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Descriptive Summary
Title: Ben Smith / Alaska Yukon Gold Rush Collection,
Date (inclusive): ca. 1882-1915
Date (bulk): (bulk 1898-1901)
Collection Number: Wyles Mss 1
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History
Information about the Alaskan Gold Rush may be found in works such as:

**Scope and Content of Collection**
Papers of Ben Smith, from Redwood City, California, who went to the Alaska Yukon goldfields ca. 1898-1900, and then apparently returned to California. The collection contains correspondence, diaries/journals, documents, financial records, maps, and other ephemera, much of it relating to Smith's stay in Alaska.

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