ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ONLINE AUCTION

ABOUT THE ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With our volunteers and community partners, the Alaska Historical Society is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the promotion of Alaska history by the exchange of ideas and information, the preservation and interpretation of resources, and the education of Alaskans about their heritage.

Governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, the Society provides a forum and a vehicle to achieve these goals. It publishes a semi-annual scholarly journal Alaska History and a quarterly newsletter, holds an annual conference, and advocates for local, state and national cultural programs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Alaska Historical Society postponed the 20th annual conference silent auction due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we are now launching our first online auction! The annual auction is the organization’s primary fundraiser to support our programs. All auction items have been generously donated by supporters and friends.

Look inside to explore the treasures to be had this year! Many are books—some familiar, some rare and unusual. There are ephemera items, too. Take this opportunity to build your Alaskana collection or to acquire items to give as gifts. At the same time, you will be supporting the Alaska Historical Society.

HOW OUR ONLINE AUCTION WORKS

❖ All bids must be for a minimum of 50% of the listed estimated value.
❖ Bidding is open to all. Invite friends and family to bid!
❖ Submit bids to members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org
❖ Questions? Email members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org or call 907-276-1596.
❖ Each evening the list on the AHS website www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org will be updated with the highest bids but will not include the high bidder’s name. Individuals then have the opportunity to bid again.
❖ THE AUCTION ENDS AT 12 O’CLOCK NOON FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021.
❖ The successful bidder will receive an email that weekend with instructions on how to pay, by credit card only. After payment is made, items will be mailed.


Hudson Stuck, missionary and outdoorsman, wrote several books about his adventures and travels around interior and northern Alaska. He is perhaps best known for his book about the first successful ascent of Denali, but his others among them *Ten Thousand Miles on a Dog Sled* and this one about crossing the northern coast of Alaska were informative and popular.

Estimated value: $60.00

2. *Southeastern Alaska Views in Color*. The package, with 20 photos, could be mailed for 1½ cents. On the front and back are color reproductions of Sydney Laurence Southeast paintings. Published by the H. H. Tanmen Co. of Denver.

Photo packets showing towns, glaciers, and totems were produced to sell to tourists in the 1900s—in fact they still are today! This would be a great conversation starter when you have visitors, or when you take an Alaska cruise or ferry trip.

Estimated value: $10.00


Now out-of-print, this publication of the Cook Inlet Historical Society details the arduous expedition of Army Lt. Joseph Castner who explored from Portage Bay in Prince William Sound to Cook Inlet, to the Copper River and north to the Tanana River.

Estimated value: $45.00


The issues have news of construction as well as news about people during the first year of construction of the Alaska Railroad. Along with reports on the progress of work crews, there are notes about events such as baseball games. Good information for those researching along the railroad corridor, as well as fun reading.

Estimated value: $50.00


The classic book on the historic 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Details the beginnings of the push for Native land claims through the establishment of Native corporations and the fight to achieve their goals for self-determination.

Estimated value: $120.00
6. **Snowy Owl and Owlets**, Dale DeArmond, artist’s proof, 4” wide, 5¼” high, eyes of owl are colored orange.

   Dale DeArmond is one of Alaska’s best-known artists, working from the 1960s to early 2000s. This is a charming example of her work, much of which depicted Alaska’s birds, animals, and fish.

   Estimated value: $75.00


   Recognized with an American Book Award and Alaska Library Association “Alaskana of the Year” Award, this book documents seminal events in the history of the Tlingit people, and ultimately in the history of America. Includes photographs of objects now in Russian and American museums, Tlingit and Russian name lists, and a helpful index.

   Estimated value: $45.00

8. **Pacific Coast Pilot Alaska, Park 1: Dixon Entrance to Yalutat Bay, with Inland Passage from Strait of Fuca to Dixon Entrance. 3rd edition**. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1891. Binding shows its age, but otherwise the book is in excellent condition.

   This is your chance to own one of the first guides to Alaska’s southeast coastal waters. At the time of publication, the price was $2.00. This volume was previously owned by Morgan Sherwood.

