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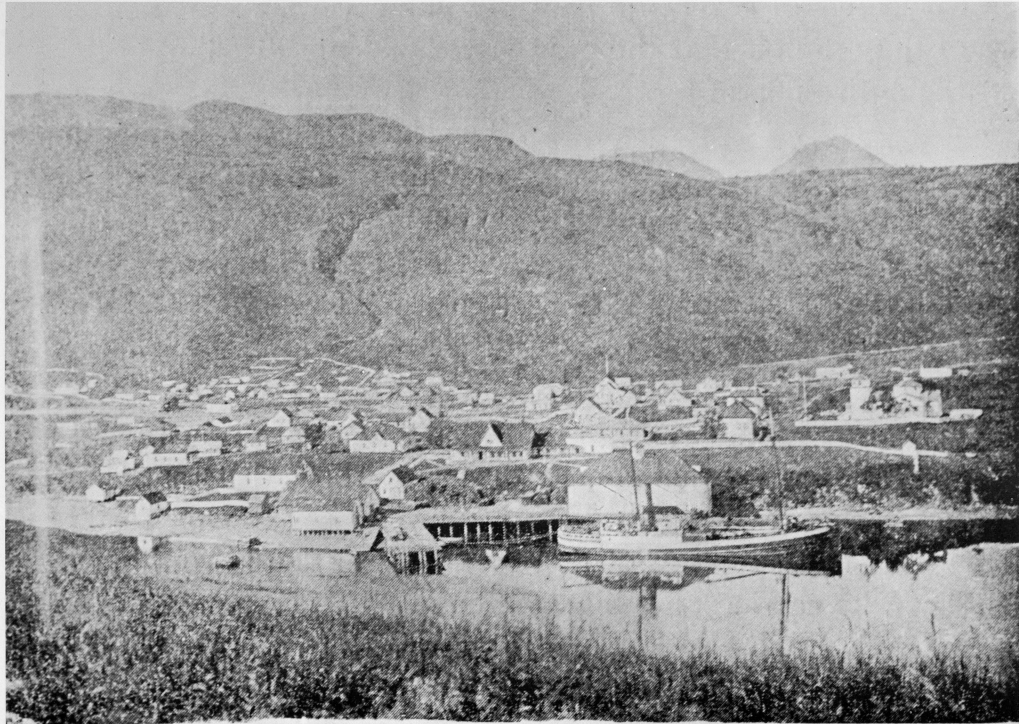
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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF KODIAK, ALASKA.
SHOWING ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY'S STATION AND WHARVES.

INTRODUCTION

In the historical development of Alaska no single institution is more important than the great trading company. From the founding of the Russian-American Company in 1799 until the early 1900's the Alaskan economy was primarily in the hands of a single commercial organization. The company name and policies changed, but the sense of continuity continues even to the present. The Russian-American Company was followed by the Hutchinson, Kohl & Company which existed for only a short period immediately following the purchase of Alaska. Then the Alaska Commercial Company came into being, and finally, the Northern Commercial Company emerged as the most recent lineal descendant of the original company. All too often we know comparatively little about events which we would like to understand in greater detail, and this clearly is the case regarding the trading company of Alaska. The most complete study of the Russian-American Company is by Petr Tikhmenev (1861-63). This work leaves many questions unanswered, as does a more recent book on the same subject by Semen B. Okun (1951). It seems unlikely that a detailed history of the Russian-American Company ever will be written. The holdings at the U. S. National Archives, Records of the Russian-American Company, 1820-1867, are restricted mainly to communications received by the Sitka Office from St. Petersburg and communications sent by the general manager in Sitka to the division offices and St. Petersburg. The documents which would be most revealing, those from the trading stations to Sitka, are not in the collection, nor are they likely to exist in the Soviet Union. Therefore, it is likely that we will continue

to have a largely inferential picture of the day-to-day operations of the Russian-American Company in Alaska.

With the transfer of Alaska to the United States in 1867 the Russian-American Company assets were purchased by Hayward M. Hutchinson, William Kohl, and associates, who then formed the Hutchinson, Kohl & Company. It existed as a separate entity until 1868 when it was reorganized as the Alaska Commercial Company. The background of the Alaska Commercial Company has been considered by Samuel P. Johnston (1940), F. Gordon O'Neill (1949), and Rudolf Glanz (1953). In addition, Lois D. Kitchener (1954) wrote an informal history of the company dealing also with the succeeding Northern Commercial Company. None of these studies detail the early American period trade conditions nor could they be expected to do so since only scattered and incomplete source materials were available to the researchers. The potential for learning a great deal about the Alaska Commercial Company's operations seems even less promising than for the earlier Russian-American Company.

A sizeable collection of certain Alaska Commercial Company records is now held by the University of Alaska Library. The collection was assembled by W. J. Erskine of Kodiak. In 1951, following Mr. Erskine's death, Mr. Volney Richmond, Jr., offered the collection to the University of Alaska. The collection was received by the University through the assistance of Mr. Erskine's heirs, Wilson F. Erskine and Mrs. Carolyn Erskine Hall. The collection was shipped to the University in 1951 and reportedly consisted of nineteen large wooden crates and another small box. During the summer of 1962 the boxes with original labels 1-6 and 8-18 were located and opened for the first time. I compiled an inventory of the contents of each box, and in 1965 I checked my list against the originals

and organized the diverse categories of information into a consistent format. Through the interest of H. Theodore Ryberg, Director of Libraries, University of Alaska, and a generous grant from the Northern Commercial Company, the inventory has been reproduced in its present form.

It should be added that the University of Alaska does not hold all of the Alaska Commercial Company records assembled by W. J. Erskine. A portion is in the possession of Wilson F. Erskine, who is in the process of cataloging his segment. Another portion of the same collection is at the Jackson Library, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, and it too is in the process of being inventoried.

