

Guide to the Edward Augustine Sherman Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 594

CREATOR: Sherman, Edward Augustine, 1871-1940

TITLE: Edward Augustine Sherman papers

DATES: 1915-1922

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Typed manuscripts; diaries of 3 trips to Alaska, illustrated with photographs; memorandum on Alaska re: forestry and agriculture.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Edward A. Sherman (1871-1940): in 1903 appointed supervisor of Bitter Root Forest Reserve; in 1905 entered Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; in 1907, became supervisor of Hell Gate, Lolo, and Big Hole Reserves; forest supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, 1908-1910; assistant forester in charge of lands, Washington, D. C., 1915-1920; associate chief forester, 1920-1935; assistant chief and advisor, 1935-; admitted to Utah Bar, 1915; formulated land classification system for national forests.

Scope and Contents

The Edward A. Sherman papers record the travels of Edward Sherman in Alaska in 1915, 1921, and 1922. Sherman, who worked for the forest service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, became assistant forester in charge of lands in 1914, and in 1915 traveled to Alaska as representative of the Agriculture Department in company with Forester Henry S. Graves, later dean of the Yale School of Forestry. He made his second and third visits (1921 and 1922) in his capacity as chairman of the Interdepartmental Alaska Board.

The papers consist of Sherman's detailed typescript journals of these three trips, copiously illustrated with photographs, and of two memoranda Sherman wrote describing his findings. The memoranda and much of the journals discuss Alaskan agriculture, forestry, and industry, as well as potential development of natural resources and hydro-electric power, but the journals also reflect Sherman's sensitivity to the beauty of the countryside and his interest in both the native and the white population.

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Alaskan Journal:		
b. 1, f. 1 - 3	First trip	1915 July- September
b. 1, f. 4 - 5	Second trip	1921 July-August
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	Third trip	1922 July- August
b. 1, f. 8	Memoranda on Alaska	1921, 1922

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Conservation of natural resources
Environmental protection
Forests and forestry

Geographic Names

Alaska -- Description and travel
New York (State)

Occupations

Foresters

Names

Sherman, Edward Augustine, 1871-1940