

Research Guide to Alaska Mental Health History Sources



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This research guide is meant to assist those individuals seeking mostly primary source material on Alaska mental health history. The bulk of these records are in the state of Alaska, but there are important sources in other states as well. The researcher is cautioned not to consider this guide as a complete, authoritative manual. Since much of this history is fairly recent, it is likely that more papers are still in their originating offices and not in repositories.

For the manuscript collections, a general keyword listing has been included to give the researcher a very basic idea of the topics covered. Library of Congress headings have been used when available. The rest have been taken from the Alaska Mental Health Project Jukebox (<http://uaf-db.uaf.edu/Jukebox/PJWeb/pjhome.htm>) where oral histories and a summary of this history are also available.

■ Genealogical Information

As of this time there is no complete list of patients for Morningside Hospital. Research is underway, however, and updated information may be obtained at <http://www.morningsidehospital.com/>. Death and burial records for the patients are in Portland, Oregon. Locating an individual's burial plot might not be possible since mass burials apparently took place at one location and many of the gravesites have no markers. Also, not all the cemeteries Morningside contracted with for burial services are known. Hiring a trained genealogist or at least contacting a genealogical society for assistance may be necessary in some cases to help locate a loved one.

Cover photo:
Grounds of
Morningside Hospital.
Portland, Oregon. ca.
1910-1914.
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REGIONS COLLECTIONS,
RASMUSON LIBRARY,
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
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Genealogical Societies

- **Anchorage Genealogical Society**

PO Box 242294
Anchorage, AK 99524
<http://anchoragegenealogy.org/>

- **Fairbanks Genealogical Society**

PO Box (to be listed shortly, according to website)
907-474-0202
<http://fairbanksgenealogicalsociety.com/>

- **Gastineau Genealogical Society**

3270 Nowell Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801
907-586-3695
<http://www.ggsalaska.org/>

- **Kenai Totem Tracers**

c/o Kenai Community Library
163 Main Street Loop
Kenai, AK 99611
http://www.kenailibrary.org/Totemtracers_new.htm

- **Genealogical Society of Southeast Alaska (Ketchikan)**

Box 6313
Ketchikan, AK 99901
http://www.kindredtrails.com/AK_Ketchikan_Gateway.html

- **Seward Genealogical Society**

c/o Seward Community Library
PO Box 537
Seward, AK 99664

- **Wrangell Genealogical Society**

PO Box 928
Wrangell, AK 99929

B Genealogical Libraries

The Family History Library, operated by the Church of Latter-day Saints is one of the most comprehensive genealogical sources in the world. Local Family History Centers are branches of the main library in Salt Lake City, Utah and everyone is welcome to use their services. Consult <http://www.FamilySearch.com> for a list of the centers near your location.

C Vital Statistics, Portland, Oregon

- **Center for Health Statistics, Vital Records**

PO Box 14050
Portland, OR 97293-0050
971-673-1190
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/chs/order/faqs.shtml#countyoffice>
Since 1903, the Center for Health Statistics has housed the birth and death records kept by the state of Oregon.

- **Oregon State Archives, Salem, OR**

The archives houses older vital records than those kept by the Center for Health Statistics. Although the Morningside period falls into the time frame of the former institution, some of the records that come from county offices date into the 1940s. It may be that a few Morningside patients who died at the hospital might have a death record here. There are some access restrictions. See: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/vital.html>

D Burial Records

At the present time, four cemeteries are known to have contracted with Morningside Hospital. There may well be more. Check <http://www.morningsidehospital.com/> for information updates.

- **Greenwood Hills Cemetery**

9002 SW Boones Ferry Road.
Mail: PO Box 80701
Portland, Or 97280
503-244-6056
e-mail: info@greenwoodhillscemetery.org
<http://www.greenwoodhillscemetery.org/index.html>

- **Multnomah Park Pioneer Cemetery**

Southeast 82nd Avenue and Holgate Boulevard.
Metro Cemetery Services
503-797-1709
e-mail: metropark@oregonmetro.gov
This cemetery is one of fourteen pioneer cemeteries maintained by Metro, an elected regional government in the Portland, Oregon area. It has an on-line searchable gravesite database. <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=12692>

- **River View Cemetery**

8421 S.W. Macadam Avenue
Portland, OR 97219
503-246-4251
e-mail: info@riverviewcemetery.org
<http://www.riverviewcemetery.org/>

- **Rose City Cemetery**

5625 NE Fremont Street
Portland, OR 97213
503-281-3821
e-mail: info@rosecityfuneralhome.com
<http://www.rosecitycemetery.com/>

Manuscript Collections

A Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Website: <http://library.uaf.edu/apr>

- **Alaska Mental Health Trust Litigation Records, 1985-1992 (bulk)**

These records contain litigation records and related materials from the class action court case *Weiss vs. State*. This case challenged the State's management of land placed in trust to fund state mental health programs. The plaintiffs, Weiss et al., eventually won the case and in 1994 the Alaska Mental Health Trust was established. The records include the plaintiff's copies of transcripts, motions, depositions, filings, evidence, and land records and appraisals.

