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**TITLE:** Niels Peter Gronholdt Day Books

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2014.026

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1917-1930

Extent: 1 box; 1.2 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English and Danish.

Name of creator(s): Niels Peter Gronholdt

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Niels Peter Gronholdt was born April 17, 1880, in Denmark, and came to Sand Point in 1906. He worked for local merchant Andrew Grosvold, farmed foxes, fished for cod, tended bar, and built and repaired boats. He married Anna Dushkin of Belkofski in 1909. The couple had eight children. The family moved to Belkofski in 1923.<sup>1</sup> Gronholdt died in 1971.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of two day books containing diary entries and weather observations at Sand Point and Dolgoi Island, 1917-1926.

The first book, measuring 12.5" x 7.5", records weather observations, personal wages, and incidental notes on activities at Sand Point or Dolgoi Island from October 1917-May 1919, April 1920, and January 1921-December 1925. The page for January 1919 has been torn out of the log. On the inside front cover, Niels noted the dates he spent at each location. The front

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<sup>1</sup> Gronholdt, Andrew. *Chagudax : a small window into the life of an Aleut bentwood hat carver*. San Francisco: www.blurb.com, 2012.

free endpaper contains a listing of the birth dates for the Gronholdts and their children, as well as the death dates of children Else and John. The three of the last four pages contain more extensive diary entries, dated January 6 and February 1, 1924, detailing the difficult time the family is having in obtaining food on Dolgoi Island, and the terrible weather which is making travel to Belkofski impossible. The last pages include an accounting of chicken feed used and eggs collected in February 1925, as well as a notation about Niels' Certificate of Naturalization, No. 160797, filed in Unga in 1913.

The second book, measuring 12" x 6", records weather observations, personal wages, and incidental notes on activities at Sand Point or Dolgoi Island from January 1926-August 1928, November-December 1928, April 1930, and August-September 1930. The majority of the book is blank. On the last page, there is a list of "Grub for Dolgoi Island, 3th December 1929"; a receipt for goods purchased from or by Nick Duschin, November 10, 1928; and a schematic of an 8-foot boat.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to the Museum by Donald Fadden Jr. in July 2014. Gifted in memory of the children of Niels P. and Annie Gronholdt – Ida, Peter, Paul, Andrew, Maria, Elsie, George and John.

Separated Materials

Four CDs with scans made by the donor kept in accession file.

**SUBJECTS**

Gronholdt, Niels Peter, 1880-1971

Sand Point (Alaska)

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