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**TITLE:** Territorial Court Records, Second Division

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2012.034

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1947-1952

Extent: 2 items, 1.2 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): United States. District Court (Alaska : Second Division)

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

“Prior to 1959 when Alaska became a state, the U.S. District Court of the Territory of Alaska administered its judicial affairs. The U.S. commissioner’s courts administered the justices of the peace. The pre-1959 district courts were district-wide courts and had jurisdiction over civil and criminal affairs.”<sup>1</sup> In 1903, Congress added the area from Bristol Bay to Yakutat to the Second Division, and established a commissioner’s court and jail at Dillingham.<sup>2</sup>

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of two bound record books, one containing 38 signatures with locations (Snag Point, Naknek, or Koggiung) and a numeric designation (1 or 2), and one containing records of jail expenses dated 1948-1952. The expense book includes names of jailers and guards as well as prisoners.

Arrangement: Not applicable.

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<sup>1</sup> Dwight A. Radford. “Alaska court records.” Ancestry.com. Accessed at [http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Alaska\\_Court\\_Records](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Alaska_Court_Records) on November 19, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> United States District Court, District of Alaska. *The United States District Court for the District of Alaska: our first fifty years*. [Anchorage, Alaska] : United States District Court, District of Alaska, [2010]. 4.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Materials transferred to the Museum from Alaska State Court Law Library in Anchorage in 2012. Items had been declined by National Archives Anchorage staff.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

B1979.145 Dillingham Jail Sketch

## **SUBJECTS**

Jails—Alaska—Dillingham

Prisoners—Alaska--Dillingham

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