

Treasury Dept. Presents Sitka 100-Year Map

A century-old map of Sitka and a report dated February 26, 1869, were presented last week to the Alaska Centennial Committee by the U.S. Treasury Department.

The two historic documents will be used in the federal government's exhibit in Sitka during the Centennial year and will later be placed on permanent exhibit in the new Sitka civic center.

The old map, which measures 66 by 28 inches, was etched on oil skin. It was originally drawn to accompany a report of the commanding officer of the Department of Alaska, whose assignment it was to investigate claims of individuals in Sitka to "a very large portion of the property which belonged to the Russian fur company in Alaska."

The Alaska Inter-Agency Centennial Committee will have the map and report restored, mounted, framed and flown to Sitka.

The Treasury Department will officially present both documents to Mayor John O'Connell in Sitka on June 3, during the opening of the "Alaska Purchase Centennial-1967" in the city.