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TITLE: CIHS Clifton – Orah Dee Clark Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.006

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1962-1963

Extent: 6 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Cook Inlet Historical Society

Administrative/Biographical History:

Educator Orah Dee Clark (1875-1965) was born in Firth, Nebraska. She came to Alaska in 1906 and taught in Kodiak, Tanana, and Anvik before coming to Anchorage in 1915. She organized the first school in Anchorage and became Anchorage's first superintendent and principal. After developing the Anchorage school system she worked to develop schools in Wasilla, Eska, Fairview and Matanuska. During her career as a teacher she taught in many other locations in Alaska. She retired in 1944, while teaching at Moose Pass.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of three black-and-white photographs taken on Orah Dee Clark Day, August 25, 1962. The day was sponsored by the Cook Inlet Historical Society, and held on Clark's 87th birthday, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. There is also a four-page typescript biography of Clark. For more information, 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

Donated by Robert and Dorothy Clifton to Cook Inlet Historical Society in February 1963. Transferred to Anchorage Museum. Accession B1963.002 added to B1963.006.

Processing Note

Guide created from card catalog data and accession file inventory; photographs not physically consulted at time of writing.

RELATED MATERIALS

Orah Dee Clark Certificate, B1980.181

SUBJECTS

Clark, Orah Dee, 1875-1965

Cook Inlet Historical Society

Women educators—Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Orah Dee Clark, 1/1/63. As told to Robert B. and Dorothy I. Clifton by Orah Dee Clark on several visits. [four-page typescript]

.2a – Orah Dee Clark Day, August 25, 1962. Her birthday at the Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska [Clark with Olga Doheny, Vanny Davenport, Myrtle Stalnaker, Hilma J. Niemi Saario, Win Ervin, Robert B. Clifton]

.2b – Cook Inlet Historical Society presenting its 1st scroll of honor to Miss Orah Dee Clark on “her” day. Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 25, 1962. Left to right: Olga Doheny, Vanny Davenport, Myrtle Stalnaker, Hilma Niemi Saario, Win Ervin, Robert B. Clifton [3 copies]

.3 – Robert B. Clifton, president of the Cook Inlet Historical Society, presenting the Society’s “Scroll of Honor” to Miss Orah Dee Clark. The scroll was presented to her on “Orah Dee Clark Day” in Anchorage, Alaska, August 25, 1962. The scroll read as follows: “The Cook Inlet Historical Society presents its ‘Scroll of Honor’ to Orah Dee Clark. Charter member of our society and teacher in the Territory of Alaska schools. Presented in recognition and appreciation of the many years of service and noteworthy contribution to the welfare and educational development of our Great Land. Alaska is deeply indebted to you.” [Clark and Clifton. Same image as B1963.014.16]

.4 – Orah Dee Clark Day, August 25, 1962, Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska [Clark, Grace Matson, Clifton, and Ervin]

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