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TITLE: Eddie Letter to Dear Uncle, 1917

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.056

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: June 26, 1917

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Eddie

Administrative/Biographical History:

According to the donor, the addressee of the letter was a man who had a farm in upstate New York, near a town called Minerva. The man's daughter, a Mrs. Esther Sheridan, lived next door to the donor when he was a boy and gave the letter to the donor. The last names of the uncle and the writer were unknown at the time of processing.

Scope and Content Description:

One, five-page manuscript letter from Eddie to his uncle, dated June 26, 1917, describing life in Nome, Alaska. Eddie (possibly a miner) has come back into town after a period "in the hills" and describes the midnight sun, the storms of the past winter, modes of travel and transportation for people and supplies, a local entrepreneur's hothouse produce business ("we pay \$1.00 an ounce for his first crop of lettuce, and his cucumber vine brings \$1.50 a bud"), and his desire to prospect near East Cape, Siberia, in the coming season.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

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SUBJECTS

Mines and mineral resources--Alaska--Nome—History—Sources

Nome (Alaska)—Social conditions—Sources

Nome (Alaska)—History—Sources

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