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TITLE: Mary Jane Sausser Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2006.001

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1937-1941, 1955

Extent: 1 box

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Earl Dean, Julia Dean

Administrative/Biographical History:

Julia and Earl Dean worked as government agents in the Office of Indian Affairs, Field Service. Between 1937-1941, they taught at the Copper Center Government School. Later they relocated to Southeast Alaska where Julia served as Clerk of the Senate for the Session of the Territorial Legislature.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists primarily of letters written from Julia and Earl Dean in the Copper River area between 1937-1941. The letters detail their travels, Julia's health, school developments, and community goings-on, with particular interest in Indigenous activities. Additional materials include two photographs, four postcards, travel notes, a transportation information card, and two newspaper articles.

Arrangement: Collection arranged by format.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Collection gifted to the Anchorage Museum and accessioned in 2006.

Notes

This collection contains outdated language and harmful sentiments that do not reflect the mission and goals of the Anchorage Museum today. There are also descriptions of Indigenous community gatherings and activities that may be misrepresented and/or contain culturally sensitive information. At the time of this Finding Aid update, it is unknown to the Archivist whether those practices are considered open or closed. We consent to input and recommendations from the community as we work on decolonizing our collections.

Due to sensitive content, some items have been moved to *Folder 8 – Sensitive Materials* at the end of the collection should a researcher choose to review those materials. Brief descriptions of those materials are at the end of this Finding Aid and are not restricted until further advised.

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RELATED MATERIALS

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B2004.002 Stiffler Collection

B2008.005 Chester and Leah Webster Peterson Collection

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B2012.031 Rupert A. Moon Collection

B2013.049 Katherine G. Kane Manuscript, My Twenty Seven Years in Alaska and the Aleutians

B2014.012 Charles W. Wray Negatives

B2019.003 Eklutna and Anvik Collection

SUBJECTS

Ahtna (Indigenous people) - Alaska

Alaska Road Commission

Anchorage / Dgheyaytnu (Alaska)

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Copper Center / Tl'atica'e (Alaska)

Cordova (Alaska)

Fairbanks

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Holidays

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Postal service

Potlatch – Alaska

Roadhouses – Alaska

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Teachers

Tuberculosis

United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs

World War II

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Photographs

.1 – Julia Dean with black bear – “Bear was killed one hour before”

.2 – Julia Dean and four children with black bear – “Four darling little [Indigenous Alaskans] with me”

Miscellaneous Items

.3a, b, c, d – January 12, 1955: To “Julie” from “Elise?”: Letter about living in Sitka, job at Sitka Alaska
Pioneers Home, children, husband Jim living in village of Tenakee working construction, poor state
of economy in Alaska, statehood, politics.

.4 – Information card on transportation between Fairbanks and Valdez

.5 – Julia’s notes on the trip to Alaska through June 2, 1938

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Postcards from Pennsylvania to Copper Center and Letters from Ship

- .6 – November 26, 1937: To “Marie, A. Ella & Bill” from “Julia”: Arrival in Binghamton, meeting family.
- .7 – November 30, 1937, 9:20 PM: To “Folks” from “Julia”: Arrival in Chicago, cold, boarding to Seattle.
- .8 – December 2, 1937, 11 AM: To “Folks” from “Julia”: Arrival in Seattle, determining plans to get to Copper Center, etc.
- .9 – December 23, 1937: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: In Copper Center, setting up house and school, Christmas.
- .10 – December 8, 1937: *Alaska Steamship Company* menu entitled “Summer Comes Early” – Letter to “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: arrival in Juneau, impressions of Alaska.
- .11 – December 8, 1937: *Alaska Steamship Company* menu entitled “A Land of Magic Contrasts” – Letter to “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: meeting with Commissioner of Education in Juneau and living situation, still on board.
- .12 – December 8, 1937: *Alaska Steamship Company* menu entitled “Mountains Rise to the Sky” – Letter to “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: admiring otter fur coats, arrive in Cordova next day.

