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## Summary Information

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### Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of legal records, correspondence, house diaries (some in Latin), church community materials, financial records, and local publications. The bulk of the material dates between the 1920s and the 1960s.

### Historical Note<sup>1</sup>

Akulurak is a Yup'ik word meaning "in-between place," and thus was a fitting name for the community the Jesuits joined in 1903, situated on an island in the Andraefsky River near its confluence with the Yukon. There, the Jesuits built a school to care for children orphaned by an epidemic of the flu in 1900-1901.

By the late 1940s, the island's slough had silted in, making it difficult to continue living there. The community relocated to the current site of St. Mary's, Alaska, using building materials from an abandoned Gold Rush-era hotel as supplies, and incorporated in 1957.

The Catholic church in St. Mary's closed in 1987.

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<sup>1</sup> St. Mary's City School District. "Community Info." SMCSO.us. <https://www.smcsd.us/about-us/community-info/> (accessed June 17, 2019).

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## Processing Information

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## Arrangement Note

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## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Akulurak

#### Sub-Series 1: Legal Records

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.0001	1	Land claim	1909		
1.0001	2	Deed and sale of Mission Property	1927		
1.0001	3	Estate of Juliette R. Merritt	1927-1928		
1.0001	4	Appointment of Fr. Norman as marriage counselor of Akulurak	1945		

#### Sub-Series 2: Correspondence

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
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1.0001	5	Anthony Keyes, SJ, to Fr. Provincial Rockliff	1912-1913	
1.0001	6	Aloysius Rabat, SJ, to Fr. Provincial	1917	
1.0001	7	Martin Lonneux, SJ, to Fr. Provincial	1926-1927	
1.0001	8	John Sifton, SJ, to Fr. Provincial	1928	
1.0001	9	John Fox, SJ, to Fr. Provincial	1928	
1.0001	10	Lucchesi, SJ, to Cataldo, SJ	1928	
1.0001	11	Bishop Crimont, SJ, to Hubert Post, SJ	1934	Includes homily in an Inuit language (Qariaraq?)
1.0001	12	Ursuline Sisters	1925	
1.0001	13	Supervisors of reindeer herds with Akulurak mission superiors	1938-1943	
1.0001	14	Civilian Conservation Corps to Paul O'Connor, SJ	1938	
1.0001	15	Printed material about Ursuline Sisters at Akulurak	1930-1954	

#### Sub-series 3: Reports

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.0001	16	Historia Domus and Litterae Annuae	1914-1923		
1.0001	17	Historia Domus	1927-1928		
1.0001	18	Mission work and events	1892-1925		
1.0001	19	Continuation of boys' boarding school	(nd)		
1.0001	20	Religious vacation school, Alaskan missionary journey	(nd)		
1.0001	21	Fishing record, Jubilee, newsletter	1925-1955		
1.0001	22	Visitation of Coadjutor Bishop Walter Fitzgerald, SJ	1944		
1.0001	23	"Akulurak's Record"	1889-1943		

#### Sub-series 4: Journals

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.0001	24	House Diary	1902-1911		
1.0001	25	House Diary	1912-1921		
1.0002	1	House Diary	1922-1926		
1.0002	2	House Diary	1926-1933		
1.0002	3	House Diary	1933-1939		

<b>1.0002</b>	4	House Diary	1939-1945		
<b>1.0002</b>	5	Diary of the Akulurak Congregation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1910-1942		
<b>1.0002</b>	6	Sunday announcements	1948-1952		
<b>1.0002</b>	7	Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary meetings	1925-1926		

#### Sub-series 5: Census Records

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	1	Eskimos on Midwest Bering Sea coast	1891		

#### Sub-series 6: School Records

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	2	St. Mary's School enrollment	1906-1958		

#### Sub-series 7: Publications

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	3	"Eskimo Children Bring Flowers to Mary," "Greater St. Mary's"	(nd)		
<b>1.0003</b>	4	"The Bells of St. Mary's"	1957-1960	St. Mary's High School newsletter	

#### Sub-series 8: Printed Material

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	5	St. Mary's High School brochure	(nd)		

#### Sub-series 9: Notes

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	6	Chronology of Akulurak and St. Mary's Mission	1892-1943		
<b>1.0003</b>	7	St. Mary's School at Akulurak	(nd)		

#### Sub-series 10: Unpublished Histories

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1.0003</b>	8	"Extracts from the Chronicles of Our Mission"	1937		
<b>1.0003</b>	9	"Akulurak"	1978		

Sub-series 11: Financial

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1.0003	10	Shelton Fund ledger	1925-1929		
1.0003	11	Ledger of income and expenses	1949-1953		
1.0004	1	Account book of Alfred Murphy, SJ	1935-1953		
1.0004	2	Income and expenses	1935-1955		OS item
1.0004	3	Statements of expenditures and income	1940-1947		
1.0004	4	Income and expenses	1949-1953		
1.0004	5	Expenditures and income	1956-1957		

Sub-series 12: Artifacts

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1.0004	6	Booklets produced by students at St. Mary's School	1906-1958		Seal hide and plant matter in first booklet

Sub-series 13: Maps

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1.0004	7	St. Mary's Mission District	(nd)		