Records of the State's defense as well as records dating after the establishment of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority are located in the Alaska State Archives.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust—Mismanagement; Alaska Mental Health Trust—Litigation

- **Bartlett, E. L. "Bob Papers, 1926-1964"**

Alaska Delegate Bob Bartlett spearheaded the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act of 1956 that allowed Alaska to care for their mentally ill citizens. Assisting him in this endeavor was Representative Edith Green of Oregon. The collection contains correspondence, memos, congressional records, legislative bills and acts, House and Senate reports, audits, and clippings. Correspondence between Delegate Bartlett and Rep. Green is also present in these papers. There is also a large volume of material concerning land selections and hospital construction.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/nwda-search/fstyle.aspx?doc=UAF53.xml&t=k&q=bartlett>

Includes: Bartlett, Edward Lewis, 1904-1968; Green, Edith, 1910-1987; Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Land selection; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Davenport-Boaz Collection, 1908-1933**

This collection contains 14 photographs of Morningside Sanitarium, ca. 1910-1914. Most of the images are of the grounds and buildings although there are a few posed photographs of the patients. The captions on some of the images indicate that they were taken during Dep't of the Interior inspections in 1910 and in 1914 respectively. Cropping on the photographs indicates that these are probably copy images. The originals have not been located as of this time.

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

- **Egan, William A. Papers, 1940-1984**

This collection contains correspondence regarding the Morningside contract renewal in 1960, the transfer of patients from Morningside to Alaska, employment inquiries from mental health professionals, requests from families of patients, and general correspondence regarding mental health issues.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/nwda-search/fstyle.aspx?doc=UAF541.xml&t=k&q=egan>

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.), Caring for Alaska's mentally ill; Mental health services in Alaska

- **General Correspondence of the Alaska Territorial Governor [microform], 1909-1958**

The *Alaska State Library* has an index to the microfilm that they will send as an attachment if requested. A sampling of the microfilm indicates that there is much mental health information to be found. Examples include correspondence regarding the care of the mentally ill, legislation, Morningside Sanitarium, and general inquiries. Death notices for patients at Morningside in the Juneau Dispatch, congressional acts, notices, and memos are also present in these records.

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Gruening, Ernest Papers, 1914-1974**

Gruening's papers contain several files concerning mental health. There are memos concerning Morningside Hospital in the 1950s, clippings regarding the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act, Congressional Records, publications, acts, correspondence regarding land sales and the allocation of the money derived from these sales, House and Senate Bills, materials regarding mental retardation laws, the transfer of patients from Morningside Hospital to Alaska, and the transfer of patients from Harborview Hospital in Valdez to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute following the 1964 earthquake.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/nwda-search/fstyle.aspx?doc=UAF155.xml&t=k&q=gruening>

Includes: Gruening, Ernest, 1887-1974; Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Mental health services in Alaska

- **Pollock, Howard W. Papers, 1967-1971**

These papers contain funding requests for mental health facilities in places removed from the major population centers of Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Includes: Mental health services in Alaska

- **Rivers, Ralph J. Papers, 1955-1966**

This collection contains some mental health materials that mostly deal with requests for more community mental health centers. There is also some correspondence regarding the passage of bill S-1576 on mental retardation legislature.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/nwda-search/fstyle.aspx?doc=UAF275.xml&t=k&q=rivers>

Includes: Mental health services in Alaska

- **Rogers, George, Alaska Mental Health Lands Case Collection, 1958-1991**

These papers consist of reports, correspondence, and subject files collected by George Rogers in his capacity as Chairman of the Interim Alaska Mental Health Trust Commission. The collection is chronologically arranged into two series, the first of which contains correspondence collected by Rogers pertaining to commission work, particularly development of the procedures used to value the land at issue. The second series contains research materials, publications and reports related to land value.

The collection consists mainly of photocopies from documents in the State Archives and other repositories.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; Alaska Mental Health Board—Lands Committee; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection; Alaska Mental Health Trust settlement process

The State Archives holds a large quantity of mental health materials. The vast majority date from 1956 onwards although there are a few earlier files interspersed throughout the records. There are restrictions on some of these materials. Mental health records that include personal identifiers are restricted by law, as are all personal health records. The record groups are voluminous so the researcher should be prepared to spend several days looking through materials.