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Julia and Dean’s Letters from December 1937 – June 1938

- .13 – Sunday Morning: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: On board ship, love the trip, met with other couples who said they would like Alaska, what they did in Seattle.
- .14a, b – December 11, 1937, Saturday morning: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Arrived in Cordova, big snowstorm hindered taking train to Chitina. Met Mr. & Mrs. Pinkum, teachers, learning about education situation there.
- .15a, b, c – Sunday afternoon 2:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Arrived at Copper Center (Chitina) from Cordova, impressions of “The Trail”, housing situation, getting settled, met Mrs. Barnes the Postmistress, etc.
- .16 – [Item in F8 for sensitive content]
- .17a, b, c – January 4, 1938, Tuesday evening, 8:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Christmas celebrations, beginning of school, January 3, difficulties in needing to know all of children’s ages, Indigenous baby sick with pneumonia whom she tried to help, impressions of Indigenous cemetery with fences around plots. Note by Dean at the end.
- .18a, b – Friday 3PM: To “Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: The school, having the children for Friday lunch, helping Indigenous community members with supplies and food, visit from supervisor.
- .19a, b, c, d – January 30, 1938, Sunday Evening 8 PM; January 31, 1938, Monday evening; February 3, 1938, Thursday evening; February 6, 1938, Sunday 5 PM: To “Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: Disease (“the itch”) going through the town, her birthday, snowstorm, requests to pick up items in the states.
- .20a, b, c, d, e, f – February 22, 1938, Tuesday evening 9 PM; February 27, 1938, Sunday evening 7:15 PM; March 2, 1938, Wednesday 8 PM: To “Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: Story of a drunk man, worried about cleanliness and disease in the village, helping with medicine, having the schoolchildren to dinner on Fridays, prohibiting the children to speak their Indigenous languages, difficulties in receiving packages, building playground, friends at home.

- .21a, b, c, d – March 18, 1938, Copper Center, Alaska; March 21, 1938, Monday 3 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Divisions in the community against the missionaries, socializing with the other “white folks”, prizes to children for cleanliness, problems receiving packages, roads and RR opening for the summer and construction work, Dean’s toothache and getting to Fairbanks, glad they decided to come.
- .22a, b – March 28, 1938, Monday 9:30 AM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia”: Dean’s toothache, receiving packages and letters, schoolchildren.
- .23a, b, c – April 3, 1938, Sunday 9 AM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia & Dean”: Mail service better with roads opening, affairs in the states (birthdays, Mother’s Day), April Fool’s Day jokes.
- .24a, b, c, d – April 9, 1938, Saturday evening 8 PM: To “Sister & Brother” from “Julia & Dean”: Easter craft projects and favors for the children and decorating the school, gifts from an Indigenous woman, snow melting, fish wheels put up, poacher caught with caribou and other skins, includes a recipe for Graham Cracker Pie, residents from outlying villages arriving for Easter services, car ride and enjoying scenery.
- .25a, b, c, d – April 30, 1938, Saturday 6:15: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Seeing the ice moving on the river, problems with flooding, saw first “drunken brawl” in front of the school, impressions of the Indigenous people, excited to receive a fox fur, fresh fruit and vegetables.
- .26a, b, c, d – May 16, 1938, Monday evening 8:15 PM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia & Dean”: Getting fresh fruit and vegetables, learning to “do without”, family affairs, surprised by the daylight.
- .27a, b – [No date]: To “Sis” from “Julia”: Disappointment in one of the missionaries there (“Vincent Joy”) for not fulfilling his purposes and living off of everyone and effect this has on the Indigenous community who watch all of them closely. In response to pictures that her sister saw from a friend of Vincent who visited Copper Center
- .28a, b – May 29, 1938, Sunday 2 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Tomorrow last day of school, inviting parents to school for social time (games, Indigenous dances), meeting Miss Sheridan (a nurse) bound for St. Lawrence Island and Pt. Barrow, Alaska Road Commission, performing medical care and inoculations in Copper Center.
- .29a, b, c – June 9, 1938, Thursday 7:30 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Receiving packages, trip to Valdez, ploughing the road, Bridal Veil Falls, Devil’s Elbow, Keystone Canyon, dentist and Dean’s toothache; first fresh salmon, people moving to fish camps. Note from Dean at end.
- .30a, b, c, d – June 19, 1938, Sunday afternoon 4 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Mail problems, Dean’s toothache finally cured, death of an infant, summer events and activities.

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Julia and Dean’s Letters from July 1938 – June 1939

- .31a, b, c, d – July 15, 1938, Friday evening 6:30 PM; July 17, 1938, Sunday evening 7:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Repairing house, tourists coming through, having backaches and pains (sciatica), Indigenous residents “afraid of the government”, Miss Johnson (the other missionary) left, party with Indigenous dancing.
- .32a, b, c – August 1, 1938, Monday 9 PM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia & Dean”: Summer scenery and colors, buying Indigenous blankets, met the Bradford-Washburn party whose photos of Mt.