The University of Alaska collection of Alaska Commercial Company records is for the Kodiak District. This geographical area was confined to the islands and mainland along the Gulf of Alaska. In the organization of the Company trading stations, just before the turn of the present century and possibly from the time of the purchase, there appear to have been three administrative districts (Kodiak, Unalaska, and St. Michael) plus a separate unit for the Pribilof Islands. Thus, the University of Alaska collection is for one of the four administrative units, and the records range in time from 1868 to 1911. Since the bulk of the collection consists of individual store records, it was considered most logical to organize the inventory by station. The stations are listed in alphabetical order with alternative station spellings given in parentheses following the currently accepted spelling for the location. Some records are for particular but unknown stations, and these have been lumped together following the station records of known provenience.

The individual store records consist primarily of accounts, inventories, and log books. These have been listed in chronological order under the various subheadings. The Kodiak District records listed under the station of Kodiak include account books, contracts, draft books, records of furs received, inventories, invoices, letters received and copy books of letters sent, a "Miscellaneous" category, requisition books, sea otter hunting party accounts, shipping books, time records, plus vessel accounts and manifests. A third and largely residual category consists of records for other companies. An additional group of records, which is not included in the inventory, included loose letters, inventories, and receipts dating from the turn of the present century; these represent only a small portion, perhaps one percent, of the total collection.

A brief discussion of the types of records will provide additional insight into the information available in the collection. The station records listed as accounts and inventories often consist of bundled "Papers" which have been cut from ledger books, folded, and tied together, often with red ribbon. The contents vary by bundle but usually include station expenses, fur records, inventories, mess accounts, and trial balances. It is accounts of this nature, whether labeled "Papers" or not, that make up much of the collection. In the present listing, accounts and inventories often have been lumped together since they were so grouped by the persons who assembled the records originally. However, occasionally the accounts and inventories are separate, or only one form is present. Log books constitute another major block of material. Most of the log book information is concerned with daily weather records, plus notes concerning the arrival and departure of people and vessels. Sometimes the recorder made more extended entries. For example, the storekeeper at English Bay made the

following entry on December 25, 1895.

Friday 25 Very strong westerly wind, made a ball for the siwashes ☞ This is for the benefit of some future store keeper: it is customary, for the person who gives a ball to furnish candles, Tea, Sugar & ckr's (crackers) the latter for a midnight meal, but in this case they wanted a meal at 7 PM. I gave it to them, then every man, woman & child, wanted cigarettes to smoke. I like a d-- fool gave them a doz Packages, then they danced for 2 hours, when they again became hungry, eat and smoked some more, the same had to be repeated at midnight--now don't be a dam fool like I was--better make no ball. -- I tried to please those people for whom I made that dance, and as I had some Oil of Lemon on hand I made very good Lemonade & gave it to them freely, Just to see how much those gluttons would or could stow away and 14 Persons managed to stow away 21 galls within 2 Hours, besides a large quantity of Tea, Etc this may seem impossible, and out of reason, but "truth is stranger than fiction" sometimes.

The records kept at Kodiak are more useful than those from other stations for two reasons. First, the Kodiak store accounts and log books span

a greater time period than do those for any other station, and second, the District records were kept here. The Kodiak station records are of the same type as noted for the other individual stations, but the District records provide another dimension. The "Copy Books," for example, include accounts of merchandise destined for individuals, stations, and vessels. The Kodiak District "Fur Books" are records of pelts received from the various stations, from hunting parties, and from individuals. In 1881-1882, for example, the stations which shipped furs to the district office included Afognak, Cape Martin, Douglas, English Bay, Katmai, Kenai, Nuchek, and Tyonek. During this time five sea otter pelts from Douglas were purchased for \$340.00; five land otter pelts from Kenai for \$12.50; nineteen beaver from Katmai, \$22.80; fifteen mink from Kenai, \$7.50; and four fur seals from Nuchek, \$8.00. In addition, bear galls, beaver castors, swan skins, and walrus hides were purchased. These records provide accessible information about fur takes by station and for the entire district for a twenty-year period beginning with 1877.

The Kodiak District inventories, which date between 1873 and 1900, offer a detailed listing of Alaska Commercial Company holdings. The inventory for 1881, as an example, covers the following stations: Douglas, English Bay, Kaguyak, Katmai, Kenai, Kodiak, Kuick (Knik ?), Nunilchik, Sulhuin (sp. ?), and Tyonek. These inventories are by station and list categories such as dry goods, fancy goods; hats, caps, and fur goods; tobacco and cigars; groceries and provisions. Listed also for this year by station are the cash on hand, buildings and boats, furs, furniture, tools, outstanding accounts, and a summary of values.

The series of "Invoice Books" spans thirty-seven years beginning in 1868

and provides a good index into what merchandise was handled in the Kodiak District. The run of "Requisition" records from 1877 to 1904 and "Shipping Books" from 1878 to 1895 concerning shipments of merchandise to stations add another dimension to the trading record. The "Letter Books," which are copies of letters sent and bundled letters received, cover the years between 1868 and 1904. In each book is an index by company, individual, and station to whom letters were sent. The letters sent are from the Kodiak office to the San Francisco home office, to individuals, stations, and other companies, and vessels. The correspondence sent and letters received deal primarily with commercial matters such as requests for goods, furs received or sent, clarification of requisitions, and fur prices. Occasionally, however, the letters contain information about noncommercial subjects. An example of this nature is a quote from a letter written by Edward C. Hasey, a U. S. Deputy Marshal who was at Ketchikan on May 22, 1900, and wrote to M. F. Wight at the Kodiak store.

