

**Collection Name:**

Carl L. Lokke papers, 1872-1965

**Collection Number:**

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**Extent:**

5.2 cubic feet (7 archives boxes and 3 oversized boxes)

**Biography/History:**

Carl Ludwig Lokke was born to Oscar and Carrie Gunderson Lokke in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 28, 1897. Carl had four siblings: Albert Lokke, Edna Lokke Isaacs, Lars K. Gravem, Roy N. Gravem, and Harold H. Lokke. He spent much of his youth in the Northwest, including parts of the Seward Peninsula. In the Kougarok precinct his grandfather was United States Commissioner. There Carl started his elementary education at a Territorial School opened for Inuits. Later he went to Nome High School (1913-1914), and eventually transferred to Olympia High School in Washington (1914-1917).

Carl enrolled for military training at the University of Washington (1917-1918), but performed the bulk of his undergraduate degree at the University of California, Berkeley, majoring in German and history. From 1922-1924 he held a teaching fellowship at the University of California and was selected to assist Carlton J.H. Hayes of Columbia University. Eventually Carl went to New York for higher education. Columbia University awarded him a fellowship in 1924 and a lectureship in history in 1925.

Starting in 1935 Carl worked at the National Archives. He was an active member in the Society of American Archivists, American Historical Association, Minnesota Historical Society, Norwegian-American Historical Association, and many others. At the time of his passing in 1960, he was on the editorial board of *Norwegian-American Studies*. Carl was married to Laura Wendt Lokke.

A biography on Carl Lokke was published by H.B. Fant and reprinted by the American Archivist (Society for American Archivists), Vol. 23, No. 3, 1960 July.

**Scope and Content:**

Articles, clippings, correspondence, diaries, maps, notes, and photographs collected by an archivist, author, and educator. The material concerns the Lars Gunderson family, and the career of the Monitor Gold Mining and Trading Company of Alaska. The papers formed much of the basis for Klondike Saga, by Lokke, published posthumously by NAHA in 1965.

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Biographical information, 1933-1964
1	2	Correspondence, 1918 March 28-1943 November 1
1	3	Correspondence, 1944 January 1-1959 November 24
1	4	Correspondence, 1918 December 23 -1961 November 1
1	5	"Klondike Saga" correspondence, 1936 December 2-1947 December 15
1	6	"Klondike Saga" correspondence, 1948 January 4-1964 October 21
1	7	Lars Gunderson and "Klondike Saga" articles, 1936-1949
1	8	Lars Gunderson (Commissioner of Alaska) papers, 1901 January-1906 August 18
1	9	Correspondence of Mrs. Lars Gunderson Sr., 1906 September 27-1940 November 19
1	10	Correspondence of Lars Gunderson Sr., 1897 May 14-1902 December 24
2	1	Carrie Gravem correspondence, 1901 May 28-1944 April 28
2	2	Albert Lokke correspondence, 1918 February 10-1957 October 2
2	3	Lars Gravem correspondence, 1925 July 2--1959 February 24
2	4	Roy Gravem correspondence, 1925 July 15-1959 July 15
2	5	Lars Gunderson, Jr. correspondence, 1909 November 3-1959 June 29
2	6	John Gunderson correspondence, 1943 September 14-1959 May 20
2	7	Julius Gunderson correspondence, 1930 January 20-1959 June 1
2	8	Correspondence with Lokke relatives in Norway, 1929 November 7-1960 September 14
2	9	Correspondence with relatives, 1898 January 15-1959 December 10
2	10	Correspondence with Gunderson relatives in Norway, 1930 June 12-1931 July 3
2	11	Signa Wass correspondence, 1922 January 9-1960 January 13
2	12	Knute L. Gravem correspondence, 1925 January 24-1957 September 5
2	13	America letters, Gravem family, 1994 February 24-1921 September 10
2	14	Correspondence and manuscript regarding Knute L. Gravem, 1897 December 13-1959 June 9
3	1	Papers regarding Johannes Larson, 1874-1880
3	2	Nicolay F. Petersen letters, 1898 November 28-1900 January 19
3	3	Typescripts and reprints of articles and pamphlets, 1930-1957, undated
3	4	National Archives reports, 1944-1958
3	5	Correspondence and notes on "Restauration," 1959 June 2-1959 December 4
3	6	Papers regarding Susan Firebaugh, 1861 December-1939 February 24

