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Standard Reference Source

Alaska Sources: a Guide to Historical Records and Information Resources. AK-R 979.8 BRADBUR

Biographical Information


Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers, 1850-1950. A 5-volume work of biographical material from the period of early development of Alaska and the Yukon. The information was gleaned from newspaper obituaries, magazine articles and books; and the articles include the source of the information. AK-R 929.39798 FERRELL


Nome and Seward Peninsula: History, Description, Biographies and Stories by E. S. Harrison (1905). AK-RARE 917.98 HARRISO

Tewkesbury’s Who’s Who in Alaska and Alaska Business Index. (1947) “Persons selected for listing are those who maintained a home in the territory and who are notable for worthy achievement.” N 920.0798 TEWKESB


Cemetery Records and Obituaries

Alaska Magazine ("End of the Trail"), 1970-present. AK PERIODICAL

Anchorage Times Obituaries Index, 1915-1965. AK-R 929.3 ANCHORA

Anchorage Times Obituaries Index, 1966-1980. AK-R 929.3 ANCHORA

Anchorage Times Obituary Index, 1981-1990. AK-R 929.3 ANCHORA
Cemetery Records and Obituaries continued


Cemetery Inscriptions and Area Memorials in Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula Borough.


Hooper Bay obituaries as found in the Anchorage Daily News, 1985 to 2005.

Index of Alaska Obituaries from Various Sources with a Supplement of Obituaries from Sources in the Ketchikan Area collected by Patricia Roppel [1899-1995]. Compiled from newspapers, magazines, books, & grave markers.

Index of Death Certificates, Seward, Alaska, 1903-1949.

Northern Lights Cemetary [i.e. Cemetery] Inventory.


Memory Eternal I: A Baseline Inventory of the Burials Surrounding the Holy Ascension Cathedral at Unalaska, Alaska.

Point Comfort Cemetery Restoration Project, Sunrise, Alaska.

Sitka, Alaska Death and Burial Register to 1986.


Directories of Names and Businesses


Alaska People Index. Vol. 1 is an index of names found in the Alaska Sportsman 1939-1969. Vol. 2 is an index of individuals who appear in 23 unique Alaskan sources.


(with some beyond 1944) [electronic resource]: & partial index of Alaska Gastineau & Perseverance Mine personnel

Index to Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths in the Archives of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in Alaska. Two reels of film, 1816-1936.


Klondike Stampeders Register: a Chronology of the Klondike Gold Rush, 1897-1898. Most entries are brief, however, a few are a half-page or more.
Directories of Names and Businesses continued

**Lost & Found in Alaska and the Klondike.** An index of 40,000 names of people in Alaska, the Klondike, and the Cassiar before 1940.


**General Sources**

120 Years of Alaska Postmasters, 1867-1987.
Alaska Mining History: a Source Document.
Dictionary of Alaska Place Names.
How To Find Your Gold Rush Relative: Sources on the Klondike and Alaska Gold Rushes (1896-1914).
North to Alaska: an Overview of Immigrants to Alaska, 1867-1945.
Picture Alaska, an index, compiled by Joseph Drazan & Joseph Burke.

**Government Resources**

Alaskan Census Records, 1870-1907.
Federal Censuses of Alaska, 1900-1930.

**Newspaper/Journal Indexes and Guides**

Five Year Index, the Alaska Journal, 1971-1975. This journal has interesting articles about Alaska history.
Alaska Journal Index, 1976-1985. 5,000 entries for these years.
Alaska Weekly (Seattle) 1923-1948: Index by Date with Subject Guide.
Newspaper/Journal Indexes and Guides continued

AK-R 979.86 BIRTHS

AK-R 979.804 TILLOTS

Index of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces in Fairbanks, Alaska Newspapers, 1903-1930.  
AK-R 979.86016 INDEX

An Index to Mining-Related Articles in Ketchikan Newspapers, 1901-1936 : Ketchikan District. (including George and Carroll Inlets, Thorne Bay, Gravina and Annette Islands) and Hyder, Helm Bay, Prince of Wales Island, and southeast Alaska.  
N 622.3422 REDMAN

Index to the Petersburg Newspapers, 1913-1916.  
N 071.982 FORREST

Index to the Seward Gateway, a Newspaper, 1904-1910.  
AK-R 070.16 STALLIN

Name Authority File for Fairbanks, Alaska Newspapers : 1908-February, 1914. This file lists 2,500 names that appeared in Fairbanks newspapers of the period.  
N 071.7986016 NAME

Subject Index to the Alaskan, 1885-1907, a Sitka Newspaper.  
N 071.7982016 DE ARMO

Vital Records from Alaska Daily Empire [Juneau, Alaska]. The five volumes cover the years 1916-1936.  
AK-R 929.37982 VITAL-R

Internet Resources


Anchorage High School Yearbook Index Online, [1917-1978] - Go to Alaska Collection Librarian’s Office to view Anchorage High School Yearbooks, [1917–2010]. Yearbooks in the Alaska Collection, area use only and requires ID.

Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery site – Links to a Master Burial List is searchable by last name.


Alaska & Polar Periodical Index at University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library - APPI cites articles about Alaska, northern circumpolar nations, and Antarctica. It does not contain the text of those articles, but all are received by UAF Rasmuson Library. More than 200,000 articles are covered, from the 1980s to the present.

Anchorage Public Library TopicTrail : Genealogy Resources in Alaska Collection – Link to this PDF document.

Guide to Alaska Museums and Historical Societies - Museums Listings by Alaskan cities A–W, site includes addresses, contact information, and brief annotation about the organization.

Yukon Archives Genealogy Databases - Searchable databases for Yukon genealogy, including ‘Pan for Gold,’ and includes unique databases: Francophone Yukoners; Sourdough Air Display, 1971-2006; and Yukon Barristers Roll. Here is a link to the Yukon Archives Finding Aid (86pp) "Genealogical Resources at the Yukon Archives".

Browsing the Shelves - If you prefer just to browse the shelves, try these call numbers:  
AK-R 071 (for newspaper indexes)  AK-R 929 (for genealogy)