Website: <http://www.archives.state.ak.us/>

- **Record Group 6, Department of Health and Social Services**

- Series 669, Planning division subject file
- Series 835, Health care facility certificate of need files
- Series 836, Community health profiles

Includes: Alaska. Dept. of Health and Social Services; Alaska. Dept. of Health and Social Services. Division of Planning, Policy, and Program Evaluation; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 108, Department of Health**

- Series 44, Annual and biennial reports
- Series 45, Central office subject files
- Series 1781, Alaska health, education, and welfare council records

Includes: Alaska. Dept. of Health; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 160, Southeast Alaska Health Services Agency**

- Series 1300, Board minutes
- Series 1303, Staff reports
- Series 1304, Publications

Includes: Mental health services in Alaska; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Record Group 168, Commissioner of Health**

- Series 55, Health and welfare subject files
- Series 138, Commissioner's subject file
- Series 166, State Center for health statistics file
- Series 1042, Press releases
- Series 1221, Reading file
- Series 1508, Public information file

Includes: Alaska. Dept. of Health and Social Services; Alaska. Dept. of Health and Social Services. Office of the Commissioner; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 170, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

- Series 149, Central office files

- Most of the papers in this series are office files, the majority of which pertain to grant-funded projects. There are also minutes of the Governor's advisory board on drug abuse, billing and reports, memos, proposals, and general correspondence.

Includes: Alaska. Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 172, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities**

Series 72, Mental Health, central office institutional files

This series contains primarily working papers of Harborview Hospital, API, and some Morningside materials. Morningside papers deal mostly with patient transfers to Alaska. Other files include administrative correspondence, capital improvements, contract files, reimbursable services log, and subject files. Invoices from Baby Louise Haven (Salem, OR) and Hazelwood Convalescent Hospital for patient care are also available as are memos concerning the transfer of the children from Haven Acres to API. There are also business office files for API, correspondence re: the construction of a new facility after the 1964 earthquake, and planning/construction papers for mental health facilities in Valdez.

Series 74, Mental Health, subject files, 1956-1990

Materials in this series include correspondence files from a variety of agencies. Examples include the Division of Public Welfare, Arctic Health Research Center, Bureau of Indian Affairs, NIMH, and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Much of the material is administrative, but there are also references to Morningside transfers, requests for clothing/toys for patients, and some printed matter like newsletters. Other papers include intra-office communications, memos, press releases, memos from the Commissioner of the Dep't of Health and Welfare, Central Office administrative memos, and administrative files for API and Harborview. Office files related to grants, human resources, developmental disabilities, fiscal issues, certificates of need, and copies of House and Senate bills are also present.

Series 75, Mental Health, reading files

Series 126, Mental Health case files, 1962-1979

About 5 record center cartons are restricted because they are patient records. Available papers are reading files to/from Robert Gregovich, the Program Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Section. There are also some reading files for the Central Office.

Series 131, Developmental disabilities reading file

Series 680, State plan for developmental disabilities

Series 681, Governor's mental health advisory council minutes

Series 837, Grant Files

Series 840, Reading File

Series 1200 Committee minutes

Series 1334, Southeast Mental Health Clinic case files

Series 1538, API administrative files

Series 1579, Harborview Center subject file, 1995-1997

Boxes AS 4044-AS 4045. The closure of Harborview is the main topic of these papers. There is correspondence from both patient relatives and Valdez citizens concerned about the closure, deinstitutionalization financial records, facility files, surveys, labor management, final budgets, and property inventory. There are also audits, proposed budgets, hazard surveys, meeting minutes, nursing meeting minutes, infection control, cost projections and printed materials concerning future uses of the facility. This series has a few restricted files.

Series 1580, Harborview Center superintendent's reading file

Includes: Alaska. Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Mental health services in Alaska; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Record Group 174, Division of Public Health**

Series 77, Subject files

Series 78, United States public health service reports

Series 79, Management studies

Series 80, Embalmer's applications
Series 81, Program subject files
Series 163, Environmental health central subject files
Series 165, Central office files
Series 841, Laboratory annual reports

Includes: Alaska. Division of Public Health; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 176, Division of Planning**

Series 76, State health plan records
Series 142, Subject files
Series 145, Health facilities development planning files
Series 184, Comprehensive health advisory board

Includes: Alaska. Dept. of Health and Social Services. Division of Planning; Mental health services in Alaska

- **Record Group 186, Alaska Mental Health Board**

Series 1263, Minutes, Jan. 1988-March 1996
Series 1264, Policy and procedures, 1993-1996
Series 1265, Resolutions, 1988-1996

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Board

- **Record Group 311, Board of Health**

Series 43, Board of Health minutes
Series 415, Individual Legislators (might be RG 10)
Series 1454, Senator Jim Duncan (co-chair of Legislative Health Care Task Force) reading file
Series 1455, Senator Jim Duncan bill files
Series 1456, Senator Jim Duncan issue files

Includes: Alaska. Board of Health

- **AS 17123, Models of various alternatives related to Mental health Trust Lands, workpapers, and sunset audits for Boards of Mechanical Examiners and Nurses, workpapers related to health insurance, 1964-1991.**

Record center carton contains mostly varieties of printed matter, audits, meeting minutes, and Mental Health Trust re-establishment proposals.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

- **AS 20830, Materials re: Senate concurrent resolution 10 health resources task force, Senate bill 65, 1991.**

Mental health records comprise the bulk of the record center carton and begin with materials regarding Senate bill 65 that established the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These papers include clippings, statutes, an Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Atlas, fiscal notes, memos, correspondence, position papers, and printed matter.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