I arrived at this place morning of May 4th, did not get to Sitka at all, left my prisoner at Juneau. Marshal Shoup came from Sitka, on his way to Seattle, we arranged the transfer in a few minutes, and I came along with him.

This is a new town, people coming and going all the time, but most are out prospecting now, there is some very fine ore brought in, and if they strike any large body, there will be another Treadwell or better, a piece of copper ore was lately brought in,

that was so pure, it could be whittled in any place with a knife, the party would not say where he got it, and left for Seattle, the location is supposed to be near town.

There is four Stores (general) 2 Meat Markets, and etc. 1 Hotel, not much account, 4 Eating Houses, two Barbers, 1 Jeweller, Drug Store News Stand, 6 Saloons, 2 Cobblers, and several smaller establishments, also 2 Lawyers, 3 Doctors, 1 Dentist, Real Estate Agents.

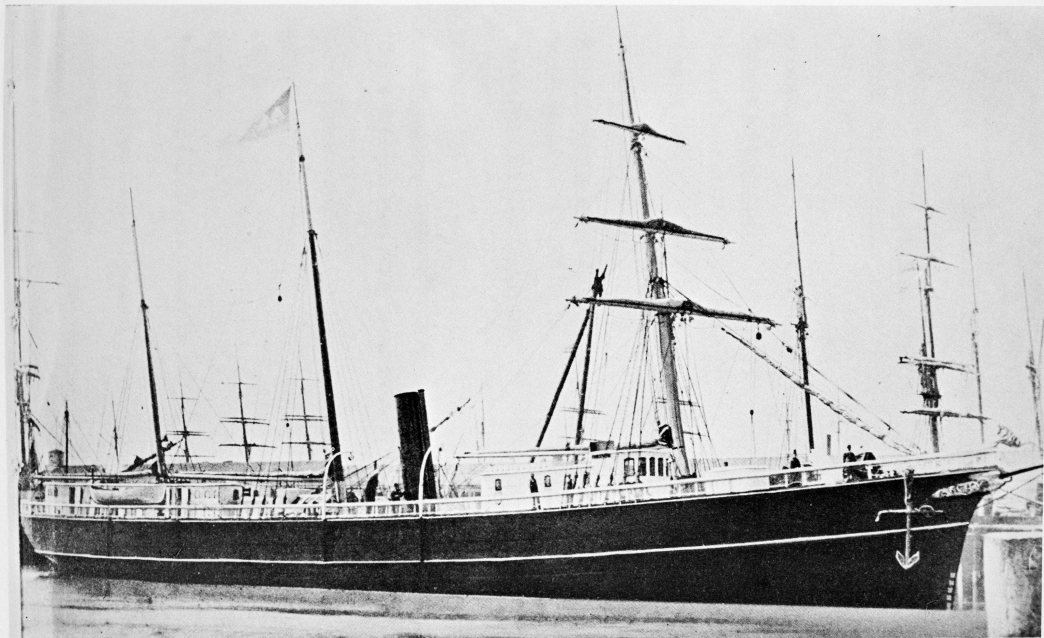
The "Sea Otter Books" are account records for those individuals who made up the hunting parties. Usually included are a list of the hunters, how much goods each man drew against his account, items borrowed by hunters from the stations, the pelts taken, and the final account settlement.

The remaining categories of information are largely self-explanatory, but one additional comment is necessary. In compiling the inventory an attempt was made to copy the original label on the book or bundled records, and these headings appear within quotation marks. When there are no quotation marks, the heading represents my interpretation of the general contents of a particular unit.

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STEAMER ST. PAUL

KODIAK DISTRICT STATION RECORDS

ACHEOK (Achmok)

Accounts and Inventories

1890 to 1897

AFOGNAK

Accounts and Inventories

"Afognak Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Afognak" 1902

ANCHOR POINT

Accounts and Inventories

"Blotter 1882-3"

"Stock a/c Anchor Point Apr 23, 1899"

BROOKLY

Accounts and Inventories

"Cash Book Brookly Store July 97 to Dec 1900"

CAPE MARTIN

Accounts and Inventories

1881 to 1896

Invoices

"Invoice Book Cape Martin January 1st 1889 G F Barratt Agt A C Co."

DOUGLAS (Cape Douglas, Douglass)

Accounts and Inventories

"Day Book 1878"

1880 to 1892

"Douglas Sta Books Ret Sept 10th 1897"--begins in 1895, in Russian

"Douglas Papers 1897'-99"

"Douglass Sta." 1900

Log Books

"Douglas weather Journal from June 23rd 1885 To" April 16, 1887

"'Douglas Station' Weather Record Book from April 16th 1887 To August 31st 1888"

"Record Book Douglass Station From 1st April 1890 to 30th November 1891"

"Record Book Douglas Station from 1st Dec. 1891 to 30th Sept 1893"

Douglas Station From 1st October 1893 to 1st August 1895

ENGLISH BAY (English Harbor)

Accounts and Inventories

1873 to 1896

"Mess" 1888 to 1889, possibly English Bay

"1890" possibly English Bay

"E Bay 1891"

"English Bay 1891/1892"

"English Bay 1892/1893"

"Statement E.B. Apr. 96 to April 1 1897"

"Day Book from May 9 1896 to May 4 1897"

1897

"Engl Harbor" 1901

"Winter" possibly English Bay

Correspondence

"Mail"

letters, 1889 to 1892 to station agent

"Memorandum" 1890, possibly English Bay

Log Book

"Records English Bay Station Commenced August 1, 1876" to April 6, 1878

"Begun May 13th 1882 English Bay" to May 14, 1883

"Commenced May 15th 1883 Engl Bay" to July 3, 1884

"English Bay 1884" to September 22, 1885

"English Bay Station 1892 to Nov 23-1895"

"Record Book English Bay Station from November 23-95 to" November 12, 1898--

also includes individual accounts and comments about life at the station.

