

Carl John Sacarisen

A Register of His Diary in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Carl John Sacarisen Diary

Span Dates: 1898-1899

ID No.: MSS83293

Creator: Sacarisen, Carl John

Extent: 2 items; 1 container; .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in Norwegian

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Cook for the Lapland-Yukon Relief Expedition. Diary kept by Sacarisen during an expedition to relocate reindeer from Norway to Alaska.

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.

Personal Names

Sacarisen, Carl John, 1875-1968.

Organizations

Lapland-Yukon Relief Expedition.

Manitoba Expedition.

Subjects

Eskimos.

Miners--Yukon.

Reindeer farming--Alaska.

Reindeer herders--Alaska.

Reindeer herders--Norway.

Reindeer herding--Alaska.

Reindeer--Alaska.

Reindeer--Norway.

Locations

Alaska--Description and travel.

Norway--Description and travel.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The diary of Carl John Sacarisen, cook for the Lapland-Yukon Relief Expedition, was given to the Library of Congress by Dana L. Baldwin and Virginia R. Rausch in 1995.

Processing History:

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Scope and Content Note

The diary of Carl John Sacarisen spans the years 1898-1899 and describes his experiences as a cook on the Lapland-Yukon Relief Expedition. Sacarisen, a member of the Norwegian ethnic minority known as the Kven, was recruited to serve as one of the cooks on an expedition organized by the Presbyterian missionary Sheldon Jackson and financed by the United States government. Jackson's original intent was to introduce reindeer husbandry to Alaska natives by importing over five hundred reindeer from Norway along with over seventy Norwegian herders. The project, alternately known as the Manitoba Expedition, was also intended to relieve a perceived famine among the Yukon goldminers and Eskimos. The expedition was a disaster. Sacarisen discusses the incompetence of the leadership which resulted in the loss of most of the herd. The original diary, written in Norwegian, is accompanied by a photocopy made by the Library of Congress in 1995. The diary was published in 2002 as *The Yukon Relief Expedition and the journal of Carl Johan Sakariassen*, edited by Virginia R. Rausch and Dana L. Baldwin. It was translated into English by James P. Nelson.

Container List

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