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TITLE: Nellie C. Marsh Letter

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.024

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1899

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Nellie C. Marsh

Administrative/Biographical History:

Emma Josephine Cargain (called Nellie) and H. Richmond Marsh were Presbyterian missionaries in Alaska. Richmond also served as Commissioner and Postmaster at Point Barrow in the period 1899-1901.

Scope and Content Description:

Three-page manuscript letter signed Nellie C. Marsh to "Dear Friends," dated at Pt. Barrow, Alaska, Sept. 6, 1899. In the letter, Nellie writes about the Marshes' eleven-month-old son, Loren Cargain Marsh; the new schoolteacher, Mr. S.R. Spriggs and his wife; a July trip "down to the deer herd for three weeks"; and a local Inupiaq girl who is living with the Marshes. Of the latter, she writes: "We still have Alarea with us. Her folks got her away from us this spring but through the captain of the "Bear," of whom all the natives are afraid, we have her back again and I don't think they will try it any more."

An accompanying letter from Betty Herries to Ruth indicates that the letter was addressed to Herries' grandmother. Also included is a portion of a newspaper clipping about the rescue of whaling ships caught in the ice off Barrow circa 1899.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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RELATED MATERIALS

SUBJECTS

Marsh, Nellie C. (Emma Josephine Cargain)—Correspondence

Marsh, H. Richmond (Horatio Richmond), 1874-

Spriggs, Samuel

Inupiat--Alaska—Barrow

Presbyterians—Alaska—Barrow

Missions—Alaska—Barrow

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