

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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If you'd like a word picture of what's waiting for visitors to our combined State Library, Archives and Museum Kashevaroff building, check out this article in the 1/21/16 issue of Capital City Weekly:

An early look inside Alaska's 'treasure house'

By Amy Fletcher | Capital City Weekly

Thursday, January 21, 2016

http://www.capitalcityweekly.com/stories/012116/ae_1265967387.shtml

WEBINAR 1/28: INTRODUCTION TO LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

The Alaska State Library's Information Services Section will offer the following webinar next week:

Introduction to Legislative Research, Thursday, January 28, 12:15-1:00 pm

Do you wonder where our laws come from? Are you looking for Alaska State Legislative materials? Prepare for the 2016 legislative session by learning how laws are made and where the key resources are located. Contact Maeghan Kearney at (907) 465-1300 or maeghan.kearney@alaska.gov with questions.

To enter the webinar go to http://library.alaska.gov/is/info_services_training.html and click on the Join Webinar button. Webinars are presented on WebEx. To check your system requirements, go to <http://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html>.

ALASKA BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH, AND PROBATE RECORDS 1800S-1959 NOW ONLINE

1.1 million documents have been scanned by FamilySearch.org in partnership with the Alaska State Archives to make records available to the public. These records include birth, marriage, death, and probate records going back to the mid-1800s, a milestone resource for Alaskan genealogy research.

Search Alaska's records at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=32>

This new resource may also be accessed from the Digitized Collections page of the Alaska State Archives at http://archives.alaska.gov/for_researchers/coll_digital.html.

THOMAS MURTON, ALASKA CORRECTIONS PIONEER, NEW FINDING AID

The Alaska State Archives recently added the following item to their [Archives Collections Guide](#) page:

Thomas Murton – His Alaskan Connections

Historical Information on the Youth & Adult Authority (1960–1968) and the early State of Alaska penal system. [\(PDF\)](#)

From the biographical sketch of the guide:

Thomas O'Rhelius Murton was born in Los Angeles March 15, 1928 and passed away October 10, 1990. Murton is best known for his attempts to reform the Arkansas prison system in 1967-1968. Intelligent and conscientious with a dry sense of humor, Murton could also prove abrasive and uncompromising with others, especially with his superiors. In 1970 Murton wrote a best-selling book about his time in Arkansas entitled *Accomplices to the Crime: the Arkansas Prison Scandal*, on which the 1980 movie, *Brubaker*, starring Robert Redford was loosely based.

After Alaska achieved statehood from 1960 – June 1964 Tom Murton made his reputation by helping establish the Alaskan correctional system — the Youth & Adult Authority, now the Department of Corrections. Murton was appointed as the first probation officer for Ketchikan and moved through the ranks to become a Correctional Superintendent II. He was eventually fired for giving controversial testimony before the legislature concerning prison conditions.

The guide also contains excerpts of correspondence to and from Murton.

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If you are interested in attending the AkLA Conference preconference but would like to apply for scholarship support for:

Digital Heritage Preservation for Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums
March 9-10 • Fairbanks, Alaska

You have 10 more days to apply for support.

If you are interested in registering for the preconference, go directly to the AkLA Conference Registration site at: <https://akla.org/fairbanks2016/> Workshop spaces are limited, so apply soon. There is a small (\$25) additional registration fee for this preconference, but two breakfasts and two lunches will be included.

The preconference is sponsored by the Alaska Native Issues Roundtable of AkLA and the Alaska Native Language Archive at Rasmuson Library. The Alaska Native Language Archive has grant funding for a limited number of scholarships. If you would like to apply, go to the preconference scholarship link on the Alaska Native Language Archive website at: <https://www.uaf.edu/anla/shn-workshop/>

Scholarships will be awarded in the first week in February.

2015 AT UAA/APU ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Over several months, Arlene Schmuland of the UAA/APU Archives and Special Collections wrote a four part blog post series on what the unit had accomplished in 2015:

- [What we did this year, part 1](#) – 10/2/2015: Includes list of images and documents scanned into Alaska's Digital Archives.
- [What we did this year, part 2](#) – 10/7/2015: Includes list of collections processed in 2015.
- [What we did this year, part 3](#) – 11/13/2015: Overview of reference numbers. Includes the happy news of a 40% increase in users of the Archives over the previous year. Also includes a list of the Archives' most used collections.
- [What we did this year, part 4](#) – 12/2/2015: Round up of exhibits, teaching, tours, and outreach sessions. We wish we could have come to the Alaskan cooking potluck on 5/28.

We salute Arlene, Veronica and other staff of the UAA/APU Archives and Special Collections for their hard work during the 2015 academic year. If your library, archives or museum has done a 2015 retrospective, we'd love to hear about it!

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