- **AS 20831, Materials re: Senate bill 65 mental health lands trust authority report, 1993.**

Papers include reports, land valuations, and working papers regarding the establishment of the Alaska Mental Health Authority and reconstituting the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection

- **AS 21496-AS 21498, AS 21500-AS 21510, 1982-1998, 4FA82-2209ci mental health trust land filings, appeal records, intervenor opposition attachments, and exhibits such as Metz Geologic Characteristics that were used to assess land claims.**

These boxes contain the civil court records of Vern T. Weiss et. al. vs. the State of Alaska. Weiss accused the State of violating the 1956 Enabling Act when it designated mental health trust lands as general lands and did not use the proceeds from land sales for mental health. James B. Gottstein was the attorney for the Alaska Mental Health Association.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; Mismanagement of the Mental Health Trust; Mental Health Trust settlement process; Mental Health Trust litigation; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection

- **VS 1472, Mental Health Trust—Regulations, 1986-1990**

Papers include memos, reports, financial reports, Alaska Psychiatric Institute Policy and Procedures Manual, task force reports, audits for Denali Center and for VA care, regulations and audits for general health care services.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; Mental Health services in Alaska; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **VS 1575, 4FA82-2209ci mental health trust lands proposed settlement comments, 587-1088, 1994.**

This box contains comments regarding the proposed settlement of the land claims in Weiss vs. State of Alaska.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust settlement process; Alaska Mental Health Trust litigation; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection

- **VS 1576, 4FA82-2209ci mental health trust lands witness class filings—proposed settlement comments, 1-586, 1994.**

Box contains comments regarding the proposed settlement of land claims in Weiss vs. State of Alaska.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust settlement process; Alaska Mental Health Trust litigation; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection

- **VS 1589, Supplemental requests—Reading file: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, 1988-1995.**

The last file in this box is a 1996 reading file for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. It contains mostly memos and correspondence regarding the Governor's FY 97 funding budget and the appropriation for mental health programs.

Includes: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

- **Insanity Commitments—Territorial Court Records, 1898-1958 [Restricted]**

“Insane Commitments” are a form of probate in which the court judges an individual to be mentally incompetent. Researchers must obtain permission from the Alaska Commissioner of Health and Social Services to access these insane commitment cases. The researcher should contact the Commissioner in writing, describe their research project, provide sufficient personal contact information, and agree

not to publish names or other personal identifiers they might find in the files. Once the Commissioner has notified the State Archives that the researcher is carrying out serious research, the staff will provide access.

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Caring for Alaska's mentally ill



Alaska State Library Historical Collections, Juneau

The Alaska State Library Historical Collections holds several unique books and pamphlets on mental health history prior to the 1956 Enabling Act.

Website: <http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist.html>

- **HE2771.A4 A48 V. 1**

Roads and Trails in Alaska; Miners labor lien law in Alaska; Extension of jurisdiction of interstate commerce commission to Alaska; Care and support of the insane in Alaska; Mine inspection in Alaska; Remarks of Hon. James Wickersham of Alaska in the House of Representatives, January 10, April 25, May 6, May 25, 1910. Washington: GPO, 1910.

Section regards a bill to build detention hospitals in Fairbanks and Nome for the temporary care of those adjudged insane until they could be transported to Morningside Hospital.

- **HV3006.A58 M673 1916**

Statement relative to the care and custody of the legally adjudged insane of Alaska. United States. Dep't of the Interior. Office of the Secretary, 1916.

This statement concerns a 1915 special inspection of Morningside Hospital.

- **HV3006.A56 U6 1926 PAM**

Report of Honorable Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, on the care of the insane of Alaska, embracing 1. Report by the Secretary of War, 2. Report by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, 3. Report by the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, 4. Report by the Governor of Alaska, 5. Report by an inspector of the Interior Department. Washington: GPO, 1926.

Report examines the potential for abandoned military establishments in Alaska to serve as sites for insane asylums.

- **HV3006.A58 M67 1917 VF**

The insane of Alaska; cared for by the Sanitarium Company at Portland, Oregon, under supervision of the Department of the Interior. Sanitarium Company, 1917.

Written by the Sanitarium Co. for the Alaska Legislature, this pamphlet promotes Morningside Hospital as an idyllic retreat for the insane.

- **HV3006.A58 M67 1920 VF**

The insane of Alaska; for sixteen years administered under the Department of the Interior at Morningside Hospital, Portland, Oregon. Morningside Hospital (Portland, Oregon), 1920.

A 1920 pamphlet prepared by Morningside Hospital for the Alaska Legislature at the start of a new contract period. It reads like a travel brochure, but has a number of interesting photographs. At least one photo was taken by Gifford and Prentiss. Gifford's photograph collection is held at the *Oregon Historical Society Research Library*.