   Estimated value: $50.00


   Based on the early and friendly contact of Navy Lt. George Emmons with the Tlingit in the 1880s and 1890s, the book reflects Tlingit beliefs and values better than other contemporary accounts. Eminent archaeologist Frederica de Laguna worked for over 30 years editing the book, giving Emmons’ work greater historical depth.

   Estimated value: $80.00


   A seminal work, long out of print, by a pioneering female archaeologist who led five expeditions to Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound beginning in the 1930s, and later worked in interior and southeast Alaska.

   Estimated value: $120.00

This exhaustive compilation of Alaska geographic place names has entries with present-day spelling along with variant spellings and names; identifies the feature named; presents the origin and history of the name; and, where possible, gives the meaning of an Indigenous and foreign name. Obsolete and doubtful names are alphabetically listed and are cross referenced, where necessary, to the principal entries.

Estimated value: $100.00

12. The Alaska Journal. (Two complete sets are available, one bound. Both sets are in excellent condition. The highest bidder will get first choice.)

Alaska Northwest Publishing Company produced this quarterly magazine from 1971 to 1986. The issues have articles about Alaska history—people, places, and events, along with articles on art and artists. They are richly illustrated. Bob DeArmond and Lael Morgan were among the editors.

Estimated value: $300.00


Invaluable 19th century data compiled under the auspices of the superintendent of the federal Census Office, details production of fisheries, agriculture and manufacturing, tax revenues and population trends including “insane, feebleminded, deaf and dumb, and blind.”

Estimated value: $180.00


Ship captains, fishermen, and adventurers relied on the charts and information in the Coast Pilots published over the years and updated as more coast surveys were completed. At the time of publication the price was 50 cents!

Estimated value: $50.00


A compelling account of a little-known event in Alaska history – the evacuation and relocation of Aleuts (today Unangan) during World War II. Kohlhoff tapped government and civilian archives and video recollections for an engrossing, heart-wrenching story which played out through 1988.

Estimated value: $30.00
16. The Magical Tree, Dale DeArmond, artist’s proof, 5” wide, 6 ¼” high.

A hiker in a fur parka and on snowshoes is on a trail across the tundra leading to a magical tree. Stars and a sliver moon light the hiker’s way.

Estimated value: $75.00


The first book by celebrated cultural anthropologist Richard Nelson which documents his years of living with Indigenous peoples on Alaska’s North Slope. After years as an author and Sitka community activist, Nels passed away last year.

Estimated value: $45.00


Details investigations by federal inspectors of issues related to Alaska fisheries including use of cannery waste, pollution, fox farms, and relations with indigenous peoples.

Estimated value: $25.00


A report of the U.S. Senate Committee on Military Affairs, this volume has the reports of explorations of Alaska including an 1884 international polar expedition to Point Barrow, 1897 “relief of the destitute in gold fields”, and 1898 and 1899 expeditions to the Cooper, Tanana and Yukon rivers and Cook Inlet.

Estimated value: $600.00


Author Vilhjalmur Stefansson was counted as dead after his expedition’s ship, Karluk, was crushed in the ice. He set off with one sled, six dogs and food for a month on a journey across the Arctic ice that would take over a year. This compelling read details his five years of Arctic exploration—including his discovery of the benefits of Inuit’s all meat diet that would make him a pioneer of the modern Keto diet.

Estimated value: $35.00


This pioneer judge and later congressional representative details his Alaska adventures in a humorous and upbeat style. It tells his story, but also provides insights into places and people’s lives in Alaska in the first decades of the 1900s.

Estimated value: $30.00
22. Two of Frank Brink’s Sounds of Alaska 33 1/3 RPM records, Vol. 1 (bush pilots, the Pribilofs, Climbing Mt. McKinley and more) and vol 4 (Gold: The Human Story of the Last Great Gold Rush told by sourdoughs who were in it).

Frank Brink wrote productions and staged plays in Alaska during the 1960s. These albums contain great stories and history and are certainly important pieces of Alaska audio history.

Estimated value: $30.00


One of North America’s greatest naturalists, Adolph Murie conducted field studies between 1939 and 1941 of the relationship between wolves and Dall sheep in Mount McKinley National Park. This work is considered a classic work of natural history.

