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**TITLE:** Davenport Seward Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1962.x.017

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1920-1963

Extent: 1 folder

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Brown & Hawkins; Davenport, William "Bill"; Eide, Anton

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

"Brown & Hawkins [was] a general store in Seward, Alaska. It was founded in 1904 to serve the town and those constructing of the Alaska Central Railroad." The business was founded by Charles E. Brown of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and T.W. Hawkins of Roanoke, Virginia, who met each other in Nome during the Gold Rush. The store was owned by the Hawkins family until 2013, when it went out of business. The building still exists and is on the National Register of Historic Places.<sup>1</sup>

William "Bill" Michael Davenport (1943-2008) was born in Bremerton, Washington, and moved to Anchorage with his family in 1952. He married Charlotte McFarling n 1967, and together they had two children. Bill coached basketball, boxing, judo and baseball. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local 959.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Brown & Hawkins Store," Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown\\_%26\\_Hawkins\\_Store](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown_%26_Hawkins_Store), revised September 23, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> "William Davenport," Anchorage Daily News, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/adn/name/william-davenport-obituary?id=18971870>, accessed February 1, 2022.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Eide were early Euro-American settlers in Seward, Alaska. In 1902, Mr. Eide “contracted to carry mail from Resurrection Bay to Sunrise and Hope.”<sup>3</sup> In the 1910s, he worked as the superintendent of the Alaska Road Commission.<sup>4</sup>

#### Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of a pamphlet (1920), letters (1922), a postcard (1919), and a manuscript (1963). The letters and postcard were addressed to Mr. or Mrs. Anton Eide. The manuscript was written by Brown & Hawkins. Other provenance of this collection is unknown.

### **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Some items badly water damaged. Others in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Bill Davenport, date unknown. CIHS then transferred the collection to the Museum.

#### Processing Note

Collection appraised and arranged by previous archivist. Description modeled after existing arrangement.

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<sup>3</sup> “Community History and Character,” Seward Historic Preservation Commission, [http://www.cityofseward.net/hpc/seward\\_history/index.html](http://www.cityofseward.net/hpc/seward_history/index.html), accessed February 1, 2022.

<sup>4</sup> “Save the Knik to Susitna Iditarod Trail,” Iditarod.co, <http://www.iditarod.co/home.html>, accessed February 1, 2022.

## RELATED MATERIALS

B1963.005 Brown & Hawkins Calendar

## SUBJECTS

Brown & Hawkins  
Brown, Charles E.  
Davenport, William "Bill" Michael, 1943-2008  
Eide, Anton  
Hawkins, T.W.  
Seward (Alaska)

### Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Seward Alaska Telephone Directory Nos. 30-31, published by Alaska Electric Company, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1920. [Water-damaged leaflet, 8 pages.]
- .2 – [Envelope addressed to Mrs. Anton Eide, mailed October 19, 1922.]
- .2a – Are You a Good Citizen? An open letter to the women of Alaska, from Martha G. Beeson, President Alaska Federation of Women's Clubs, and Cornelia Templeton Hatcher, President Alaska Women's Christian Temperance Union. [single-sided letter, content of .2]
- .2b – Safety and Happiness Depend Upon Obedience to Law: Attorney General Daugherty to the American Bar Association [double-sided leaf, content of .2]
- .3 – [Postcard addressed to A. (Anton) Eide in Seward from Bill Davenport in Anchorage, indicating his personal property was valued at \$250 on June 15, 1919.]
- .4 – Brown and Hawkins: 60 years in Seward, Alaska, 1903-1963, Thumb-Nail Historical Sketch. [2 single-sided typed pages, dated February 7, 1963.]

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