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TITLE: Leah Peterson Sound Recordings

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.008

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1953-1962

Extent: 8 reels

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

Notes on containers indicate that the collection might be connected with Leah Webster Peterson. Leah Webster was born August 9, 1908 (or 1909; sources vary), in Idaho, and graduated from the Colorado State College of Education in Greeley, Colorado, in 1935. She taught in various schools in Idaho from 1929-1939. She married Chester Peterson in 1930.

From 1939-1941, Leah and Chester were teachers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Karluk on Kodiak Island. In 1941 they moved to Anchorage where they both served in the Anchorage School District. Leah remained in the Anchorage school system for 42 years and served as a classroom teacher, remedial reading specialist, supervisor, curriculum coordinator, elementary director and the first female principal in Alaska. She was teacher of the year in 1948. She published *This is Alaska*, a social science text and workbook for third and fourth grades that was adopted by the State of Alaska in 1959. For more than 30 years, Leah actively served on the Board of Trustees for Alaska Methodist University and was a member of the College Fellows, University of Alaska. Leah was a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, state founder of Delta Kappa Gamma, and a charter member of Zonta Club of Anchorage.¹

Leah died in 2007.

¹ "Leah Webster Peterson." Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. Web. Accessed May 13, 2013.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of eight magnetic audio reels with sound recordings of meetings and speeches pertaining to education and politics in Alaska. For more information on content and technical specifications, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Items found in collection January 2013.

Processing Note

Reels placed in archival cans in May 2013. Sound was not verified at the time of processing.

RELATED MATERIALS

Chester and Leah Webster Peterson Collection, B2008.005

SUBJECTS

Peterson, Leah Jane

Rasmuson, Elmer E.

Alaska Methodist University

Education—Alaska

Alaska—Politics and government—1867-1959—Sources

Detailed Description of the Collection

Reel 1

Contents: Nov. 8-14, 1953, American Ed. Week, Mrs. Horning only, only one side used

Notes: 5/5/62 ok to erase; 8-15-72 only 10' on this tape

Technical specs: Audiotape, Audio Devices Inc., Type 1251, 1200 ft. red oxide on plastic base

Reel 2

Contents: Leah's T.V. interview, Sept. 1957, meeting for appts. [?] Board of Regents

Notes: 1st half blank, erase if needed 5/9/62

Technical specs: Audiotape, Audio Devices Inc., Type 1251, 1200 ft. red oxide on plastic base

Reel 3

[No information on original box]

Technical specs: Audiotape, Audio Devices Inc., Type 1251, 1200 ft. on 1 ½ mil plastic base

Reel 4

Contents: Politics, organizational meeting (keep), 2/10/52

Technical specs: Scotch Sound Recording Tape, No. 111A, ¼" x 1200 ft. plastic backing

Reel 5

Contents: Comm. men & women, 2/16/53, precinct representatives by E.E. Rasmussen [sic] – possible [?] Peterson, Chr., Smith, Sec., Doheny, O'Neil, Johnson, Vernon, Sherman, Foss, Ackey, Lang

Note: Keep

Technical specs: Scotch Sound Recording Tape, No. 111A, ¼" x 1200 ft. plastic backing

Reel 6

Contents: 3rd Dir Rep Dom., Nov. 8, 1957; introduction of Jimmy [Tristch?], Keith Lesh, chair, Anton Anderson, Dick Kenard, Bailey E. Bell; announcement of Jimmy [?] to speak at banquet

Note: OK to erase

Technical specs: Scotch Sound Recording Tape, No. 111A, ¼" x 1200 ft. plastic backing

Reel 7

Contents:

- 520-900, 2/24/53, Stevenson, Jefferson Day
- 460-517, 2/24/53, Leah
- 50-240, 2/27/53, Executive Comm. discussion of recorders F[?], J[?], Petersons

Note: Stevenson's speech good rest n.g. ok erase 5/5/62

Technical specs: Audiotape, Audio Devices Inc., Type 1251, 1250 ft. red oxide on plastic base

Reel 8

Contents: Nov. 8-14, 1953, Am. Ed. Wk., Father Baker; Adm. Morgan, Fridley, Cole; Board Davis; Leah, school history; Stringer Am. Legion

Note: Good some parts [missing?], replayed 8-16-72

Technical specs: Audiotape, Audio Devices Inc., Type 1251, 1200 ft. red oxide on plastic base