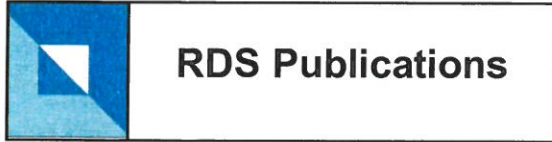


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Dear Leslie,

On behalf of Joseph V. Strunka, PO Box 70550, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707, I am donating to the Oral History Archives, Rasmuson Library, UAF, the following cassette tape recordings that Joe made in the 1970-80s relating to his research about Roshier H. Creecy. Based on information that Joe unearthed, including these tape recordings, I wrote a book, "Roshier H. Creecy A Black Man's Search for Freedom and Prosperity in the Koyukuk Gold Fields of Alaska" that I am also donating to the Oral History Archives, to help place the tape recordings in context.

The tape recordings are:

Person interviewed	Date & place	subject	Duplicate tape retained in my possession
1. Loma Pointer, great niece of Roshier	March 5, 1979, Detroit, MI	Roshier Creecy, Virginia early life, family	yes
2. Fred Terrell, miner, Wiseman	Sept 3, 1978	Fred's house in Fairbanks	yes
3. Nathan Creastini, Roshier's son	Oct 8, 1978, Reno, Nevada	Mining Wild Lake in 1917-1919. Nathan's life	yes
4. Nathan Creastini, Roshier's son	Oct 9, 1978, Reno, Nevada	Mining Wild Lake in 1917-1919. Nathan's life	yes
5. Harry Leonard, miner, Wiseman	Aug 30, 1978 His cabin on Smith Creek	Roshier Creecy stories, about mining	yes
6. Mostly Charlie Breck & Harry Leonard	Aug 26-27, 1978 Their cabins on their creeks	Roshier Creecy stories, about mining	yes
7. George Rayburn	Jan 18, 1980 His office in Fairbanks	Roshier Creecy, about Wiseman	NO – you have the only copy
8. Tishu Ulen	March 15, 1981, her home on 9 th Ave, Fairbanks	Roshier Creecy, Wiseman, her life	NO – you have the only copy
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I look forward to receiving a drive with all the recordings on them.

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For your information, I am in the process of transcribing the tapes. I will provide written and digital copies of the transcriptions to you if you would like them. The transcriptions will be distributed by me to the descendants of the people interviewed, per Joe's wishes.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Peggy Merritt, PhD
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