

Collection Title: *AHP CPSU and ANCSA 14(h)(1) Historical Places and Cemetery Sites Collection*
[Abbreviated finding aid – August 2015]

Series and Subseries Descriptions

Series 1: Anthropology and Historic Preservation, Cooperative Park Studies Unit [AHP CPSU]. Contains records relating to the implementation of section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-203). Section 14(h)(1) involves Alaskan Native historical places and cemetery sites that were identified and applied for as possible land withdrawals by Native Regional Corporations. AHP CPSU (disbanded in 1983) was charged with assisting regional corporations in identifying sites and then, in conjunction with BIA ANCSA, actual field investigations. AHP CPSU functioned with primary offices at UAF from 1974 – 1983. After 1983 AHP CPSU 14(h)(1) responsibilities were taken over by the BIA ANCSA Office. The BIA ANCSA Office still operates today (2015) with offices in Anchorage.

Subseries 01: *ANCSA 14(h)(1) Master Files.* Contains AHP CPSU reports and supportive material from site investigations. Files are grouped by Native Regional Corporation (subseries 01-08) and arranged numerically by BLM assigned Case File numbers (e.g. BLM AA-12296, F-22279). The first file in each box contains a *Master File Checklist and Inventory* prepared by CPSU personnel when the materials were first deposited in the Archives in 1983. Each file may contain, in separate folders, one or more of the following items indicated on the checklist:

1. Site Survey Form [SSF]:

AHP CPSU researchers were required to complete a *ANCSA 14(h)(1) site Survey Form* for each site investigation. These forms include basic information about the site, such as site identification number (BLM Number), name(s), survey dates, investigative personnel, location, land status and environmental description. Specific site descriptive information is also given including site type, condition and detailed descriptions of features found at the site. Forms also record an evaluation of the site including cultural affiliation, temporal placement and *Ethnographic summary*. Ethnographic summaries often include information gained from oral history interviews, library and archival research. The form also contains an *Assessment of Significance and Eligibility* where predefined questions (based on National Register for Historical Place criteria) are answered in a narrative style. Finally the form records a narrative *Boundary Justification* that explains how boundaries were determined based on topographical and cultural features. The report may also include attachments, such as site maps, USGS map with location of site marked, boundary descriptions, photographic log and contact sheets, artifact catalog forms, and bibliography. Because of detailed descriptions of sites and their locations **SITE SURVEY FORMS ARE RESTRICTED FROM USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC** (see restrictions). [Appendix A. Blank Site Survey Form]

2. Abstract: A short narrative summary of the information found in the *site*

survey form. Does not include the specific location information (i.e latitude, longitude or UTM references).

3. B&W 35mm Negatives, Contact Sheet and Photo Log: Aerial and ground photographs that typically show site setting, cultural features and personnel.

4. National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form: NRHP forms contain detailed descriptions of specific sites, much like the SSF, but organized differently. The files often include original photographic prints of the site and cultural features as well as detailed site maps. NRHP FORMS ARE RESTRICTED FROM USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC (see restrictions).

5. BLM Regional Corporation Selection Application: A one page DOI BLM form completed by regional corporations for application of specific historical places and/or cemetery sites under ANCSA 14(h)(1). Applications include detailed site location information and often include maps as attachments; however this location information is often erroneous. Applications may also include a short statement of significance or justification. FORMS ARE RESTRICTED FROM USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC (see restrictions).

6. Field Notes: May contain detailed site descriptions and specific location information, therefore site file field notes ARE RESTRICTED FROM USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC (see restrictions).

7. Other Materials: Include such items as, Field Form, an abbreviated Site Survey Form; Oral History transcripts;

[Be aware that additional materials, not noted on the checklists, may also be found in the master files.]

Subseries 02: Field Notebooks.

Subseries 03: Harvey Shields Records. Four boxes of records focused primarily on Bristol Bay Native Corporation preliminary site investigations, but also include 14(h) program information, correspondence, field notes, photographs, National Register nominations, maps, and personal records.

Subseries 04: Susan Hansen Records. Four boxes of records focused primarily on Calista Corporation preliminary site investigations and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta history and culture, with an emphasis on oral history. Many of the documents are directly related to tape recordings associated with Series 2 of the collection [Series 2: ANCSA 14(h)(1) Oral History, 1975 - 1997.]. Many other notes and transcriptions exist of histories and stories that were not tape recorded.

Hansen's records have never been adequately inventoried, indexed or cross-referenced to other parts of the collection (i.e. maps, tapes, reports). Important and valuable oral history information exists in her notes and transcriptions that did not find its

way into Calista Corporation site applications or final CPSU or BIA site reports. Work with Hansen's materials requires care, diligence and patience. Most of the interviews she recorded are in Yupik and have never been adequately translated and transcribed.

Some of the Hansen material may have been duplicated in records titled *Bethel Notes* (on file at BIA ANCSA); but here again the two components of the collection have not been reviewed in relation to each other.

Subseries 05: Stephanie Fox Records (Calista Region)

Subseries 06: AHP CPSU 14(h) Project Records

Subseries 07: non-14(h)(1) material. Contains National Register Nominations, field notes relating to the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A). Also contains field notes, correspondence, diaries and publication drafts of Dick Nelson, Kathy Mautner and Ray Baner's field research into Koyukon Athabaskan subsistence that led to the AHP CPSU publication *Tracks in the Wildland*. Added George Smith articles and correspondence relating to St. Lawrence Island 1600 year old frozen mummy.