McKinley were in National Geographic. Reports that the party attempted to scale Mt. Sanford.
(Actually did scale the mountain – first time, July 21, 1938)

- .33a, b, c – August 8, 1938, Monday 1 PM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia”: Summer repairs, trip to Gulkana and description, size of flies and mosquitoes and general bug situation.
- .34a, b – August 20, 1938: To “Mr. William Pfizenmaier (Bill)” from “Dean”: Humorous story on missionaries and revenge from Mrs. Barnes, the keeper of the Trading Post in Copper Center, who received it from an unknown writer. Also information on fishing, visit by former Governor of AK and two persons from the Department of the Interior in Washington.
- .35a, b – August 21, 1938, Sunday 2 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Lack of paper money there, transactions only in silver dollars, fresh vegetables from Chitina teachers, visit from Cleveland teachers.
- .36 – August 31, 1938, Wednesday 5:30 PM; Fairbanks, Alaska: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia”: At doctor’s office getting X-rays and tests for hip and back pain, does not like expense of and constant drinking in Fairbanks.
- .37 – September 16, 1938: To “Marie and Bill” from “Dean”: Account of Julia’s stay in the hospital in Fairbanks to recoup her leg, school year and sickness in village.
- .38 – September 29, 1938: To “Marie & Bill” from “Dean”: Note that Julia is returning home, details on her illness.
- .39 – October 4, 1938: To “Marie & Bill” from “Dean”: Julia returned home the day before, details of her illness from the doctor.
- .40 – October 17, 1938, Monday: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia”: Details of time at Fairbanks and how she is feeling.
- .41 – October 28, 1938: To “Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: Requesting box of candy as Christmas gifts for families, Julia’s health conditions.
- .42a, b – October 30, 1938, Sunday 1 PM: To “Sis & Brother” from “Julia & Dean”: Third child in same family dying from Tuberculosis, her illness, requesting to purchase a Christmas present for her to give to Dean.
- .43a, b – November 8, 1938, Tuesday: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Thanks for packages, how her recovery progresses.
- .44 – [No date] To “Marie” from “Julia”: Requests to purchase and send Christmas presents for Dean and others.
- .45 – November 19, 1938: To “Marie & Bill” from “Dean”: Writing for Julia as thanks for anniversary card, state of Julia’s health, winter temperatures.
- .46a, b, c – November 29, 1938, Tuesday 4:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Her health, Thanksgiving, family and others concerns about eldest student pregnancy, etc.
- .47a, b – December 3, 1938, Saturday afternoon: To “Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: Received package and cards, men leaving for traplines, etc.
- .48a, b, c – December 21, 1938, Wednesday 8 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Bad weather with no planes or radio, Christmas presents to people, health details, Christmas events.
- .49a, b, c, d – January 5, 1939, Thursday 12 noon: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Christmas party for schoolchildren, boxes for children, Julia’s health and recovery, disappointment with missionaries.

- .50a, b – January 22, 1939, Sunday 9:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Julia recovering and moving around some, packages from and for people, etc.
- .51a, b, c, d – February 4, 1939, Saturday evening: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: News of death in family at home, mail problems, description of Indigenous residents on sleds going to a potlatch and the potlatch events (first held in Copper Center since 1924), questions on pamphlets and pictures the missionaries from their village distribute in PA.
- .52 – February 23, 1939, Thursday: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Julia being flown to base hospital in Anchorage for treatment.
- .53a, b – March 6, 1939; Hotel Parsons, Anchorage, Alaska: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: Saw the doctor in Anchorage, severe treatments to prevent paralysis and hope of recovery, loves Anchorage.
- .54 – March 22, 1939; Hotel Parsons, Anchorage, Alaska: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia” (postcard): Hoping to go home by April 3.
- .55a, b – Mar. 26, 1939; Hotel Parsons, Anchorage, Alaska: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: Her recovery, less pain, welcoming experience in Anchorage, people fearing an upcoming war moving to AK in greater numbers.
- .56a, b – April 5, 1939, 8 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: Details of treatments, walking around more, hospitality of friends in Anchorage.
- .57a, b – April 16, 1939, Sunday evening 9 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia”: Poor weather, mail pilot crashed in interior, crowds of miners waiting (due to bad weather) to be flown to interior (Yukon and Kuskokwim), met a writer Kay Kennedy, marveling at the varied kinds of peoples who come through.
- .58a, b, c – May 5, 1939, 6 PM and May 9, 1939, Saturday 4:30 PM; Copper Center, Alaska: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Arrived back in Copper Center, colds going around village, friends coming up in July (the Sellers), Mr. Kirkpatrick (their mail pilot from Cordova to Chitina) crashed, Julia’s recovery.
- .59a, b – May 18, 1939: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Problems with mail being opened, short on supplies and hoping the road will open soon, end of school.
- .60a, b – June 5, 1939, 8 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Dean on “buying trip” to Valdez, planting a large garden by the school for the village, incidents with the villagers and first lawsuit.

