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Guide to the

**Herma Hoyt Briffault papers**

ca. 1938-1975

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## Summary

**Creator:** Briffault, Herma Hoyt, 1898-

**Title:** Herma Hoyt Briffault papers

**Date:** ca. 1938-1975

**Size:** .4 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, Briffault, Herma Hoyt, 1975

**Abstract:** Herma Hoyt Briffault (1898- ) was an American author and translator. Beginning in the late 1940s she worked with Vilhjalmur Stefansson researching the history of the Russian-American effort to create a telegraph system between Alaska and Siberia. Collection consists of Briffault's typed manuscript, correspondence, research materials, and related papers. Typescript is "To the Yukon and Beyond", a story of the Russian-American telegraph expedition of 1865-1867 to the Arctic region of Alaska and Siberia. Also, correspondence regarding its publication, copies of source materials concerning the expedition, Briffault's resume, and copies of newsclippings.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Alaska -- History -- To 1867  
Arctic regions

### **Subjects**

Telegraph -- Arctic regions

### **Names**

Briffault, Herma Hoyt, 1898-  
Stefansson, Vilhjalmur, 1879-1962  
Western Union Telegraph Expedition (1865-1867)