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TITLE: Eskimo Hymns

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1966.024

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1899-1902

Extent: 8 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Andrew Eakon Monilluk, Jr.

Administrative/Biographical History:

Death records list an Andrew Monilluk of Unalakleet (November 11, 1900-October 1, 1973).

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of seven manuscript leaves of Eskimo hymns, written down by Andrew Eakon Monilluk of Unalakleet in a pictorial writing system. The songs are dated 1899-1902. The form of writing is similar to the systems developed by Uyaquq (Helper Neck) in the lower Kuskokwim and Lily Ekak Savok in Buckland, and is perhaps closer to the latter, since the human figures are more stylized. For more information about Alaskan writing systems, see Dorothy Jean Ray's "Picture writing from Buckland, Alaska," in *Ethnohistory in the Arctic: the Bering Strait Eskimo* (Kingston: Limestone Press, 1983) and Dennis G. Griffin, "Cugtun Alngautat: the history and development of a picture text among the Nuniwarmiut Eskimo, Nunivak Island, Alaska," in *Arctic anthropology* 47:2 (2010).

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Robert C. Reeve in November 1966. Reeve obtained the songs from Monilluk “at an earlier date.”

Processing Notes

Removed from Vertical File in September 2012.

Separated Materials

Object (1966.038.1) donated with hymns not transferred to the archives. Object deaccessioned.

SUBJECTS

Eskimo languages—Texts

Eskimo languages—Writing

Alaska—Languages—Texts

Hymns, Eskimo—Texts

Eskimos—Music

Detailed Description of the Collection

.2a – The year 1901. Eskimo hymns songs long time ago.

.2b – The year 1902. Eskimo hymns songs long time ago.

.2c – The year 1900. Eskimo hymns songs long time ago.

.2d – The year 1899.

.2e – This song 1899.

.2f – To my friends, hymn song. This is [cope?] of my aunt at in 1902.

.2g – The year 1899

.2h – [Envelope] Andrew Eakon Monilluk Jr, Unalakleet, Alaska. Eskimos Hymns Song since 1899. 7 songs

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