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## MOTHER AND BABY DOLL SET ON DISPLAY

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A mother and baby doll set, possibly collected from Unalaska in about 1925, is the Artifact of the Month for September at the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

The small hide and fur-clad figures came to the Museum in 1992 as a donation from William Clifton of Sitka. Clifton's father sailed aboard the *U.S.S. Argon* in 1925 or 1926 to help install a weather station in the Kiska/Attu region of the Aleutian Islands. It is thought that Clifton's father may have acquired the dolls when the *Argon* docked in Unalaska on its way west.

According to Museum records, the dolls may be of a universal tourist style made at mission schools and sold by the students. This set could have been made by a student at the Jesse Lee Home, a residence and school for orphaned children that was located in Unalaska at the time of the *Argon's* voyage.

