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TITLE: Sara Elaine Atwood Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2014.037

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1917-1985

Extent: 2 boxes; 1.8 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Sara Elaine Atwood

Administrative/Biographical History:

Sara Elaine Atwood was born to Robert B. and Evangeline Atwood on February 12, 1940. She was educated at Anchorage High School and Mills College, and began working for the *Anchorage Daily Times* in 1964. She held posts as women's reporter, court reporter, city editor, business manager, and assistant publisher. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, and one of the first female members of the Anchorage Petroleum Club. She was later president of the Atwood Foundation. Elaine died in 2003.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of 76 film negatives, measuring approximately 16" x 12," of 75 historic front pages of the *Anchorage Times* published between 1917 and 1985; drafts of a manuscript work of fiction; Atwood's notes pertaining to Marilyn Atwood Coles and Marvin Coles; and ephemera. Of note is a letter sent by Evangeline Atwood to Elaine and Marilyn after the 1964 Alaska Earthquake.

Arrangement: Arranged by format and chronologically

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use. Personal information may be redacted at the point of use.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Steve K. Lloyd in December 2014. Lloyd had obtained the items from the Atwood estate.

SUBJECTS

Atwood, Sara Elaine, 1940-2003
Anchorage daily times and Cook Inlet pioneer
Anchorage daily times
Anchorage times
Newspapers—Alaska—Anchorage
Newspaper publishing
Journalism—Alaska—Anchorage
Anchorage (Alaska)—Newspapers

Detailed Description of the Collection

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F1: Photographs

.1 – [unidentified b&w studio portrait. 2 copies]

F2: Manuscripts [from unlabeled binder]

[drafts of work of fiction]

F3: Personal notes

[In re Marilyn and Marvin Coles]

F4: Ephemera

- Correspondence. Letter from Evangeline Atwood to Sara Elaine and Marilyn, dated March 29, 1964, in re 1964 Alaska Earthquake
- Manuscript list, "Calls after quake"
- Typescript list of names [Contains restricted information]
- Check. Bob Reeves to Elaine Atwood, November 10, 1963
- Typescript. "History of the symbols of the Democratic and Republican Party's"
- Flyer. "What you can do to fight communism"
- News clippings, in re death of General Douglas MacArthur

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Film negatives of front pages [from box labeled "Front pages, SEA's wall"]

Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer

- Wednesday January 10, 1917. "Highly encouraging outlook for Anchorage"

Anchorage Daily Times

- Monday March 11, 1918. "Labor unions wage war against Riggs"
- Saturday April 13, 1918. "Anchorage is awarded Liberty Loan honor flag"
- Saturday September 21, 1918. "Spells big development of Matanuska"
- Wednesday November 3, 1920. "Three in one – victory for U.S., town of Anchorage and Alaska"
- Friday May 25, 1923. "Anchorage aviation field appearing like magic"
- Tuesday January 8, 1924. "Seattle-Alaska cable completed next November"
- Thursday February 21, 1924. "First mail plane flight to M'Grath is successful"
- Thursday March 13, 1924. "Hartley and Wanamaker buy Bolte Hardware Co., consideration is \$60,000"
- Thursday January 2, 1936. "Army Board has 22 reasons for locating air base here"
- Monday January 13, 1936. "Quarantine placed on city to stamp out scarlet fever"
- Saturday May 2, 1936. "City Hall to be completed by September 30"
- Friday July 10, 1936. "Ready to spend million on Alaska oil"
- Saturday October 17, 1936. "Railroad clears \$9,000 in year"
- Monday February 6, 1939. "Mercury hits 21 below; is low mark for winter"
- Thursday May 25, 1939. "Set aside 50,000-acre tract near Anchorage"
- Wednesday August 16, 1939. "Europeans seen as Alaska salvation"
- Saturday October 28, 1939. "Set city property value at \$4,350,000"
- Saturday June 8, 1940. "Work starts on \$12,800,000 air base"
- Thursday June 27, 1940. "400 soldiers set up camp on air base"

