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**TITLE:** Judge Pray Photograph Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1977.082

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1892

Extent: 2 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Charles Nelson Pray was born in Potsdam, New York, in 1868. He attended Middlebury College and the Chicago College of Law. Pray was admitted to the Montana bar in 1892 and began a private law practice in 1896. He was elected Choteau County Attorney in 1898. After serving four terms as County Attorney, Pray was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1906. He died in 1963.<sup>1</sup>

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of two black-and-white photographs taken in Anvik circa 1892. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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<sup>1</sup> "Guide to the Charles Nelson Pray Papers." Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, University of Montana—Missoula. Accessed online, December 19, 2014.

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Montana Historical Society in June 1977. The MHS received them from the estate of Judge Pray in 1965.

### **SUBJECTS**

Episcopal Church – Missions – Alaska – Anvik

Athabascan Indians—Alaska

Deg Hit'an Indians—Alaska

Anvik (Alaska)

#### Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – A medicine man and his summer residence [two Deg Hit'an Athabascan men and two women standing outside wood-plank building, tent at left; at AFN 2014, location confirmed as below Anvik Mission, man identified as father of Clara Reed, last shaman converted to Christianity on Yukon River. At AFN 2023, individual as Nickolai Doctor. At AFN 2024, it was noted there is a copy of this image at UAF Library as well.]

.2 – An old time picture, about 1892, Play day at the mission [Deg Hit'an Athabascan men participating in archery competition, two men in foreground holding bows and arrows, spectators lined up along log fence of mission, steam-powered sawmill and lumber pile in background at left]

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