

Museum gets Cook journals

A recent gift to the Anchorage Museum of History and Art Archives was a complete set of Captain Cook's journals from his voyages of exploration.

The valuable collection is a gift of James W. Y. Wong of Honolulu and Anchorage. The set of eight quarto-sized volumes is accompanied by two atlases.

Cook's first voyage is documented in three volumes edited by John Hawksworth as the voyage of Commodore Byron and Captains Carteret, Wallis and Cook aboard the ships *Dolphin*, *Swallow* and the *Endeavor*. They were published in 1773.

This voyage of discovery details a trip in the Southern hemisphere, through Terra del Fuego to New Zealand and Australia. There are no other original copies of this journal in Alaska.

Cook's second voyage was published in two volumes and called "A Voyage toward the South Pole, and around the world. . . 1772-1775." Plates in the accompanying atlas are by W. Hodges. Views are of Native people and natural history in the South Pacific.

The three-volume set of journals from the third voyage are, of course, the ones with which Alaskans are most familiar, for it was on this trip that Cook sailed along the coast of Alaska, into Cook Inlet, and eventually to the Hawaiian Islands.

John Webber was the artist on that trip, and it is his images that give us the first published glimpse we have of Alaska.

The volumes will be on exhibit near the museum's collection of explorer prints later in the year.