HOPE (Hope City)

Accounts and Inventories

"Hope Papers 1898-99"

"Hope Sta" 1900 to 1902

inventory, September 1, 1900--also includes Karluk, Kodiak, and Tyonek

inventory, 1902--also includes Karluk, Kodiak, and Sunrise

Requisitions

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901"--also for Katmai, Kenai, Kasilof, Sunrise,

Tyonek, the Semidi Propagating Co., and individuals

ITALIC (Ictatic, Idalic, Iictatic, Irtatic, Italic)

Accounts and Inventories

account book, 1887 to 1888

1890 to 1895

"Irtatic Books Returned Sept 10 1897" for 1895 to 1897

October 30, 1896 to 1906?--at the end is a letter copy about Alaska at the
time of the transfer, station uncertain

1897

1897, reduction account

ILIAMNA (Ellamina, Ellimnia)

Accounts and Inventories

1890 to 1896

1897 to 1899

KAGUYAK (Kaginak, Kaguiak)

Accounts and Inventories

1885 to 1886

May 28, 1887 to May 5, 1888

1887 to 1889

"Reducation to sundry people" 1894

"Kaginak Papers 1897-98-99"

Invoices

"Invoice Book Kaguiak Station commenced October 28th 1879"

Log Book

"Record Journal of Kaguiak Station from April 1 1881 to April 1 1882"

KAMIKLAK

Invoice

1890, included with Tatitlek accounts

KARLUK (Karlook)

Accounts and Inventories

"Karlook Station" 1879

1880 to 1882

"Cash Karluk Alaska 1894"--amounts paid for pelts

"Karluk Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Karluk Sta" 1899 to 1901

1901 inventory which includes Hope, Kodiak, and Tyonek

1902 inventory which also includes inventories for Hope, Kodiak, and Sunrise

KASILOF (Kussiloff)

Accounts and Inventories

1893 to 1896

"Kussiloff Sta. 1897-'98-'99"

"Kussiloff Sta" 1900 to 1901

Log and Sales Book

May 3, 1893 to August 17, 1893

Requisition Book

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901" for Hope, Katmai, Kenai, Sunrise, and Tyonek stations, the Semidi Propagating Company and individuals

KATMAI (Kadmai, Katmay, Kotmay)

Accounts and Inventories

"Katmai Papers 1897-'98-'99"

Log Books

"Katmay Station June 20th 1883" to February 28, 1885, in Russian

"1" March 1885 Kotmai Station" in Russian

"Kotmai Station April 20th 1888" to June 22, 1889

"Weather Reports Katmai Station from Apr 23rd 1890 To Apr 1st 1891"

"Weather Reports Katmai Station From May 5th 1891 To September 1st 1892"--

includes some remarks concerning the people and trading

"Weather Reports Kadmai Station From September 1st 1892 To" August 10, 1893

Requisitions

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901" also for Hope, Kenai, Kasilof, Sunrise,

Tyonek, the Semidi Propagating Co., and individuals

KAYAK (Kyak)

Accounts and Inventories

1877 to 1889, loose papers--also includes Kruick, Nuchek, Tyonek, and vessels

1894 to 1895

1897

KENAI (Kenay, Kennay)

Accounts and Inventories

1871 to 1896

"Kenai Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Kenai Sta" 1900 to 1901

Log Book

"Records Kennay Station Commenced August 18th 1876" to May 17, 1877

"Kenay Station Cooks Inlet Rect per Eudora" 1879 to 1880

Requisitions

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901" also for Hope, Katmai, Kasilof, Tyonek,

the Semidi Propagating Co., and individuals

KNIK (Kenick, Kenik, Kennick, Kynick)

Accounts and Inventories

"Kennick Expenses 1886"

"Kynick Mess a/c of Agent & Inspector 1886"

"A. C. Co Alaska Knik Station 1887"

"Journal Kenik Sta 1888 & 1889"

"Ledger Kenik Sta 1888 & 1889 & 1890"

"Kenik Sta 1889 & 90 Sundries & Furs"

"Kenik Sta Sundries & Furs 1890 & 1891"

"Kenick Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Kenick Sta" 1900 to 1901

Fur Book

"Kennick Station Fur Book 1886 & 87"

"Fur Book Kenik Sta 1888 & 1889-90"

Log Book

"Station Tyonak From June 20th 1881 to September 20th 1882 From

Sept 21st Kennick 1882 To Feb 28th Kennick 1883"

"Record Book Station Kenick from September 20th/86 to 29th April 1889"--

also includes accounts.

"Kenick Sta Sep 1st 1890 to" April 9, 1891

Miscellaneous

"Agent Memo Kenick Sta"

KODIAK (Kadic)

Accounts, "Copy Books"

"Copy Book B Aug 15-1886 to Aug 24-1888"

- "Copy Book C Aug 25-1888 to Nov 20-1889"
- "Copy Book D Nov-1 1889 to Oct 2- 1890"
- "Copy Book E Oct-1890 to" September 1, 1891
- "Copy Book F September 1st 1891" to May 26, 1892
- "Copy Book G May 26-1892" to October 25, 1892
- "Copy Book H Oct 25 1892" to July 14, 1893
- "Copy Book I July 15 1893" to January 1, 1894
- "Copy Book J Jany 13 1894" to June 27, 1894
- "Copy Book K June 2 1894" to June 12, 1895
- "Copy Book L January 12 1895" to July 22, 1895
- "Copy Book M July 2 1895 to Dec 20-95"
- "Copy Book N December 20 '95" to June 30, 1896
- "Copy Book O July 1 '96"
- "Copy Book P November 1 '96 to June 18-97"
- "Copy Book Q June 14 1896 to Oct 8th 1897"
- "Copy Book Sept 8-97 to June 30 1898"
- "Copy Book 'S from July 1st 98 to March 27-99"
- "Copy Book T April 1st 1899" to September 11, 1899
- "Copy Book U Sept 10th 99 to May 23, 1900"
- "Copy Book V May, 22, 1900 to Nov., 4, 1900"
- "Copy Book W Nov 4, 1900 to Sept 11-07"

