalaska. The letters contain orders for merchandise, accounts of fur pelts shipped, and general accounts. Also included are 28 account documents [37 pages] which contain invoices, advice of drafts lists, and arrivals also supplied the Apollo Consolidated Mining Company.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Alaska Commercial Company -- Archives

Alaska -- History -- 1867-1959 -- Sources

**Contributors**

Carlson, Otto W., -- correspondent

Wilson, James M., -- correspondent

Lying, R. T., -- correspondent

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Neumann, Rudolph, -- correspondent

Gray, N., -- correspondent

**RECORDS**

box 1, folder 1      **Correspondence 1897**

**Note**

34 items (54 p.). Mostly holograph, but some typescript.

box 1, folder 2      **Invoices and other business documents 1895 - 1897**

**Note**

28 items (34 p.)