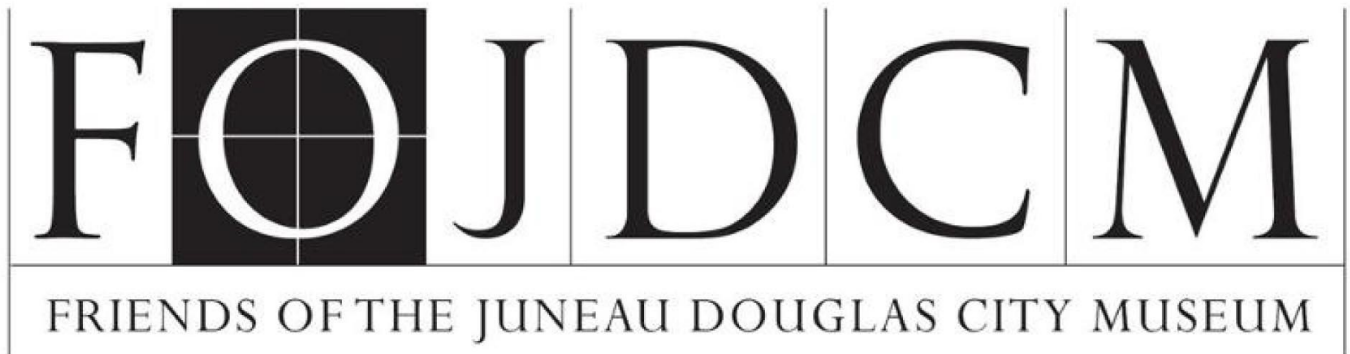


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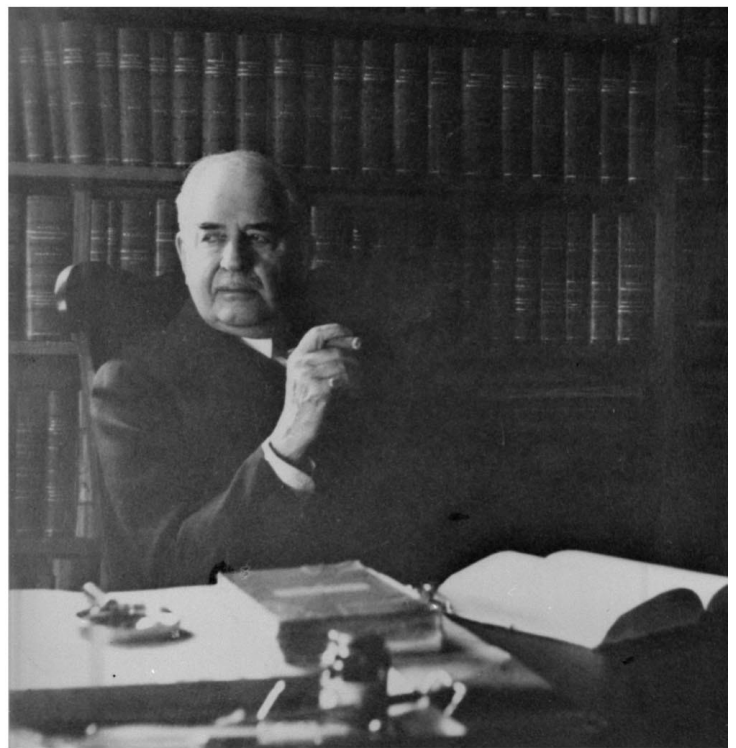


WICKERSHAM WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

November 22, 1939---Bequeathing property valued conservatively at \$23,100 [\$400,000 in 2016 dollars] the will of the late James Wickersham was offered for probate today at the office of U.S. Commissioner Felix Gray.

The will, drawn by the former Judge and Delegate just 10 days before his death, left the bulk of the estate to the widow, Grace Wickersham of Juneau, and his son, Darrell of San Francisco.

To the Territory of Alaska was left a large oil painting of William H. Seward to be hung in the Governor's office and a great mounted moose head for the Territorial Legislative Hall. The moose head, now in the Alaska Game Commission office, was a gift to Judge Wickersham by friends in Cordova in 1912 following passage of the Alaska Organic Act.



Enjoying a mid-day cigar ASL Wickersham James-06

Outside the widow, son, and the Territory, there were no other beneficiaries. The famous Wickersham library of Alaskan literature was left to Mrs. Wickersham with the hope that it might be sold in a body to "some institution of learning." In the petition for probate, also filed today, the library is estimated as worth \$10,000. The collection consists of books, histories, pictures, baskets, and anthropological specimens.

The will chose Mrs. Wickersham as executrix. (*Daily Alaska Empire, abridged from ASL Wickersham Diaries*)

NOTED HISTORIAN TO DISCUSS WICKERSHAM'S LIFE AND TIMES

Terrence Cole, UAF Professor of History and Director of the Office of Public History, will speak on *"Sunny Jim of Juneau: The Life and Legacy of Judge James Wickersham"* on Wednesday, November 16, at the Rockwell.

Dr. Cole is the editor of Wickersham's recently re-published memoirs, *"Old Yukon—Tales, Trails, and Trials."*

The evening will begin at 6:30 with a brief and inspiring annual meeting of the Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, followed by Dr. Cole's presentation at 7:00. Refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:00pm, 2016 & 2017 FoJDCM members receive free admission to Cole's presentation. Space is limited, refreshments will be provided.

The Rockwell, 109 South Franklin St., is in the former Elks Hall. This building housed our Territory's first legislature, in 1913. Old Timers fondly recall this session for its productive equanimity.

The Friends are accepting 2017 memberships, learn more at www.juneaumuseumfriends.org



In the center background: The Elks Hall, site of the 1913 Territorial Legislature as well as the 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Museum. About 1915. ASL-P87-0961