Subseries 08: AHP CPSU Office Files, Employee and Travel records.

Subseries 09: Maps (includes working digital and prints of maps contributed by the BIA ANCSA Office)

Subseries 10: AHP CPSU Publications [Occasional Papers](see appendix A)

Subseries 11: Photographs / Sketches. Photographs and drawings not necessarily associated with a specific case file or 14(h)(1) site.

Subseries 12: Post 1983 records.

Subseries 13: Regional Records (records that were not included in the original Archives collection but relevant to ANCSA 14(h)(1), AHP CPSU or BIA ANCSA activities, acquired post 1997 from BIA or other sources; including reports generated from contemporary (ca. 1997+ databases).

Subseries 01: Ahtna Region.

Subseries 02. Aleut Region.

Subseries 03. Bering Straits Region.

Subseries 04. Bristol Bay Region.

Subseries 05. Calista Region.

Subseries 06. Chugach Region.

Subseries 07. Cook Inlet Region.

Subseries 08. Doyon Region.

Subseries 09. Koniag Region.

Subseries 10. NANA Region.

Subseries 11. Sealaska Region.

Subseries 12. Other (relevant across regions or statewide).

Series 2: ANCSA 14(h)(1) Oral History, 1975 – 2007.

The ANCSA 14(h)(1) oral history collection consists of over 1900 tape recordings dating from 1974 to 2006. In addition to tapes an undetermined amount of supplementary data is also categorized as oral history. These include non-taped interview notes, maps, tape logs, oral history information forms, genealogies, photographs, interviewee biographical information, and field notes.

Subseries 01. Ahtna Region Oral History.

Subseries 02. Aleut Region Oral History.

Subseries 03. Bering Straits Region Oral History. Tape recordings are fully indexed.

Subseries 04. Bristol Bay Region Oral History.

Subseries 05. Calista Region Oral History.

Subseries 06. Chugach Region Oral History.

Subseries 07. Cook Inlet Region Oral History.

Subseries 08. Doyon Region Oral History.

Subseries 09. Koniag Region Oral History.

Subseries 10. NANA Region Oral History. Tape recordings are fully indexed.

Subseries 11. Sealaska Region Oral History.

Subseries 12. Other Oral History.

CITATIONS: When citing material from this collection use the following format (or some reasonable variation): Author, item, name of collection, box number, series number, (subseries number), folder number, Archives, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Example of citation:

1. Libbey, David. 1979 Doyon field notes, AHP CPSU and ANCSA 14(h)(1) Collection. Series 1, Subseries 02, Box 45, Folder 4, Archives, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

2. *Calista Region Preliminary Land Status Maps, USGS 1:63,360 Scale.* Susan Hansen - compiler, (n.d. ca. 1976) Series 1. Subseries 09. Folder 2. AHP CPSU and ANCSA 14(h)(1) Historical Places and Cemetery Sites Collection, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, Archives

Oral History Citations (examples):

Agloinga, Percy

1975 Taped interview transcript. Kathryn Koutsky, interviewer. 31 October. White Mountain, Alaska. Transcript 75BSN008 part 2, AHP CPSU and ANCSA 14(h)(1) Collection, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Rasmuson Library, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections.

Billum, Frank.

1992 Taped interview. Mary E. Fogarty and Karen Shemet, interviewers; Mary E. Fogarty transcriber. 24 June. Chitina, Alaska. Tapes 92AHT004 and 92AHT005,

BIA ANCSA Office, Anchorage and University of Alaska Fairbanks, Rasmuson Library, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, Oral History Program.

Restrictions

1. Site locations. Access to certain historic, prehistoric and cemetery site information contained in the *AHP CPSU and ANCSA 14(h)(1) Collection* is closed to the general public. Authorized users are representatives of federal, state or local government on official business; researchers engaged in legitimate scientific research; individuals or representatives of organizations conducting cultural resource surveys aimed at protection of information and sites; or such individuals determined by the archivist as having a legitimate need for access.

The authority for the State of Alaska, and the University to hold historic, prehistoric and cemetery site information confidential is contained in AS 9.25.120, Exception 4, which states that "records which are required to be kept confidential by a federal law" may be held confidential by the state. P.L. 96-95 (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, Sections 9a-b) requires such confidentiality for shared records. The 1976 Amendment (P.L. 94-458) to Freedom of Information Act (P.L. 89-665) provides the Secretary of the Interior with the authority to withhold from public disclosure the specific location of archaeological resources which are listed on the National Register when it is determined " that the disclosure of specific information would create a risk of destruction or harm to such sites or objects." [adapted from ADNR Policy and Procedure, Number 50200, effective Date: April 8 , 1992]

2. Oral history. Oral history records are currently being processed. Some recordings may be restricted for privacy or site location reasons. The collection is under review on a tape-by-tape basis. Generally the oral history is not restricted and patrons may listen to copies in the archives. However, until the collection is fully assessed, requests for access to oral history materials must be approved by Robert Drozda (UAF Archives) and/or Ken Pratt (BIA ANCSA).