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Alaska State Library will house Sheldon Jackson College archives for five years

JUNEAU -- Following the 2007 closure of Sheldon Jackson College, staff members of the Alaska State Library assisted Sitka's library community in caring for the books and archival materials in the college's Stratton Library. As a part of that effort, the Alaska State Library Historical Collections in Juneau has agreed to house the Sheldon Jackson College Archives for five years, after which time the college will take control of it again.

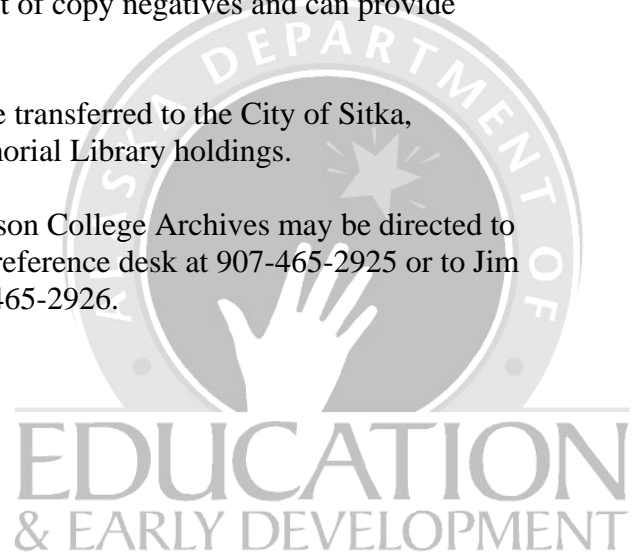
The Sheldon Jackson College Archives totals approximately 140 linear feet of shelved materials, and includes administrative files, correspondence, photographs, oral histories, moving images, and a wealth of information about the operations of the college beginning in the 1880s.

The bulk of the materials were well organized by Evelyn Bonner, former director of the college library, and Nancy Ricketts, former college archivist. Several guides to the collections are being compiled and will be available through the Alaska State Library Historical Collections.

The original glass plate negatives of the Elbridge Merrill Photograph Collection will reside temporarily with the Sitka National Historical Park. However, the Alaska State Library Historical Collections has a complete set of copy negatives and can provide access to the images from that collection.

The C.L. Andrews monograph collection will be transferred to the City of Sitka, eventually to become part of the Kettleton Memorial Library holdings.

Any questions about access to the Sheldon Jackson College Archives may be directed to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections reference desk at 907-465-2925 or to Jim Simard, Head of Historical Collections, at 907-465-2926.



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