Estimated value: $30.00


An early comprehensive history of Alaska by H.H. Bancroft who also wrote works about the western U.S., Texas, California, Mexico, Central America and British Columbia. Much of the research for the volume was done by Ivan Petroff which has called the work into question, but it still provides the reader with insights into how Alaska was perceived in the late 1800s.

Estimated value: $45.00

25. The Sea Otter Wife, Dale DeArmond, 1988, #27 of 100, 4” wide, 5 ¼” high.

This is a numbered print by Dale DeArmond. She did illustrations of a number of stories about creation, about the trickster Raven, and this is one example.

Estimated value: $75.00


This work, also by the acclaimed environmentalist Robert Marshall, explores Alaska’s diverse landscapes. Marshall was a founder of The Wilderness Society that lobbied for a ground-breaking wilderness preservation act.

Estimated value: $45.00


Published quarterly from 1973 to 2003, issues covered all of Alaska’s geographic areas, events such as the gold rush and World War II in the territory, and subjects such as fishing, timber, oil, and mammals and birds. The articles about the areas and subjects enhanced the factual information about a place. The volumes, over 100 of them!, were highly regarded for their insights and analysis of the state’s natural wonders and history.

Estimated value: $300.00

This classic work, written by the acclaimed advocate for American wilderness, describes life in the North in the 1930s. Marshall’s experiences in Alaska informed his activism.

Estimated value: $45.00


This impressively dense text highlights Tlingit belief systems as interpreted by ethnologist John R. Swanton in the early twentieth century. The text is a rich source for those interested in the history and culture of the Indigenous people of southeast Alaska.

Estimated value: $20.00


The book includes a letter from General Wm. T. Sherman following the preface. There are a variety of Alaska-themed illustrations, a number of which are tinted. The binding is broken, but the book is complete and otherwise in good shape. Written before the Klondike gold rush, it describes the towns, people and places of Southeast Alaska.

Estimated value: $30.00


As General Agent for Education for Alaska, Sheldon Jackson thought introducing reindeer to Alaska would supplement Indigenous peoples’ diets. He procured government funding and the first reindeer were brought from Siberia to Alaska in 1890, herd- ers were brought from Finland to train the Native people, and mission stations were employed to implement the program.

Estimated value: $55.00

32. *On Arctic Ice*, Frederick Machetanz. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1940. With black and white illustrations by the author. Dust jacket is in very good condition, and book is in like new condition.

This is one of the first works by noted painter and illustrator, Frederick Machetanz, who went to live with his uncle at Unalakleet for a year in 1939. He compiled this book after moving back east, describing in words and drawings a reindeer roundup, whale hunt, dog mushing and hiking through northern and western Alaska.

Estimated value: $60.00

Written by Sara Machetanz and illustrated by her husband Fred, this book is an account of their first year together in Unalakleet, and then after a few years outside, returning to stake a homestead and live permanently in Palmer. The book is upbeat as they introduce the territory to readers.

Estimated value: $60.00

34. *Bill Egan and Alaska* booklet, 32 pages, “The book was prepared and printed through the efforts of the many friends of Bill Egan on the occasion of his birthday, Oct. 8, 1965.”

This richly illustrated booklet is a tribute to Alaska’s first governor Bill Egan. It is a great collector’s item!

Estimated value: $10.00

35. Six 8x10 black-and-white photographs of filming *The Cheechakos*; three show film crew and cast, other three are of scenes from the movie.

These promotional photographs are fun to look at to remember the film shot in Alaska with a number of residents having roles in it.

Estimated value: $10.00


The movies reveal the long-held fascination with Alaska among Outside filmmakers and audiences. These call to mind an earlier era of American cinema.

Estimated value: $12.00


Have at your fingertips all the issues of AHS’s peer-reviewed scholarly journal. The articles are some of the best about all periods, places, and individuals in Alaska. They represent much of the recent scholarship on the history of the state.

Estimated value: $300.00

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Bid early and bid often!

Email bids to members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org
The auction ends at 12 o’clock noon Friday, March 26, 2021.