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TITLE: Statehood Sound Recordings

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2013.009

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1958-1959

Extent: 2 reels

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Alaska Statehood Act was signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on July 7, 1958, and Alaska became the 49th U.S. state on January 3, 1959.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of two magnetic audio reels with sound recordings of events related to the admission of Alaska to the union in 1959. 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 donated by Janet Kincaid.

Processing Note

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

SUBJECTS

McCutcheon, Steve, 1911-

Alaska--Politics and government—1867-1959—Sources

Statehood (American politics)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Reel 1

Contents:

- The Messiah by EAFB & Ft. Rich Choirs, Dec. 24, 1958. 60 min.
- Final proc. by Pres. of U.S. of Alaskan Statehood, Sat. Jan. 3, 1959. 60 min.

Technical specs:

Reeves Soundcraft Magnetic Recording Tape. Type SPN 12. Plastic base 1/4" x 1200 ft. Speed 1 7/8 ips

Reel 2

Contents:

Nov. 1958

- Statehood speeches
- Demo & Rep political speeches for gen. 1st state election
- Steve McCutcheon to mike
- Demo song
- List of candidates
- Statehood 49th Celebration

- Primary elections

Technical specs:

[same as reel 1]

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