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Alaska State Archives Shares Trove of Oft-Overlooked Historical Resources

JUNEAU – What’s so juicy about a collection of dusty old government documents? According to archivist Larry Hibpshman, everything—from early territorial records to contemporary emails, the State Archives tell Alaska’s ongoing saga, filled with triumphs, tragedies, and even a little “dirt.”

Join him as he presents “The Alaska State Archives: Best Kept Secret in the State,” at the Alaska State Museum, Wednesday, Feb. 22 from noon to 1 pm. Hibpshman will highlight some of the most interesting documents he has handled during his long tenure with the Alaska State Archives, as well as their meaning and relevance. Which documents specifically? Come and find out!

Larry Hibpshman appears as part of the 2012 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series, held every Wednesday in February at noon at the museum, featuring new research by museum staff, visiting artists, and scholars. Drawing from the collections of the State Library, Archives, and Museums, in some instances presenters display new and/or seldom-seen historical photos, documents, and artifacts. Admission to the lectures is free; visitors are welcome to bring a lunch.

Remaining lecture on February 29: “President Harding in Alaska,” Jim Geraghty, local historian.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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