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Harry Eskrigge and Lauritz Roal collection

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MSS 15	f1	<p>Harry Eskrigge newspaper clippings and Lauritz Roal documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dawson newspaper clipping "In Garb of the Yukon, Harry Eskrigge Appears in New York". Eskrigge started for the Klondike in 1898, arriving in 1899. The article recounts Harry Eskrigge's journey from Dawson to Massachusetts beginning Oct 1899 after losing everything he had through an unfortunate speculation. He secured employment along the way to fund his journey, including work on a steamer from Seattle to New York via Cape Horn. Despite having paid for a first class ticket from New York to Providence, the steamer's captain attempted to have Eskrigge removed due to his Klondike attire. Eskrigge was the centre of an interested group for the rest of the voyage. 1901 - Boston Sunday Herald newspaper clipping "Miner Sifts Ruins for Missing Gems". Harry Eskrigge searches for lost diamonds in the ashes of the burned hotel Crest Hall in Winthrop Beach, MA. Included are three images of Eskrigge panning out on screens and washing the ashes. The article recounts Eskrigge's life in the Yukon – he was a railroad station agent in Winthrop prior to joining the stampede, hardships experienced on the Yukon River en route to Dawson, travelling to stake mining claims on Fourth of July Creek during its rush, establishing caches, locating the discovery claim on Twelfth of July Creek, and receiving the nickname "Snowslide" after being caught and pushed two miles while on the top of the Condon Creek range of mountains. 11 Oct 1908. - Boston Traveler newspaper clipping "Bring Tales of Gold and Witchcraft from Arctic". While on a visit home, Harry Eskrigge recounts the story of 14-year-old Atol Moassin being blamed by elder "Old Bare-Legged Johnny" for a poor hunting season in the Cassiar country around Dease Lake, that facial hair is no longer worn by Klondike miners, the ability to hunt game during the winter, working his placer claim alone the past winter, the lure of the Yukon, his willingness to tell of locals who remain in the Yukon, and his current mining operations. Includes portrait of Eskrigge. 29 Nov 1924. 	1901, 1908, 1912, 1919, 1924, 1928, 1964, n.d.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Boston Traveler newspaper clipping "Yukon Gold Fields Take Big Toll of Bostonians". While on a visit, Harry Eskrigge fields inquiries about lost loved ones in the Klondike. Eskrigge discourages individuals from travelling to Yukon to mine or trap unless they are mature and physically fit. Includes portrait of Eskrigge. 1 Dec 1924.- Boston Traveler newspaper clipping "Winthrop Man Returns from Wilds of Yukon". Placer miner Harry Eskrigge returns on business to meet with mining engineers and others with desire to obtain mining machinery to work his claims. The article recounts Eskrigge's life in the Yukon – he was a railroad station agent in Winthrop prior to joining the stampede, hardships experienced on the Yukon River en route to Dawson, travelling to stake mining claims on Fourth of July Creek during its rush, establishing caches, locating the discovery claim on Twelfth of July Creek, receiving the nickname "Snowslide" after being caught and pushed two miles while on the top of the Condon Creek range of mountains, and owning one mile in length of placer ground. It is noted that Eskrigge is homesick for the Yukon, and that he "is an institution in the Yukon." Includes portrait of Eskrigge. 1928.- Massachusetts newspaper clipping about the dog owned by Harry Eskrigge's brother Charles Eskrigge titled "Winthrop's Wonder Dog Does Variety of Tricks". Includes image of Charles Eskrigge and his dog on a ladder. n.d.- Typed copy of a story about Harry Eskrigge's adventures, entitled "Snowslide" and written by "Hughes". In 1897, Harry Pepper sold tickets at the Winthrop Highlands railroad station. Hearing of the Klondike Gold Rush, Harry departed and travelled via the Alaskan panhandle. He experienced hardships travelling the Yukon River. Once there, the Klondike presented opportunity to gain riches, life experience, and adventures. He received the name "Snowslide" when he was swept two miles down a slope in an avalanche. While visiting Winthrop Harry sifted a fire damaged building for lost diamonds and found them. (The author pieced Harry's story together from found newspaper clippings.) 7 pages. 30 Dec 1964.- Bill of Sale (Chattels) between farmer Charles F. Moore of Dawson and rancher Lauritz Berntson Roal of Dawson. Roal	

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		<p>purchased for \$1 all farming implements on Lots 14, 15, and 16 in Group 3. Witnessed by Lionel Bennet. 28 Nov 1912.</p> <p>- Mining Claim Bill of Sale between miner Herbert Winant (Winaut?) of Dawson and farmer Lauritz Berntson Roal. Roal purchased for \$10 interest in the mineral claim "Cumberland" #12101 on the Indian Creek and McKinnon Creek. Witnessed by Christopher Fothergill. 22 Apr 1919.</p> <p>- Photograph envelope advertising Eastman Film, Frontenac Album, and Velox Water Color Stamps. The envelope promotes "E.O. Ellingsen Photographer Third Avenue South, Dawson, Y.T." and "E.O. Ellingsen Yukon Agent Edison Diamond Disc Recreation Phonographs and Records Third Ave. South, Dawson". Handwritten on the envelope is Lauritz Roal's birth (1874 Norway) and death (1965 Dawson) dates. n.d.</p>	

Note: Three newspaper clippings indicate a date of 1925. The correct dates are 1924, 1924, and 1928.