- **HV3006.A58 M67 1925 VF**

The care of the insane of the Territory of Alaska: administered by the Department of the Interior at Morningside Hospital, Portland, Oregon. Morningside Hospital (Portland, Oregon), 1925.

Another pamphlet addressed to the Governor and Alaska Legislature at the start of another contract period. Most of the photographs are recycled from previous pamphlets. One notable exception is the featuring of the new children's ward.

- **1982.0027 VF**

Smith, Thomas G. "Detaining the insane: detention hospitals, mental health, and frontier politics in Alaska, 1910-1915." *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Vol. 3, Number 3, July 1982, p. 124-133.

This article concerns the detention hospitals James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress, wanted built in Fairbanks and Nome. Wickersham, however, failed to provide for the land needed for the buildings and that, combined with the Territorial Governor's dislike of Wickersham, effectively sabotaged the plan. Only when a new governor was appointed in 1913 were the two hospitals built. Financial considerations, however, kept them closed until 1915, when the Fairbanks facility finally opened. The Nome hospital never opened.

D Archives, University of Alaska Anchorage

Website: <http://consortiumlibrary.org/archives/>

- **Gottstein, James B. Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands Litigation Records, 1982-1997 (537 cu. ft.).**

Gottstein served as an attorney for the Alaska Mental Health Association during the class action court case Weiss vs. State of Alaska. Weiss accused the State of violating the 1956 Enabling Act when it designated mental health trust lands as general lands and did not use the proceeds from land sales for mental health.

Finding Aid: <http://consortiumlibrary.org/archives/CollectionsList/CollectionDescriptions/hmc-0886cd.html>

Includes: Mismanagement of the mental health trust; Land appraisal, valuation, and selection; Mental health trust litigation

- **Richards, William W. "Bill" Papers, 1976-2004 (10 cu. ft.)**

Richards was a psychiatrist and Chief of Mental Health for the Indian Health Service. The papers relate to a sociological project entitled "Social Transitions in the North."

Finding Aid: <http://consortiumlibrary.org/archives/CollectionsList/CollectionDescriptions/hmc-0693cd.html>

Includes: Richards, William W.

E**Valdez Museum and Historical Archive**

The Valdez Museum and Historical Archive is a small repository and has limited hours. Make arrangements with the archive before you arrive.

Website: <https://www5151.ssldomain.com/valdezmuseum/index.cfm?fa=member-mempay>

- **Harborview Mental Health Facility Papers**

The archive holds a significant manuscript collection on Harborview. The facility was rebuilt in 1967 after the 1964 earthquake destroyed the former facility and remained open until 1997 when the hospital permanently closed.

Includes: Mental health services in Alaska; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

F**Providence Archives, Seattle, WA**

Website: <http://www.providence.org/phs/archives/default.htm>

- ***Materia Medica***

This book is an 1889 English version of a medical guide written and published by the Sisters of Providence in Montreal that would have been used in all of the Providence Hospitals. It contains brief [a few sentences] information on the care of the mentally ill.

Includes: Caring for the mentally ill

G**University of Oregon Archives, Eugene, OR**

Website: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/>

- **Coe, Henry Waldo Papers**

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe was the original owner and operator of Morningside Hospital. The collection consists mostly of correspondence. There is a file of letters from Theodore Roosevelt and the Roosevelt family while the remainder of the correspondence concerns commissioned statues. The finding aid does not indicate that there is any information on Morningside in this collection.

Finding Aid: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/mss/inventories/coe.html>

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

Website: <http://www.ohs.org/>

- **Gifford [Benjamin] Photograph Collection, ca. 1890-1947**

Gifford was a professional photographer who worked in Washington and Oregon. Photographs of Morningside Hospital, ca. 1921, include an artistic rendering of a cottage, the buildings, farm, grounds, utility structures, patients and attendants, crop storage, and a dormitory.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/findaid/ark:/80444/xv80724>

Includes: Gifford, Benjamin A.; Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

- **Green, Edith Papers, 1955-1974**

In 1956, Representative Edith Green of Oregon introduced the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act legislation (H.R. 6376) in the House. This led to the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act (84-830) that permitted Alaska to care for its own mentally ill patients. The papers are unprocessed but available. An inventory has been prepared for the collection. The researcher is recommended to contact the Research Library prior to their visit as this collection is stored off-site.

Contact the research library for a copy of the inventory.

Includes: Green, Edith, 1910-1987; Bartlett, Edward Lewis, 1904-1968; Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Land selection; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Himes, George Scrapbook.**

Morningside Hospital is mentioned in some of the clippings found in this scrapbook.

Item ID: D12100

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

- **Portland Sanitarium: an institution for the care and treatment of the sick by all mean, methods, and appliances which are recognized in rational medicine. . .**

Cover title is: Portland Sanitarium, Mt. Tabor, Oregon.

Call No.: PAM 658 P8521

Includes: Caring for the mentally ill

- **Smith, Arthur Robert Papers, 1931-1966**

Included in the papers are materials regarding an investigation of Morningside Hospital and a U.S. Senate effort to fund a mental hospital in Alaska.

