

November 16, 1926

Mr. M. C. Edmunds  
Superintendent, A. R. C.  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of November 2 and 3 with reference to the old school road desired by Mr. Krogh at Matanuska and the extension of the abandoned — 13/52-13 part of the Wasilla-Matanuska road petitioned for by the various people living between Matanuska and Wasilla. Both of these will be submitted to the Territorial Board and to Colonel Steese for their consideration in drawing up next year's program.

There seems to be very little probability, however, that either one will be undertaken and you should not encourage those who desire this work.

Very truly yours,

Lunsford E. Oliver  
Engineer Officer.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE  
~~UNRECORDED~~ JUNEAU, ALASKA

Anchorage  
November 2nd, 1926

SUBJECT: Old school road, Matanuska.  
TO: Major Lunsford E. Oliver, Engineer Officer, Juneau

In reference to our conversation with Mr Krogh, the Commissioner at Matanuska, during the time when we were waiting for the train during your visit to the Wasilla district early in September, I have the following report to make.

The road referred to was built by the Territory prior to the field work being done in connection with our activities; it branches from the Matanuska trunk road about one thousand feet South of the 3 Mile post, running in a Westerly direction one half mile to an old school house, which has not been used for several years.

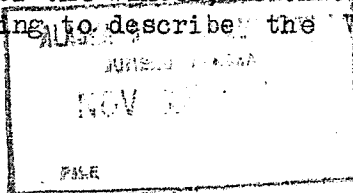
The road has been cleared, grubbed and partly graded, but no work having been done to maintain it since first being built it has fallen into a poor condition, through slides on sidehill work and drains filling, the road is not much more than six feet wide on the average.

One man Alec Thorsen, lives West of the road, Mr Krogh has the place to the North of Thorsen, Axel Olson to the East of Mr Krogh, and McDougal to the North of Olson.

Mr Thorsen is farming on his land, trying to make a go of it, and is entitled to some consideration, Mr Krogh is not living on his land, so there is no reason why we should build a road to his place at this time, he stated that the road would also be used by Mr McDougal, if repairs were made and it was extended, but he is adjacent to the Finger Lake road and <sup>could</sup> get out on that, so McDougal is also eliminated.

I estimate that this road could be put into good condition for the traffic on it for \$400.00, and recommend that the work be undertaken next season.

I am sending a rough sketch showing the position of the road and the ranchers in the vicinity, which will give you an idea of the location of the road, I expect to have a comprehensive map made of the Wasilla and Matanuska districts during the course of the winter, so that we will have something to refer to, the way it is now trying to describe the Wasilla roads reminds me of a cross word puzzle. 13/45-16



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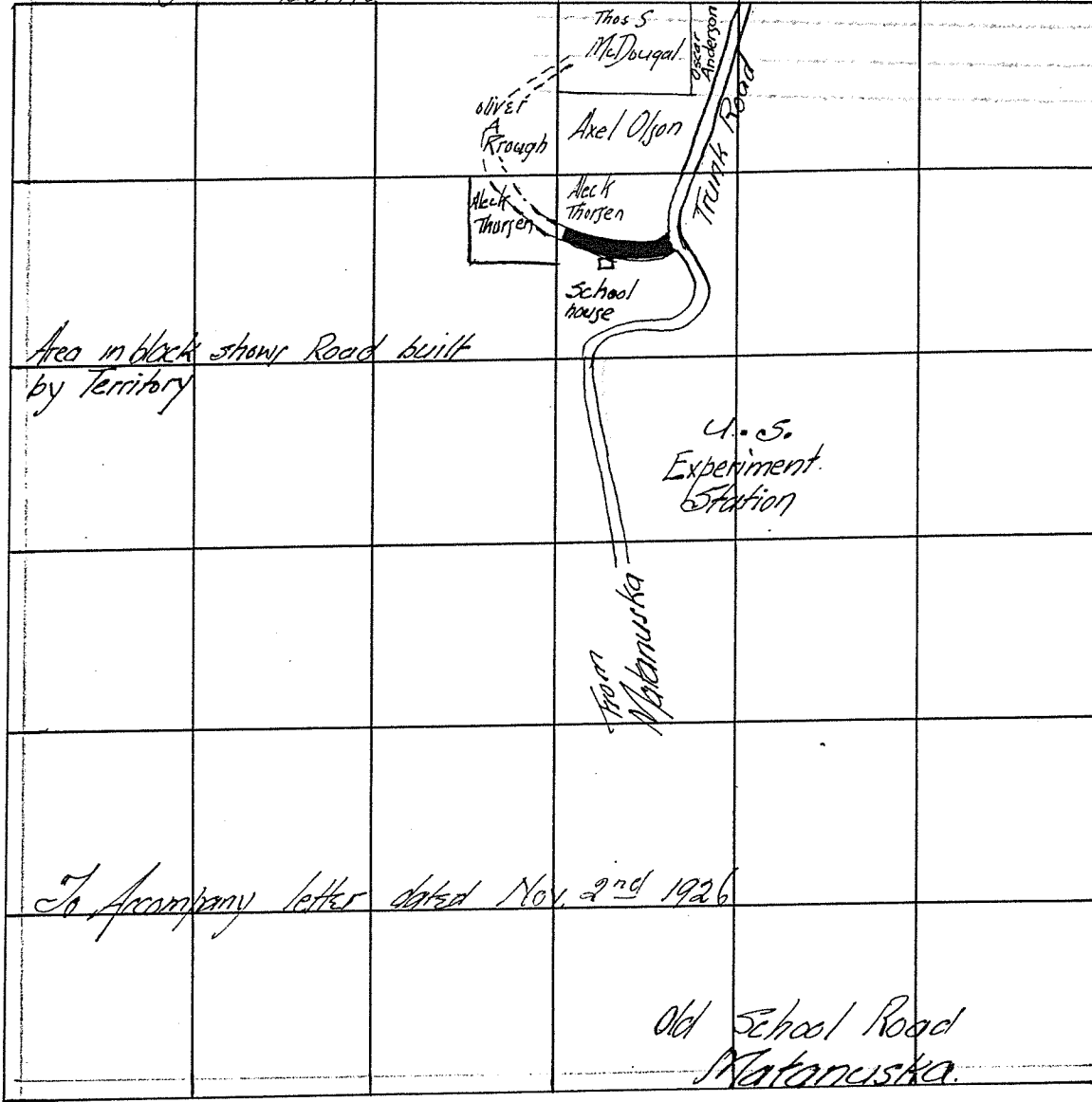
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To Palmer  
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From Wasilla via Finger Lake

To Palmer



Area in black shows Road built by Territory

U.S. Experiment Station

To Accompany letter dated Nov. 2nd 1926

Old School Road Mataruska

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