3	7	Notes on Knute Nelson, 1892-1903
3	8	Notes on J. C. Spooner, 1898-1902
3	9	Notes on Log books, 1898-1902
3	10	Notes on miscellaneous papers, 1898 January 26-1949 May 17
		<b>Klondike Saga, 1965</b>
3	11	Chapters 1-5
3	12	Chapters 6-13
3	13	Chapters 14-20
3	14	Chapters 21-27
3	15	Chapters 28-32
		<b>Alaska Press Notes</b>
4	1	Dawson, 1898 June 16-1901 November 4
4	2	Juneau, 1900 June 2-1931 August 20
4	3	Nome, 1899 December 16-1954 January 4
4	4	Sitka, 1898 March 19-1904 September 17
4	5	Valdez, 1898 July 27-1910 April 28
		<b>Press Notes</b>
4	6	"Butte Inter Mountain," 1889 January 20-29
4	7	Chicago press, 1898 January 20-1902 February 24
4	8	"Minneapolis Journal," 1897 July 17-1903 November 26
4	9	"Minneapolis Times," 1898 January 2-1898 April 9
4	10	"Minneapolis Tribune," 1897 July 19--1903 August 21
4	11	St. Paul and Winona press, 1894 May 20-1925 June 7
4	12	New York press, 1897 July 1-1948 May 28
4	13	Norwegian-American press (13 July 1897-15 June 1904).
4	14	Oregon press, 1897 June 23-1939 June 27
4	15	San Francisco press, 1897 July 15-1904 July 21
4	16	"Alaska Weekly," Seattle, 1924 July 11-1954 February 19
4	17	Seattle Daily Times," 1898 January 22-1914 November 5
4	18	"Seattle Post Intelligence," 1897 June 12-1908 September 21
4	19	Washington, D.C. press, 1898 January 17-1902 February 24 (17
5	1	Wisconsin press, 1880 January 15-1906 September 13
5	2	Foreign press, 1897 July 14-1898 December 31
5	3	Notes on magazine articles, 1897 July 29-1953 March
5	4	Notes on books, 1884-1900
5	5	Notes on books, 1900-1918
5	6	Notes on books, 1923-1958, undated
5	7	Clippings from Alaska, 1900-1959
5	8	Notes on Chilkoot Pass snow slide, 1898 January 28-1898 May 17
5	9	Notes on miscellaneous government reports, 1898 February 11-1943
5	10	Correspondence and notes on Secretary of War reports, 1897-1898
5	11	Correspondence and notes on Department of the Interior, 1897 December 13-1918 February 19
6		Photograph of University of California ROTC infantry unit, 1920 March

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| 6 | 1  | Photographic negatives, undated  |
| 6 | 2  | Photographs and photographic negatives, undated  |
| 6 | 3  | Notes on circuit court records, 1900 August 7-1901 November 13                                       |
| 6 | 4  | Notes on U. S. Geological Survey, 1908-1913  |
| 6 | 5  | Notes on Justice Department records, 1897 July 8-1902 February 14                                    |
| 6 | 6  | Notes on Justice Department records, 1902 February 26-1925 December 16                               |
| 6 | 7  | Notes on State Department records, 1891 December 6-1900 August 13                                    |
| 6 | 8  | Notes on reports to Congress, 1897 September-1957 August 29  |
| 6 | 9  | Notes on Canadian Government records, 1897-1901, 1949  |
| 6 | 10 | Department of Columbia correspondence, 1897 December 17-1898 April 28                                |
| 6 | 11 | Reports from the Governor of Alaska, 1898 October 1-1903, 1959                                       |
| 7 | 1  | "Klondike Diary of Ole J. Wold," and " Klondike Diary of Frank A. Skog," 1898 January 12-1988 June 4 |
| 7 | 2  | "Klondike Diaries of Martin H. Clausen," 1898 January 20-1900 September 30                           |
| 7 | 3  | Klondike Letters of Lars Gunderson," 1897 August-1898 September 2                                    |

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| 1       | 1 | L. Gunderson Sr. Bio. Misc., 1872-1903<br>Includes correspondence, records, and newspaper clippings.   |
| 1       | 2 | Notes, Monitor Diaries, 1898-1901<br>Includes notes and photocopies of the diary of Frank A. Skog.   |
| 1       | 3 | Photographs, 1876- 1903<br>13 photographs, including: three men standing in the woods in winter; 3 photographs of a mining camp, Yankton, 1876; Members of the Monitor Gold Mining and Trading Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 1898; Steamer boat "City of Seattle", March 8, 1900; 2 photographs of Lars Gunderson Sr, 1903; portrait of Carrie Gunderson, Wixson, Escanaba, Michigan, 1893; portrait of Beret Gunderson, 1890, Stewart and Lokke Studio, Escanaba, Michigan; Keystone View Company, Bound for Klondike Gold Fields, Alaska, Lingley, 1898; portrait of Lars Gunderson, Gunderson studio, Rushford, Minnesota; portrait of Karen Sofie Olsdatter, undated. |
| Folio 1 |   | Maps, 1902-1951<br>Includes map set of: Alaska and the Yukon Territory, the route of the monitors' journey, and Yukon-Stewart river system; rough maps of Kougarak, Alaska by Lars Gunderson, 1902; Records of the Department of Interior, General Land Office: "General chart of Alaska to accompany reindeer report of Sheldon Jackson 1906"; "U.S. Geological Survey Reconnaissance map of Northwestern part of Seward Peninsula, Alaska, 1907; World Aeronautical Chart  |

of Seward Peninsula, 1946; map of Alaska from Northwestern Commercial Company, 1903; map of Yosemite National Park, California, Geological survey map from between 1893-1909; map of British Columbia; map of Yukon Territory, 1950; map of Fort Selkirk, Alaska-Yukon, from Canada Department of Mines and Surveys, 1950; map of Skagway, Canada, from Department of Mines and Surveys, Canada, 1951; letters and drawings from Lars Gunderson; map of Yukon territory from Canada Department of Mines and Resources, 1942.