Accounts, Daily Sales Records

- "Blotter Retail Store July 1 1877 to May 31 1878"
- "Blotter K _____ Station June 1st 1878 to"
- "Blotter Retail Store April 1st 1879" to March 31, 1880

"Store Blotter Apr 1st 1880 To July 1st 1880"

"Store Blotter July 188 April 1st 1881"

"Store Blotter April 1st 1881" to March 31, 1882

"Blotter 1882"

"B 84-85"

Accounts, Ledger

April 4, 1892 to July 3, 1896

July 6, 1892 to April 1, 1896

April 1, 1896 to August 8, 1899

April 21, 1899 to July 24, 1905

August 1, 1905 to June 12, 1911

Accounts, Miscellaneous

"Ledger" endpaper title "Kodiak District Ledger From Apr 1, 1873 to
March 31, 1874"

"Office Ledger Oct 79 to Apr 1st 81" Kodiak District

accounts, April 1, 1896 to March 31, 1899, Kodiak District

station accounts, April 15, 1896 to June 14, 1897

"Statements and Copy's Sept 1-01 May 6-03, Kodiak District

"Statements May 1st 1903 to June 28th 1905" Kodiak District

Accounts, Petty Journals

"P J 1886-1887"

"P J 1887-1888"

"P J 1888-1889"

"P J 1889-1890"

"P J 1890-1891"

"P J 1891 to 1892"

"P J 1892 to 1893"

"P J 1893 to 1894"

"P J 1895 to 1896"

"P.J. 1898-1899"

Accounts, Petty Ledgers

"Petty Ledger April 1st 1878"

"Store Ledger Apr 1st 1880 Apr 1st 1881"

"P L 1881"

"P L 1883"

"P L 84-85"

"P L 85-86"

"P L 1886-1887"

"P L 1887-8"

"P L 1888-1889"

"P L 1889 1890"

"P L 1890 1891"

"P L 1891 to 1892"

"P L 1892 to 1893"

P L 1893 (?) to 1894

"P L 1894 to 1896"

"P L 1895 to 1896"

"Petty Ledger Nov 1st 1901 Sales Book" to July 31, 1903

Account Books, for Individuals, Stations, Parties, and Vessels

1879 to 1900, two hundred and twenty-nine individual books

Account Books, for Individuals and Stations (each year or combination of
of years is in a separate bound volume)

1874

1875-1876

1876-1877

1882-1884

1884-1886

1886-1888

1888-1890

1890-1891

Contracts

agreement of the North American Commercial Company with the Alaska

Commercial Company for the sale of a physical plant, 1890

legal contracts including one for the lease of the Fox Island in 1895

"All Papers in Connection with Incorporation A C Co Nov-Dec 1918"

Draft Book

"Draft Book "A" June 25-1897"

"Draft Book June, 1, 1901"--money drafts for individuals and companies

Fur Books

"F B 1877" 1877 to 1879

"Fur Acct 1879-80"

"Fur Book 1881"

1881 to 1882

"Fur Book Kodiak District from Dec. 27th 1882"

"Fur Book Nov 1st 1883 Nov 3rd 1884"

"F B 1884-1885"

1886

"Fur Book Kodiak 1886-7"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1887-1888"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1888-1889"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1889-1890"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1890-1891"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1891-1892"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1892-1893"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1893-1894"

"Fur Book Kodiak 1894-1895"

1895 to 1896

"Fur Book Kodiak Dist. 1896-1897--"

"Fur Book Kodiak Dist 1898-1899"

Inventories, Kodiak District

"1868 H. and K. & Co. Cash"--contains only a 1873 Kodiak District inventory

1875

"Inventory 76-77"

"Inventory Kodiak Deistrict April '1878-79"

"Inventory Kodiak District 1880"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist April 1st 1881"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist April 1st 1882"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist April 1st 1883"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist. 1885"

1886

"Inventory Kodiak Dist. 1887"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist Apr 1st 1888"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist Apr 1st 1889"

"Inventory Kodiak Sta April 1st 1890"

1891

"Inveny 1892"

"Inventory 1893"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist April 1st 1894"

"Inventory Kodiak Dist. , April 1st, 1895"

1896

1897

1898

1899

1900

Inventories, Kodiak

1901 station inventory--includes also inventories for Hope, Karluk, and Tyonek

1902

1902, station inventory--includes also inventories of Hope, Karluk and Sunrise

"Inventory 1903"

Invoices

"Invoices" 1868, plus fur purchases for 1873

"Invoice Book from 1871 to 1878"

"Invoice Book from Aug 19, 1877"

"Invoice 1879,80"

"Invoice Book 1883"

- "Invoices San Francisco 1884"
- "Invoices-Kodiak Station Apr 14/1884 Aug 16/1886"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco 1885"
- "Invoice Book Kodiak Dist Stations June 1885"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco 1886"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco 1887"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco 1888"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco, 1889"
- "Invoices March 25, 1889 to October 1, 1900"
- "INV B. 1890"
- "Invoice Book San Francisco 1890"
- "INV. B. 1891"
- "INV. B. 1892 II"
- "INV. B. 1893"
- "Invoices April 6th 1894 to April 6-1895"
- "Invoices April 1st 1896 to August 4th 1897"
- "Invoices August 29, 1900 to January 1, 1903"
- "Invoices March 1, 1903 to March 1, 1904"
- "Invoices Mch 4-1904 to Aug 24 1905"
- Letters
- "Letters" October 1, 1868 to February 26, 1891
- "Letters 1873"
- "Letter Book A Aug 9-82 to Sept 20-92"
- "Letters from Station Russian" label on envelope
- "Letters from Station Russian 1884"

