

Sheldon Jackson Gets Artifacts For Museum

Philip S. McLean of Bloomfield, New Jersey and his sister, Alice MacLean of San Francisco, visited Sitka and the Sheldon Jackson Museum last week.

Earlier this summer McLean had donated to the SJ museum a collection of articles collected by his father. He was able to see these items on display currently at the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

McLean, 83, toured the city accompanied by Esther Billman, curator of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and was shown the Sitka National Monument by the Reverend William Zeiger, Chaplain at Sheldon Jackson College. McLean is a retired patent and trademark attorney.

Many of the articles donated have been stored in McLean's attic for forty years. They are the collection of his father, J.J. McLean, who lived in Sitka from 1881 to 1887, working as a meteorologist for the United States Army and Signal Corp.

He was a well-known collector of artifacts and is often quoted in papers on northwest coast Indians. His articles, which were written in his hometown newspaper, often mention Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

The collection, now at the Sheldon Jackson Museum, includes several old carved food and Oil dishes, a painted skin apron decorated with deer hooves, a model of an old style Tlingit canoe, a doll, paintings from Philip's mother's collection, an old key to the castle, part of a candelabrum from the castle and several other items.

From Sitka, Philip McLean and his sister Alice MacLean (who spell their names differently) will visit Glacier Bay and Juneau before returning to the south 48.