Finding Aid: <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/findaid/ark:/80444/xv61918>

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Mental health services in Alaska

- **Vertical File: Oregon—Institutions**

The file contains one folder of miscellaneous items, some of which deal with Morningside Hospital.

Item ID: 045484

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

- **Vertical File: Portland—Hospitals-M**

One folder containing clippings, brochures, leaflets, reprints, photocopied excerpts, ephemera, short unpublished writings, and other miscellaneous material. Several items relate to Morningside Hospital.

Item ID: 045321

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.)

National Archives Records Administration, College Park, MD

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/>

- **Center for Legislative Archives**

The Center holds two legislative records not found in most Government Document libraries. Within the file category HR84A-D9 under H.R. 6376 are copies of the amended House and Senate bills for the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act.

Includes: Alaska mental health—legislation

- **Letters Received and Related Records concerning the Alaskan Insane, compiled 1900-1911 (unrestricted)**

This series consists of letters received, copies of contracts, telegrams, vouchers, lists of patients, and other records. Some of the correspondence refers to policy, but most of it concerns the custody and care of mental patients, discharge of cured individuals, and related topics.

Part of Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, 1826-2006

Inventory Identifier: 317

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.), Mental health services; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Mental Health Dockets, compiled 1947-1972 (Restrictions probable)**

Court personnel maintained these dockets to record actions in cases involving mental illness commitment proceedings before the court.

Part of Record Group 21, Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685-2004

Master Location Register (MLR) Entry Number: A1 141

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Central Classified Files Relating to Alaska, compiled 1907-1951**

These files contain information pertaining to the care of Alaska's mentally ill patients at Morningside Hospital. Papers include patient lists, contracts, inspection reports, financial information, and correspondence.

Part of Record Group 126, Records of the Office of the Territories, 1881-1976

Master Location Register (MLR) Entry Number: PI-154 1-A

Box numbers for Alaska: 61-206 and 547-548

Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

J**National Archives Records Administration,
Pacific Alaska Region, Anchorage, AK**

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/anchorage/>

- **Civil Case Files, compiled 1884-1900 (unrestricted)**

Files document various proceedings in civil litigation for Sitka and Wrangell.

Part of Record Group 21, Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685-2004

Local Identifier: MLR-1

Includes: Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Civil Case Files, compiled 1900-1955 (unrestricted)**

Contains papers filed in civil proceedings of the U.S. Territorial Court for the Fourth (Fairbanks) Division. These may include bills of complaint, transcripts of testimony and of record, writs, depositions, exhibits, motions, finding of fact and conclusions of law, cross-petitions, affidavits, and other related papers.

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- **Civil Case Files, compiled 1900-1960 (unrestricted)**

Files document various proceedings in civil litigation for the U.S. District Court for the Juneau Division.

Part of Record Group 21, Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685-2004

Local Identifier: MLR-11

Includes: Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Civil Case Files, compiled 1915-1960 (unrestricted)**

Files document various proceedings in civil litigation for the U.S. District Court for the Anchorage Division.

Part of Record Group 21, Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685-2004

Local Identifier: MLR-77

Includes: Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **History Files, compiled 1949-1971**

Series consists of correspondence, reports, and meeting minutes which document programs and processes of the Alaska Area Native Health Service, throughout Alaska.

Series from Record Group 90, Records of the Public Health Service, 1794-1990

Local Identifier: 276

Includes: Mental health services in Alaska; Caring for Alaska's mentally ill

- **Probate Dockets, compiled 06/08/1911 – 10/15/1968 (partly restricted)**

The probate dockets record proceedings held at Ketchikan, Alaska concerning adoption, guardianship, insanity, and probate.

Series is from Record Group 21, Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685-2004

Local Identifier: MLR-1571

K**Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR**

Website: <http://www.multcolib.org/>

- **United States. Congress. House. Committee on Government Operations.**
Morningside Hospital. Twenty-fourth report. May 28, 1958. Washington, GPO, 1958.
Call No.: Central Closed Stacks B, O-362.2 U53mo, LIB USE ONLY
- **United States. Congress. House. Committee on Government Operations.**
Morningside Hospital. Hearing before a subcommittee of the committee on government operations. 85th Congress, 1st Session. Washington, GPO, 1958.
Call No.: Central Closed Stacks B, O362.2 U53m, LIB USE ONLY
Includes: Morningside Hospital (Portland, Or.); Alaska mental health—legislation

L**Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, NE**

Website: <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/>

- **Miller, Arthur Lewis, 1934-1964**
Miller was a congressman during the time the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Bill was working its way through Congress. In a possible attempt to stop the enabling bill from passing, Miller proposed that Alaska receive 1 million acres of land of federal land, the assets of which would provide funding for mental health.
Finding Aid:
<http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/manuscripts/politics/arthur-miller.htm>
Includes: Miller, Arthur Lewis; Alaska mental health—legislation

M**Washington State Archives, Olympia, WA**

Website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/>

- **Western State Hospital Collection, 1879-1979**
Western State Hospital is still in operation and is Washington States' first mental hospital. It is included in this guide as an illustration of another mental institution that operated at the same time as Morningside Hospital. Broadening the research scope a fraction will permit a more balanced view of the state of mental health in the United States during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Finding Aid: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/FindingAidXML/AR76-B-82.xml>
Includes: Hospital for the Insane in the Territory of Washington; Western Washington Hospital for the Insane; Western State Hospital; Mental health.