April 9, 1885 to October 27, 1889

1887 to 1888--letters to and from agents at Belkofski, Nushagak, Umnak,
and Unalaska

1890 to 1910--from the home office, or stations and individuals to the
Kodiak Station

"Letter Book B Sept 22/92 to Aug 25-94"

"Letter-Book C Aug 25-94 to June 6-96"

"Letter Book D. June 6-96 to June 15-97"

"Letters Louis Sloss Jr 1896"

1897, from the company secretary and correspondence with stations

May 18, 1898 to May 10, 1899

June 30, 1898 to March (?) 24, 1899

September 7, 1898 to September 22, 1902

"Letter Book G May 10 to Oct 23" 1899

"Letter Book H Oct 24th 1899" to August 26, 1900

1899 to 1900

"Jarvis Relief a/c Relief of Indians 1900"

"A C Co Letters 1900-1901"

August 1, 1900 to October 31, 1901

August 31, 1900 to July 30, 1901

1901

"-In Re-Transportation Crew Str 'Fearless'" 1901

1901 to 1902

September 22, 1902 to April 15, 1904

"Correspondence 1910-11 re Fur Regulations and Sea Otter hunting"

Log Books

- "Dates of the Records of Kadic Station Commenced July 31th 1876 to be kep at Stations" to April 1, 1877
- "Records of Kodiak Station Nov. 1879" to May 9, 1881
- "Journal Kodiak Sta From July 1st 1881" to October 31, 1882
- "Journal Kodiak Station Commenced November 1st, 1882" to April 7, 1883
- "Kodiak Station Journal Apr 1st 1883" to March 31, 1884
- "Kodiak Station Journal Apr 1st 1884 1885"
- "Journal Kodiak Station Apr 1st 1885" to April 11, 1886
- "Journal Kodiak Sta Apr 1-91 to Apr 1-1892"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta Apr 1-92 to Apr 1-1893"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta Apr 1-1893 to Apr 1-1894"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta Apr 1-94 to Apr 1-95"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta April 1, 1895 to Apr 1, 1896"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta Apr 1-96 to Apr 1-97"
- "Journal Kodiak Sta April 1-97 to April 1-98"

Miscellaneous

- "Agreement N A C Co and Secy Tres of U.S., Mar 12, 1890"
- "Beluga River Report by Capt C Y Mahuquist on its navigability"
- "Cash Book from May 1st 1883" to December 31, 1887
- cash vouchers, 1903 to 1909
- "Copies of grants of land to Russian Church and Inokenty Shaeshnekoff 1868"
- for Illukuk on Unalaska
- "Data Re Navigation of Susitna River" 1908
- "General Receipts" April 29, 1900 to April 3, 1902

"Groceries and Provisions" Kodiak assumed

inventory of goods returned to Kodiak Station, 1900 to 1901

"J. Robertson" inventory, no date or place except for one page with the
listing headed "Kodiak"

"Kodiak Order Book for San Francisco" entries have been cut out

"Memorandum Book Kodiak Sta Nov 16 1894"

"Monthly Time Book"

petitions of aboriginal peoples regarding the use of rifles, no date

"Price Schedule"

receipt books, forty-two in number--one group dates between 1880 and 1903

"Re Organization Northern Commercial Co & Northern Nav. Co. 1901"

"Sea Otter Decision of Asst Sec of State J. B. Loomis re hunting
same Feb 2-1904"

"Sundry Memos of Errors in Shipment from San Francisco"

ticket receipt book, 1891 to 1902

Requisition Books

"Requisition Books Spring 1877 to Fall 1896"--forty-nine leather-bound books

"Requisition Spring 1897 Kodiak"

"Requisition Kodiak fall 1897"

requisition book, Kodiak District, spring 1898

"Requisition Spring 1899 Kodiak District"

"Requisition Book fall 1898"--Kodiak assumed

"Requisition Summer 1899 Kodiak Dist"

"Requisition Kodiak Fall 1899"

"Requisition Kodiak Dist for Spring 1900"

"Requisition Kodiak Dist. -for- Fall of 1900"

"Requisition Kodiak Sta for Spring, 1901"

"Requisition Kodiak Dist Fall 1901"

"1904 Spring Requisition for Kodiak Sta Jan 20th"

Sea Otter Parties

"Sea Otter Parties 1882"

"Sea Otter Party 1883"

"Sea Otter Parties 1884"

"Sea Otter Parties Kodiak 1885"

"Sea Otter Parties 1886"

"Sea Otter Book Summer 1887 Western Pty. "

"Sea Otter Book Season 1887-88"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1888-89"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1889 and 1890"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1890-91"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1891-92"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1892-1893"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1893-1894"

"Sea Otter Book Season 1894-1895"

"Sea Otter Book January 1st 1895"

1896

"Sea Otter Book Season 1896-7"

1897

1898

"SOP 1899 to 1900"

"Sea Otter Report" in Russian

Shipping Books

"Shipping Book Kodiak April 1878"

"Shipping Book Kodiak September 1st 1879 To June 1888"

"Shipping Book Kodiak Station June 1880"

"Shipping Book 1881"

"Shipping Book 1881" to November, 1881

"Shipping Book Kodiak 1882"

"Shipping Book 1883"

"Shipping Book Aug 6th 1883 to 1885"

"Shipping Book Alaska Com Co Kodiak Sta Apr 15 1889" to February 12, 1892

"Shipping Book D June 20, 1895"

