

# John Bufvers papers, 1875-1987

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Bufvers, John
<b>Title</b>	John Bufvers papers
<b>Dates</b>	1875-1987 (inclusive) 1875 1987 1909-1970 (bulk) 1909 1970
<b>Quantity</b>	1.63 cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	1981, 1989
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of a Swedish-American gold miner and amateur naturalist documenting his interests and activities, Swedish American matters and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Additional Reference</b>	
<b>Guides</b>	
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Swedish American gold miner and amateur naturalist, John Bufvers (1888-1979), was born on Buvenas farm in Bohslau, Sweden on November 8, 1888. He served in the Swedish Cavalry between 1906 and 1909. Bufvers immigrated to the United States in 1910, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1914. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1918 and served in the United States 14th Infantry during the First World War. Before and after his service in the army, Bufvers traveled throughout Alaska as a gold miner. He later worked for the United States Forest Service and the Ketchikan Pulp Company. In the 1960s, he settled in Seattle, Washington, where he wrote several accounts of his adventures in Alaska, some of which were published. Bufvers died in Issaquah, Washington on January 10, 1979.

## Content Description

The John Bufvers papers document his interests and activities relating to prospecting in Alaska, Swedish American and Swedish matters, and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest. Items of note include the manuscript of a memoir in Swedish entitled, "A Cheechako's first year in Alaska," which includes photographs of Bufvers in his Swedish cavalry and American military uniforms. Another notebook

contains Bufver's writings about miners, miners, and prospecting. Other material includes three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and a limited amount of correspondence. The bulk of the collection consists of published works in English and Swedish about gold mining, the Swedish military, and Sweden.

## Other Descriptive Information

See also John Bufvers scrapbooks ( E184.S23 B84 1914) in Special Collections Division, University of Washington Libraries.

## Use of the Collection

### Alternative Forms Available

Microfilm is available as negative only and does not include entire collection. On the same reel as John Chilberg papers.

### Restrictions on Use

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 3 accessions.

Accession No. 1981-001, John Bufvers papers, 1967-1971

Accession No. 1989-002, John Bufvers papers, 1950-1965

Accession No. 1989-003, John Bufvers papers, 1909-1965

### Acquisition Information

Gift of John Bufvers in various installments, 1972-1978.

### Processing Note

Accession numbers 1981 and 1989 merged into two boxes. 1981-001 and 1989-002 are housed in one box, while 1989-003 is in another.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Accession No. 1981-001: John Bufvers papers, 1967-1971

3 items

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<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv15744>

Scope and Content: Memoir "A Cheechako's first year in Alaska", 1970 (by Bufvers); "American Swedish Historical Foundation Yearbook", 1967; Alaska Memories by John Bufvers, 1971. Manuscript is in Swedish.

Restrictions on Access: Presume open to all users

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	1981-001 A Cheechako's First Year in Alaska	Undated
1/2	1981-001 American Swedish Historical Yearbook	1967

### Accession No. 1989-002: John Bufvers papers, 1950-1965

4" linear; 1 reel microfilm (neg.)

Scope and Content: Writings, primarily about mining claims in Alaska, ca. 1950-1965; scrapbooks of clippings.

Restrictions on Access: Presume open to all users

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/3	1989-002 Alaska Memories	1971
1/4	1989-002 Litet av Varje	Undated
1/5	1989-002 Kithum Bay Prospects, Alaska	Undated
1/6	1989-002 Wolves in North America	1965
1/7	1989-002 Mines and Prospects in the Kitchikan	1952
1/8	1989-002 History of Some Mines and Prospects in Kitchikan District, Alaska	1966
1/9	1989-002 Book No. 1: News Articles Mostly in Swedish	1937-1948

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/10	1989-002 Mostly in Swedish about Some People and the Swedish Army	1940/1962

## Accession No. 1989-003: Bufvers, John, 1909-1965

1.14 cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content: Writings, annotated publications, clippings, ca. 1909-1965. Writings consist mainly of loose notes and notebooks concerning silver and gold mining claims and prospects in Alaska.

Restrictions on Access: Presume open to all users

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## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Animals--Northwest, Pacific  
 Gold mines and mining--Alaska  
 Swedish Americans--Alaska  
 Swedish Americans--Washington (State)--Archives

### Personal Names :

Bufvers, John --Archives

### Geographical Names :

Alaska--Description and travel  
 Sweden  
 Sweden--History, Military

### Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
 Correspondence  
 Manuscripts for publication  
 Notebooks  
 Photographs  
 Publications  
 Reminiscences  
 Scrapbooks

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### Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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