ALASKA

Anchorage, AK

4. University of Alaska, Anchorage

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Noteworthy collections:
Business history collections include strength in mining in Alaska; more than a dozen collections fit this category; three principle examples include:

  This was the largest hard rock gold mine in south central Alaska. The state acquired the mine buildings and 271 acres in 1980 and established a historic park (opened in 1982). The collection includes administrative records, operations records, historic files, and photos (mining activities, personnel, and other mines in the district).

  Papers and photographs of an Alaskan mining family from Anchorage. Olga Doheny was the eldest daughter of David and Jenny Strandberg.

  Russ Dow settled in Alaska in 1936 and worked in mining and construction. He was an avid photographer. Among his papers are photos and materials relating to the Ruff & Tuff Mine, Independence Mine, and the Cripple Creek Gold Mine near Aniak.
Juneau, AK

5. Alaska State Library

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Overview:
Manuscripts are comprised of personal papers such as private diaries and correspondence of teachers, missionaries, gold seekers, pioneers, Alaska Natives, politicians, military personnel, and others. Business records of mining companies, store keepers, and canneries, such as the Alaska Packers Association, hold a wealth of information on Alaskan development. Although a few collections are restricted and may be viewed or photocopied only with the permission of the donor, most are readily available to researchers.