

Colorful Songs

Alaska's history has a colorful array of songs reflecting a variety of subjects, such as Alaska living and the Klondike gold rush. The Alaska Historical Library maintains a collection of Alaska songs and music described in its publication, "Musical Reflections on Alaska's History."

Songs in the library's files include "Alaska and the U.S.A.", by Anna E. Snow; "Lights O'Thane Waltz," by Edouard C. Lemieux; and "Billy Pike of Klondike," by W.R. Raness.

The Alaska Historical Library is also interested in obtaining copies of unpublished Alaska songs. In Sitka, a group is presently taping unpublished Alaska songs for the library's files. Others are also making songs and music available for this collection.

The library welcomes information or receipt of material for this Alaska music file. Contact: Phyllis Nottingham, Librarian, Division of State Libraries and Museum, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.