- Monday June 15, 1942. "Bomb six Jap ships in Aleutian warfare"
- Tuesday June 30, 1942. "Restrict Alaska travel"
- Friday July 3, 1942. "Order Alaska prices set back to 1941"
- Monday July 6, 1942. "Subs sink 3 Jap ships, another burns at Kiska"
- Friday July 17, 1942. "Drop 56 bombs on Kiska"
- Thursday June 13, 1946. "Railroad to bring 200 new families here"
- Thursday June 20, 1946. "'Columbus' expedition to visit president"
- Tuesday June 25, 1946. "City leases ship, power shortage at end"
- Thursday August 1, 1946. "City hits air 'jackpot'"
- Monday February 3, 1947. "One dead, 100 homeless in Valdez fire"
- Monday September 22, 1947. "New Alaska freight service cuts rates"
- Tuesday October 16, 1951. "Seward road open Friday"
- Friday, June 5, 1953. "Eklutna power sale near"
- Friday June 26, 1953. "Gas fumes kill two men"
- Friday July 10, 1953. "City survives eruption but Spurr acts up again"
- Monday February 6, 1956. "Delegates sign constitution" [2 copies]
- Wednesday April 25, 1956. "Constitution winning"
- Tuesday May 29, 1956. "Job seekers flock into city"
- Friday June 1, 1956. "New industry to locate here"
- Saturday January 26, 1957. "Ceremony honors city feats"
- Monday February 25, 1957. "SAS inaugurates pole flights"
- Tuesday July 23, 1957. "Richfield hits oil"
- Thursday June 23, 1960. "Alaska superhighway planned"
- Monday March 30, 1964. "104 feared dead in quake area"
- Tuesday March 31, 1964. "Rebuilding begins in Alaska"
- Monday April 6, 1964. "\$50 million quake fund passed"
- Saturday April 18, 1964. "Major construction jobs get 'move-ahead' signal"
- Thursday June 4, 1964. "Top construction year slated"
- Friday June 24, 1966. "Tokyo gas contract assured; huge plant slated for Kenai"
- Tuesday November 1, 1966. "Hello Lyndon – and Lady Bird, too; It's so nice to have you back"
- Wednesday November 2, 1966. "Tall Texan tips hat to spirited Alaskans"
- Tuesday July 25, 1967. "Japanese snap up oil tracts"
- Friday August 18, 1967. "Fairbanks anxious to rebuild"
- Friday February 16, 1968. "Arctic slope well strikes oil"
- Thursday evening December 12, 1968. "State mourns Bartlett"
- Wednesday evening September 10, 1969. Home edition. "\$97.5 million start"
- Wednesday evening September 10, 1969. 4th extra. "Biggest sale ever"
- Thursday evening November 12, 1970. "Canvass shows voters want new constitution"
- Monday evening November 23, 1970. "Happy birthday Anchorage!"
- Wednesday evening November 25, 1970. "President fires Hickel"
- Saturday evening November 28, 1970. "Cause of crash is mystery; Everything was go"
- Tuesday evening September 7, 1971. "Rain closes crash site"
- Saturday evening September 25, 1971. "Hail to the chiefs!"

- Monday evening September 27, 1971. "Wow! What a weekend!"
- Monday evening October 18, 1971. "Wien plane hijacked"
- Thursday evening October 21, 1971. "Gravel pickets Nixon"
- Saturday evening November 6, 1971. "No quake, no wave"
- Saturday evening January 15, 1972. "Button up your overcoat"
- Monday evening February 28, 1972. "Here again...gone again"
- Friday evening April 28, 1972. "Sohio hits record well"
- Thursday evening September 7, 1972. "Okays federal building"
- Tuesday evening October 17, 1972. "Alaskans search, pray"
- Thursday evening June 27, 1974. "Gruening rites Monday"
- Wednesday evening August 25, 1974. "Capital will be moved"

Anchorage Times

- Sunday morning June 16, 1985. "Anchorage Wins!"

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