Government Documents

Government documents are a rich source of information on Alaska mental health history. Most of what is known about Morningside Hospital is found in government documents. These records also document the creation and passage of the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act as it wound its way through Congress and into law.

- **Congressional Record**

Published daily, the Congressional Record is the official record of congressional proceedings. All information put before Congress is reflected in this source. This makes it a great resource to find items like newspaper accounts/editorials on a specific topic. For example, there are several articles referenced concerning Siberia USA which was a misperception among certain groups that the one million acres of federal land set aside to help Alaska fund mental health services would instead be used as a giant psychiatric ward for all mentally ill people. References for the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act vehicle bill, H.R. 6376, can be found in the indices of Volumes 101 and 102, 84th Congress, 1st and 2nd sessions.

- **Printed Hearings**

Care of Alaskan Mentally Ill.

This is a 357 page volume of House hearings on the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act. The call number is Y4.In8/14:84/22 and the CIS microfiche number is (84) H1528-3.

- **Reports of the Governor of Alaska**

In these yearly reports to the Office of the Territories, Alaska's governors reported on the care of the mentally ill in addition to many other topics. These reports were created only while Alaska was a Territory. As a result, the mental health information contained in these documents deals almost exclusively with patients sent to Morningside Hospital.

- **U.S. Congressional Serial Set Index**

The information contained in the Congressional Serial Set on Alaska mental health is mostly concerned with the appropriation of money to Morningside for the care of the Alaska patients. Other topics include details of the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act and a 1958 report on the operations at Morningside Hospital.

- **United States Statutes at Large**

The Statutes at Large is the official source for all laws and resolutions passed by Congress. The Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act can be found at: Public Law 830, July 28, 1956, c. 772, 70 Stat 709. (Volume 70, pgs. 709-714). Its microfiche call number is: GS 4.111: MFiche.

IV Oral Histories

Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks houses several oral histories pertaining to Alaska Mental Health. More oral histories are available on the Project Jukebox website at <http://uaf-db.uaf.edu/Jukebox/PJWeb/progusemht.htm>

- **C. Earl Albrecht is interviewed by Kenneth Kastella on May 6, 1983 in Anchorage, Alaska**

H84-03-01 Oral History Pts. 1-2

Albrecht discusses his medical career, tuberculosis in Alaska, and the influence of organizations and the federal government's role in Alaska medicine.

- **Della Keats is interviewed by students of the Alaska Native Studies 401 class at the University of Alaska Fairbanks during the Fall semester of 1984**

H90-06-65 Oral History

H90-06-66 Oral History

Keats discusses health issues, safety/survival and childcare, mental health, tattoos, food shortages, and trapping.

- **Mental Health Trust Series, Brewster, Karen,**

H2006-15 Oral History

This series includes interviews with many individuals involved in or with Alaska mental health issues. The interviews are with the following: Jerry Bloom, Don Brandon, Dick Branton, Steve Cowper, Ella Craig, Jim Gottstein, Mary Greene, Tom Hawkins, Jeff Jessee, Tom Koester, Herb Lang, Thelma Langdon, Margaret Lowe, John Malone, Nelson Page, Elaine Ritschard, George Rogers, A. Robert Smith, Jerry Schrader, and Vern Weiss.

- **Karen Perdue is interviewed by Paul McCarthy and Charles Fedullo in Fairbanks, Alaska on November 11, 2002**

H2002-28-01 Oral History

Perdue discusses issues she addressed while employed as Health and Social Services Commissioner. These included welfare reform, Medicaid, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

- **Margaret Pugh is interviewed by Dave Donaldson and Charles Fedullo on November 15, 2002 in Juneau, Alaska**

H2002-28-04 PT. 1 Oral History

H2002-28-04 PT. 2 Oral History

Pugh talks about her work as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Among her many duties she added a mental health unit and therapeutic community for alcohol treatment. She also created the Children with Incarcerated Parents program, and made Corrections fully Internet-ready.

- **George and Jean Rogers are interviewed by Terrence Cole in Juneau, Alaska on September 22, 2003**

AAF-7923--7926 Film Archives PT. 1-4

H2005-01-01 Oral History PT. 1

Rogers talks about the Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands and several other topics on part 3 (Tapes 11 & 12)

- **Sister Margaret Ann Silvey is interviewed by Steve Todd on April 13, 1993 in Kodiak, Alaska**

H96-49-43 Oral History

Silvey talks about the founding of the mission of the Grey Nuns in Kodiak; these sisters served as a nursing order at the Griffin Memorial Hospital for a number of years. She tells about the parochial school started by Sister Hilary and a priest, teaching at the school, and what different buildings were used for churches and schools.