Time or Time and Account Books

1894 to 1900--eight books for time and accounts

"Weekly Time Book" 1898--Kodiak assumed

time book, 1904--Kodiak assumed

Vessels

Bertha, 1900--manifests

Bertha, 1901 to 1902--manifest

Bertha, 1902--manifest

Bertha, 1902 to 1904--check books used during trips

Bertha, 1904--bills, freight lists, and manifests

"Accts Stm Dora 1899"

"Schr Kodiak party Accts 1891"

"Schr Kodiak's Party Book Summer 1896"

"Schr Kodiak Crew ... Apr. 6, 1896" crew accounts

- "Schon: Kodiak 'Lost'" log book, 1895
- "Schr Lettico Party Book Ousinka Party Summer-1896"
- "Lydia Party" 1893 to 1896--accounts and inventories
- "Sch Lydia in a/c A.C.Co. Kodiak Sta Aug 1 1894"
- "Schooner Lydia's Party Summer 1895"
- "Log Schr Lydia Hunting Season 1895"
- Lydia and other parties, 1895 to 1900--accounts
- "SUB 1900" Schooner Lydia account book
- "Schooner Olga Kodiak August 1887-" to March 26, 1888--log book
- "Portland 43" manifest
- "Journal St. Paul Kodiak April 1 1886" to March 31, 1888--log book
- "Journal St Paul Kodiak Apr 1st 88 to Apr 1st 1889"--log book
- "Journal St Paul Kodiak Apr 1st 89 to Apr 1st 1890"--log book
- "Journal St Paul Kodiak Apr 1st 90 to April-1891"--log book
- Schooner St. Paul, log book, perhaps for 1894
- "Afognak Aleute Party Schr St Paul Summer 96"

KRUICK

Accounts and Inventories

1877 to 1889, loose papers--also includes Kayak, Nuchek, Tyonek, and vessels

LANDLOCK BAY

Inventories and Shipments

1900

MARMOT ISLAND (Marmout)

Fur catch

1897 to 1898--also for North Semidi Island, South Semidi Island and Ukomok

NORTH SEMIDI ISLAND

Fur catch

1897 to 1898--also for Marmot Island, South Semidi Island and Ukomok

NUCHEK (Nucheck, Nuchuck, Nuchuk, Nutcheck, Nutchek, Nutchuck, Nutchuk)

Accounts and Inventories

1873 to 1896

1877 to 1889, loose papers--also includes Kayak, Kruick, Tyonek, and vessels

1877 to 1896

1889 to 1891--also includes fur takes and hunting parties

"Nutchuk Acct Book-1891-92"--also includes fur takes and hunting parties

"Nutchuk Accounts" 1893--also includes Tatitlek and Tshfa accounts

1897

1898

1899

"Nutchek Sta" 1900 to 1901

Cash Book

1891 to 1892 cash on hand

Fur Book

1893 to 1896--also for Tatitlek, plus individual accounts

"Nutchik Sta Fur Accounts beginning Aug 1, 1899"--includes also a 1900
inventory

Log Book

"Nuchuck Staishion" April 1, 1886 to June 15, 1887

"Nuchuck Log Book from Jan 1st 1889" to 1890

"A C Company Nutcheck Log Book" July 23, 1892 to June 7, 1893

Purchases

"Purchases" 1888 to 1891

ODIAK (Odeak)

Accounts and Inventories

1890

"Ledger No 9 of Odiak Station 1892 to 95"

"Ledger No 10 of Odiak Station, 1896"

"Journal" 1896, cash sales and accounts

"Ledger 'A'" 1896 to 1898

"Odiak Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Ledger 'B' of Alaska Com'l Co. Odiak, Alaska From Apr 2nd 1898 to Oct 6th
1900"

May 1, 1897 to October 3, 1900

"Inventory April 1st 1900 and August 10th 1900"--also includes a log book for
April 8, 1891 through September 17, 1891 and begins again April 28, 1893
and runs through September 17, 1893

"Ledger 'C' of Alaska Coml. Co., Odiak Alaska From Oct 6th 1900 to"

"Odiak Sta" 1900

Log Book

April 17, 1894 to April 15, 1897

OLENY ISLAND (Olemy Island/Deer Island/)

Log Book

"Journal cept at Olemy Island comenced May 2nd 1884 to August 1884"

OUZINKIE (Ousinka)

Accounts and Inventories

1894 to 1896

1897

SELDOVIA (Saldovia)

Accounts and Inventories

1894 to 1896

1895 to 1900

1896 to 1897

1898

1899

1900

Log Book

"Seldovia Station Record from Sept 26th, 94 to April 28th 1896"--

also includes account summaries

SOUTH SEMIDI ISLAND

Fur Records

1897 to 1898--also for Marmot Island, North Semidi Island, and Ukomok

Letters

ca. 1900

SUNRISE

Accounts and Inventories

1898 to 1899

"Statements of Sunrise Station" 1900 to 1902

"Inventory and Etc Sunrise Station A C Co April 1, 1901"

1902, inventory which also includes Hope, Karluk, and Kodiak

Requisitions

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901"--also for Hope, Katmai, Kenai, Kasilof,
and Tyonek stations, companies and individuals

SUSITNA (Sushitna)

Accounts and Inventories

"Inventory Tyoonok & Sushitna Sta. 1895"

"Sushitna Papers 1898-'99"

1900

SUTHOM

Accounts and Inventories

1882 to 1887

TATITLEK (Tatekluck, Tateluk, Tatiklak, Tatilak, Tatrkluk, Tatukluk)

Accounts and Inventories

1890--also for Kamiklak

"Nutchuk Accounts" 1893--also for Tatitlek and Tshfa

1893 to 1894

1893 to 1896

"July 17 1897 Tatrkluk Accts Returned"