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Julia and Dean’s Letters from July 1939 – May 1940

- .61a, b, c – June 20, 1939, Tuesday 7 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Julia’s recovery, dental clinic in the village, government tuberculosis specialist visit, salmon season.
- .62a, b, c – July 5, 1939, Wednesday 6:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Fixing up their house, tourists, met a professor of archeology at the University of Denmark who took a movie reel of the children, also met a Professor Rainy.
- .63a, b, c – July 25, 1939, Tuesday 1:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: the Sellers’ (friends from home) visit to Copper Center, Julia’s recovery.
- .64a, b – August 1, 1939, Tuesday 9:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Death in family, arrest in village.

- .65a, b – August 17, 1939, Thursday 7:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Julia’s first walk to Trading Post since illness, trip to Valdez for dentist, etc.
- .66a, b, c, d – August 31, 1939, Thursday 11 AM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Doing inventory since government stations are required to be “bonded”, news from home.
- .67a, b, c – September 21, 1939, Wednesday 10 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Beginning of school, visit of government nurse, meeting with Chitina teachers.
- .68a, b – October 5, 1939, Thursday afternoon: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Dean taking the ten-year census for the area, preparing for Halloween parties.
- .69a, b, c – October 14, 1939, Saturday 4 PM: To “Marie & all” from “Julia & Dean”: Snowing since October 6, freight backed-up on highway, met the geologists of the Guggenheim Co. of New York, news of the war in Europe.
- .70a, b – October 25, 1939, Wednesday 6:30 PM: To “Sis & Dean (?)” from “Julia & Dean”: Receiving packages, children’s Halloween party.
- .71a, b, c, d, e – November 5, 1939, Sunday 2 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Details of adult party and children’s Halloween party, Road Commissions “boys” arriving on a tractor, presents, children.
- .72a, b, c – November 13, 1939, Monday 6:30 PM: To “My Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Beginning of trapping season, receiving and opening Christmas packages, visitor from Juneau.
- .73 – November 20, 1939, Thursday 9:15 PM: To “Frank, Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: Thanksgiving Day, weather, etc.
- .74a, b, c – December 18, 1939, Sunday 8:30 PM: To “Sis & Brothers” from “Julia & Dean”: Planning for children’s Christmas party and holiday season, Dean working on census sheets, lack of furs this season.
- .75a, b – December 23, 1939, Saturday evening 7 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Freezing rain hindered planes, Chinook winds, Christmas plans, story of getting a 26-lb halibut.
- .76a, b, c, d – [Item in F8 for sensitive content]
- .77a, b, c, d, e, f – January 18, 1940, Thursday 2:30 PM and January 22, 1940, Monday: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: “Drunken brawl” incident night before, frustrations with Indigenous community, enclosing picture and story of pilot (Mr. Mirow) who died.
- .78a, b – February 2, 1940: To “Marie & Boys” from “Julia & Dean”: Julia’s birthday broadcast on radio, weather, family news.
- .79a, b, c – [no date] Friday 3:45 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Recent California law on relief clients, Indigenous people in village on relief, upcoming election between Dewey and Roosevelt, home news.
- .80a, b – February 27, 1940, Tuesday 1 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Weather around the country, the release of “Gone With the Wind”, Dean going to summer school in Chemawa Oregon, Julia encouraging family to visit AK, etc.
- .81a, b – March 24, 1940, Easter Sunday: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Invited to a potlatch, account of events there, influx of men into Fairbanks and Kodiak due to army, booming population in Anchorage, etc.
- .82a, b – April 1, 1940, Monday 8 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Dean looking for another job, inconveniences of living out there (clothing, hair, dentist).

- .83a, b – April 14, 1940, Sunday 12 o'clock noon: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": One of large Philadelphia department stores planning to start an Indian Art & Craft Department, summer plans, etc.
- .84a, b, c – May 2, 1940, Thursday 11 AM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Teaching school while Dean is building a cabin, Gulkana roadhouse "crashed to pieces" by ice.
- .85a, b – May 25, [1940], Saturday 4 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Richardson Hwy opened May 15 which is earliest on record, home news, Dean leaving, war news and Alaska a possible target.
- .86a, b – June 25, 1940, Tuesday 11 AM: To "Marie & All" from "Julia": Living without Dean there, etc.