- **Jenny Stevens is interviewed by Darlene Port on April 8, 1995 in Kodiak, Alaska**

H96-49-100 Oral History

Stevens recounts her arrival to Kodiak as a music teacher at the end of 1971. She tells about sharing facilities at Main School; rationing water; experiencing the summer daylight for the first time; women in fisheries; and house-sitting alone on Whale Island for two months.

- **Nancy Sweeney is interviewed by Kathy Nugent on April 9, 1995 in Kodiak, Alaska**

H96-49-101 Oral History

Sweeney recalls living in Kodiak. She discusses her father's drug stores, the military presence on Kodiak, health care facilities, the Grey Nuns, and the destruction of her parents' business by the 1964 tidal wave.

V Film

A Alaska Film Archive, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Website: <http://library.uaf.edu/film-archives>

- **“Cast from the shackles. . .” a presentation of the Alaska Mental Health Association. Anchorage: Alaska Mental Health Association., [19--?] [1 videotape, ca. 14 minutes].**

VH-2943 Guide, VH-2943 Videotape

- **The Salmonberry story. Aaron Productions; composed by Ralph and Lesley Liddle, ca. 1968-1977. [1 videotape, 25 minutes].**

AAF-300 Film Archives UAF

The film shows the construction of a summer camp near Valdez by some of the residents of Harborview Developmental Center.

- **Vital signs: caring for Alaskans. Alaska: Alaska One, c. 2004. [6 videodiscs]**

DVD-1157 Videodisc pt. 1 through DVD-1162 pt. 6

Two of the episodes deal with mental health. Episode 4, (DVD-1160) is entitled “Treating our mentally ill,” and Episode 6, (DVD-1162) is entitled “Taking care of our mental health.”

B Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association, Anchorage, AK

Website: <http://www.amipa.org/>

- **Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API)**

Lectures, c.1970

video: 1/2”

Many of the tapes in this collection deal with non-mental health topics. It was one of the few portable video decks in the state and its primary use was for training API staff to conduct interviews and other tasks when they were sent to rural Alaska.

VI On-line Sources

- **Alaska's Digital Archives, <http://vilda.alaska.edu/>**

Alaska's Digital Archives features historical photographs, albums, oral histories, documents, and many other items from several museums and repositories throughout the state. There is at least one document on the site that deals with detention hospitals being constructed in Nome and Fairbanks. This is a project that is still underway so it would be worth checking every now and again to see if any more mental health materials are put up.

- **Morningside Hospital Blog, <http://www.morningsidehospital.com/>**

This is a blog that is currently a work in progress. It is updated as new discoveries are made and provides a history of the hospital and its impact on Alaskans.

- **Project Jukebox, <http://uaf-db.uaf.edu/Jukebox/PJWeb/pjhome.htm>**

Project Jukebox is the digital section of the oral history department at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The Alaska Mental Health Trust History project is one of many featured on this site. There are several interviews with downloadable transcripts available, selected documents to examine, a helpful timeline of important events relating to Alaska mental health, and a link to a blog featuring Morningside Hospital.

North entrance
Morningside
Sanitorium taken
at request of Dr.
Addison [illegible]
May 25, 191[no.
cropped off] at time of
Inspections.

"On my arrival at
Sanitorium I found a
number of female and
a few male patients
engaged in this
manner: The greeted
us pleasantly. The
fruit is of a superior
quality. Large and of a
fine flavor. AB."

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REGIONS COLLECTIONS,
RASMUSON LIBRARY.
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FAIRBANKS.



VII Selected Secondary Sources

- **Bradbury, Connie Malcolm and David Albert Hales. *Alaska Sources: A Guide to Historical Records and Information Resources*. North Salt Lake Utah: Heritage Quest, 2001.**

This is a valuable resource to look through before launching an Alaska history research investigation. It provides lists of major repositories throughout the state, genealogical societies and libraries, church records, newspapers, military records, census information, internet resources, and many other types of research materials.

- **Cooley, Clara. “Up from the darkness, a history of Washington mental hospitals.” *Perspective Magazine* Volume 9, No. 2 (Summer 1965): Washington State Department of Institutions.**

This article is included in this guide to provide a comparison for Alaska’s mental health history with that of another Territory

- **Hollander, Russell. “Mental health policy in Washington Territory, 1853-1875.” *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, October 1980, 152-161.**

This article is included in this guide to provide a comparison for Alaska’s mental health history with that of another Territory.

- **Naske, Claus-M. “The Long Journey to Morningside.” In *Bob Bartlett of Alaska: A Life in Politics*. Fairbanks, University of Alaska Press, 1979. Pgs. 99-114.**

This chapter provides a concise overview of the passing of the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act and its labyrinthine journey through Congress.



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