1897

Fur Book

1893 to 1896, for Tatitlek and Nuchek--also includes individual accounts

TSHFA

Accounts

"Nutchuk Accounts" 1893--also for Nuchek and Tatitlek

TYONEK (Tyoonock, Tyonak, Tyonock, Tyoonock, Tyoonok)

Accounts and Inventories

1875 to (?) 1898

1877 to 1889, loose papers--also includes Kayak, Kruick, Nuchek, and vessels

"Records Tyoonok Station Commenced August 17th 1876" to April 10, 1878

"Tyoonock Station Lethger 1884-85-86-87-88"

"Inventory & Invoices Alaska Commercial Co Tyonock Station, August 25th/88
until" June 16, 1890

"Tyoonock Station -89-90- Petty Journal"

"Sundry a/c's Tyoonok Sta 1893"

"Inventory Tyoonok & Sushitna Sta. 1895"

"Tyoonok Papers 1897-'98-'99"

"Tyoonok Sta" 1900 to 1903

"Inventory of Tyoonok Sta Apr 1st 1901"

September 1, 1901, inventory--also includes Hope, Karluk, and Kodiak

Fur Book

"Tyoonock Station Day Book 1884-85-86-87" furs received

Log Book

"Station Tyonak From June 20th 1881 to September 20th 1882 From Sept 21st
Kennick 1882 to Feb 28th Kennick 1883"

"Tyoonock Station 1884. 1885. & 1886"--also includes fur accounts

"Tyoonock Station 1886. 1887"

"Record Book Tyoonock Station 1888 until June 1st 1889"

"Record Book Tyoonock Station A.C. Co from June 1st/89 to" August 30, 1890

"Journal Tyoonok Sta 94-95"

Requisitions

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901"--also for Hope, Katmai, Kenai, Kasilof,
Sunrise stations, companies and individuals

UKOMOK

Fur Takes

1897 to 1898--also for Marmot Island, North Semidi Island, and South
Semidi Island

WIDE BAYAccounts and Inventories

"Wide Bay Station Sept 4th 1897"

WOOD ISLAND

Accounts and Inventories

1891 to 1897 in Russian

1892 to 1897

1893

1894

"Cash Wood isld sta from June 4 1894 to Nov 10-1894"

1896, in Russian

1897

"Cash Sales From 1th January 1897"

WRANGELL (Wrangal, Wrangel, Wrangle)

Accounts and Inventories

"Sundry Acts Wrangle Sta May 1st 1884 May 1st 89 W.J. Fisher"

1888 to 1896

"Sundry A/cts Wrangle Sta W.J. Fisher agent June 11th 1889"

April 1, 1897

"Wrangel Station Accts A.C. Co. Kodiak" September 15, 1898

"Wrangel Sta" 1898 to 1899

"Wrangell I" 1900

YAKUTAT (Yakatat)

Accounts and Inventories

1884 to 1885

"Record Book of 'Yakatat' Station"--includes accounts and an 1884 to 1885

log book

STATIONS UNKNOWNAccounts

- "Native A/cs 76" accounts
- "Journal 76 P.J. Oct 76 to Apr 1st 77," account book
- "Day Book 1883"
- " _____ Station April 20/86 Expenses"
- 1888 to 1901 account book
- October 1, 1891 to July 14, 1897, coal tally for vessels
- 1892 to 1901, account book
- 1894 to 1900, cash sales book
- "Journal 1894 and '95, 1896 & 1897-98-99-00," cash sales
- 1895, account book
- 1896 to 1901, ledger
- "Monthly Allowance January 1, 1896," for individuals
- 1896, account book
- 1896 to 1899, account book
- "Fur Account" 1896 to 1897
- "Cash Book" endpaper title "Alaska Com'l Cos., Cash Book 'A'
 Oct 1st 1896 to July 31st 1900"
- May 10, 1896 to August 5, 1900, accounts
- 1897 to 1899, account book
- 1897 to 1902, account book
- 1898 to 1901, account book
- April 1, 1899 to October 31, 1903, accounts
- "Petit Cash January 1900"

"Inventory Oct 6, 1900"

1903, account book

Inventories

1889 to 1897

1902

"Copy of Catalog"

"Inventories Various dates"

inventory, station and date unknown

inventory of trade goods, no date or location

Invoices

"Invoices April 6 1895 To August 1st 1896"

"Invoice August 22-1897 to February 20 1899"

Log Book

1879 to 1882

1894 to 1898

1894

Want Book

"Want Book 1900"

RECORDS OF OTHER COMPANIES

Cook Inlet Coal Fields Company, letters to Seldovia agent, 1900

"Letter Book A Semidi Prop, Co July 25 1893" to January 19, 1903,
letter copy book

"Semedi Propagating Co. Long Island In A/C A C Co Kodiak Apr 20 1894"

"Requisition Book Spring, 1901" for Hope, Kasilof, Katmai, Kenai, and
Tyonek stations of the Alaska Commercial Company, individuals, and the
Semidi Propagating Company

"Invoice WFT 1875 1876 1877 1878" Western Fur and Trading Company, Kodiak

"W F T" Kodiak, April 1, 1878 to June 24, 1883, Kodiak cash accounts

"W F T" April 1, 1880 to June 22, 1883, account book

"W F T" April 1, 1880 to September 9, 1881, day book accounts

"W F T" 1881 to 1883, Kodiak account book

"Inventory Book 1881-2" Western Fur and Trading Company--also includes
1883, station inventories

"W F T" and "Ledger April 1st 1882" to April 6, 1883, accounts for
individuals and stations

"W F T" Cape Douglas, 1882, account book in Russian

"W F T" 1882, ledger in Russian

"Western Fur and Trading Co Stock A/C Kodiak Copy" 1883, inventory
for stations

Western Fur and Trading Company inventory, no date nor station