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Julia and Dean's Letters from July 1940 – May 1941

- .87a, b, c – July 14, 1940, Sunday 8 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia": Trip to Fairbanks, guest on K7AR (Fairbanks radio station) during women's hour, fixing house, war and presidential race.
- .88a, b – July 22, 1940, Monday 3:30 PM: To "Marie & all" from "Julia": Tourists coming through, magazine articles on air bases being built in Alaska (especially Diomed Islands in "Life" magazine), enclosing article about lost man found in area.
- .89a, b – July 31, 1940, Wednesday 1 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia": Family news, weather, etc.
- .90a, b – September 1, 1940, Sunday 2 PM; Chitina: To "Marie & all" from "Julia & Dean": Visiting school and hospital in Chitina with Miss Cunningham (the nurse), socializing with all the delegates.
- .91a, b – September 7, 1940, Saturday evening 9 PM: To "Marie & all" from "Julia & Earl": Trip to Valdez to meet Dean, entertaining Valdez and Road Commission people, etc.
- .92a, b – September 29, 1940, Sunday 11:15 AM: To "Marie & all" from "Julia & Dean": Beginning school, Indigenous family set up in the cabin next to them, war news, someone setting fire to new Federal building in Anchorage.
- .93a, b – October 16, 1940, Sunday 1:30 PM: to "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": "No, the Russians have not gotten us thus far", Bombers flew over house en route to Ladd Field in Fairbanks, trading post encouraging alcohol problems in the community, drafting for military.
- .94a, b, c – October 19, 1940, Saturday 4 PM: to "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Upcoming presidential election, villager sent to prison and cleaned cabin and took children, news of missionary (Vincent Joy).
- .95a, b – October 31, 1940, 4:30 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia": Receiving packages, presidential race addresses, village news.
- .96a, b – November 27, 1940, Wednesday 7:30 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Buying wholesale from a company in Minneapolis, presidential election.
- .97a, b, c – [Item in F8 for sensitive content]
- .98a, b – December 22, 1940, Sunday 5 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Christmas party preparations, boxes received, etc.
- .99a, b, c – January 4, 1941, Saturday 2 PM: To "Marie, Bill & Frank" from "Julia & Dean": Accounts of Christmas party, New Year's party, presidential address, end of Civilian Conservation Corp projects for Indigenous people.

- .100a, b, c – [no date] Saturday afternoon 3:30 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Registration by Selective Service Board, announcement that no Alaskans would be called until next September (lack of equipment), ordering Indigenous crafts and furs.
- .101a, b – February 9, 1941: To “Marie & Bill” from “Dean”: Julie getting a job as the weather observer for Copper Center, weather, etc.
- .102a, b – [Item in F8 for sensitive content]
- .103a, b – March 25, 1941: Tuesday 3 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Living expenses, shipping issues, weather observer work.
- .104a, b – April 16, 1941: Wednesday 7:45 AM: To “Folks” from “Julia & Dean”: Easter, Julia passed the examination to take Airway Observations for the Juneau Office, new roads being built, jobs with the Road Commission and mining.
- .105a, b – May 17, 1941: Saturday evening 7 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: “First white funeral”, weather observing work, war and government news.

Newspaper Articles

- .106a, b, c – March 18, 1938: “Tells of Trip to Alaska and Conditions There”: Trip across the country and descriptions of Alaskan scenery and towns along the way, journey to Copper Center from Chitina, life in Alaska and Copper Center.
- .107a, b, c, d, e – September 9 & 16, 1938 and March 24 & 31, 1939: “Tells of Life and Habits in Alaska” and “A News Letter From Alaska”: Description of Copper Center’s location, geography and weather of area, schoolhouse and children, fishing and preserving, Indigenous traditions, events in the village, winter conditions, trip to Fairbanks.

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Sensitive Materials

- .16 – January 11, 1938, Tuesday 9:15 AM: To “Marie & Bill” from “Julia & Dean”: About the funeral for an Indigenous baby.
- .76a, b, c, d – January 3, 1939 (1940), Wednesday 12:30 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Christmas day festivities including children’s party, Indigenous child drowned, visiting people in the village.
- .97a, b, c – December 8, 1940, Sunday 4:45 PM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: Two women’s babies died, other injuries in village, Christmas preparations.
- .102a, b – [no date] Wednesday 7:50 AM: To “Marie, Bill & Frank” from “Julia & Dean”: “Old Phela” (Indigenous elder) died, weather.

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