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GUIDE TO ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

151 Collections

988 Named Interviewees

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Introduction

The American Heritage Center (AHC) is the University of Wyoming's (UW) repository for historical manuscripts, rare books, and university archives. Internationally known for its historical collections, the AHC first and foremost serves the students and citizens of Wyoming. Access to the AHC is free and open to all.

This guide identifies 151 collections at the American Heritage Center that contain oral history material. For each collection, the guide provides historical context, a description of the collection's contents, details about the oral history component (including interviewee names where identifiable), available formats, access information, and a link to the full finding aid on Archives West.

Entries are arranged alphabetically by collection title. Each entry includes the collection number, date range, and format availability. Finding aids for most collections are available online through Archives West (archiveswest.orbiscascade.org). Catalog records for all collections may be found at uwcatalog.uwyo.edu.

Visitor and Contact Information

Current contact information and visitor information including location and hours of operation for the AHC Reading Room and the Toppan Rare Books Library can be found at www.uwyo.edu/ahc.

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Adrian A. Bantjes papers

*Dates: 1979-2010 | Collection #400057 | Formats: Digital**

Adrian A. Bantjes (1959-2010) was an associate professor of history at the University of Wyoming who joined the faculty in 1991. Born in Kingston, Ontario, Bantjes received his Ph.D. in Latin American history from the University of Texas at Austin. His research focused on the political, social, cultural, and religious history of twentieth-century Mexico, and he published 'As If Jesus Walked on Earth: Cardenismo, Sonora, and the Mexican Revolution,' for which he received the Michael C. Meyer Prize in 1997.

The collection comprises 14.55 cubic feet (16 boxes) plus 6.20 GB of digital content. Materials include scholarly output, research, drafts, publications, conference presentations, correspondence, syllabi, course notes, and documents related to university committees and grants. Materials are in English and Spanish.

Oral History Details:
The finding aid does not identify specific oral history interviews within the collection. The collection primarily documents Bantjes's scholarly output on the Mexican cultural revolution and Latin American history. No oral history audio recordings or transcripts are specifically enumerated.

Topics:
mexican revolution, latin american history, religious history, cultural revolution, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Alan K. Simpson papers

*Dates: 1911-2021 | Collection #10449 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Alan Kooi Simpson (born 1931) served three terms as a Republican U.S. Senator from Wyoming (1979-1997). He held leadership positions including majority leader and assistant minority leader, and chaired the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy. After retiring from the Senate, Simpson directed the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government (1998-2000).

The collection spans 382.78 cubic feet (771 boxes) plus 139.10 GB of digital materials and contains press relations and media activities records, photographs, campaign records, legislative records, office files, personal and family papers, Wyoming files, post-Senate activities files, audio and video tapes, and speeches. The collection documents Simpson's career in the Wyoming State Legislature and three terms in the U.S. Senate.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains multiple oral history interviews with Alan K. Simpson. An oral history interview is filed within the Nixon Library Board of Directors files (undated, Box 751, digital file ahcdm_10449_035). The Edward M. Kennedy Oral History Project materials (2006-2015, Box 752) document Simpson's participation. The National WWII Museum conducted an oral history interview with Simpson (October 11, 2016, digital files ahcdm_10449_068 and 071). A William Praxner Oral History Project interview (June 2009, digital file ahcdm_10449_018) and a Romano (Ron) Mazzoli Oral History Project interview (undated, digital file ahcdm_10449_048) are included in post-Senate activities. Family oral history interviews with Alan and Ann Simpson, and Pete and Lynn Simpson (2024, digital file ahcdm_10449_072) and Al Simpson parts 1-3 (2024, digital file ahcdm_10449_073) are also present.

Interviewees (4):
Alan K. Simpson, Ann Simpson, Pete Simpson, Lynn Simpson

Topics:
u.s. senate, immigration policy, wyoming politics, republican party, veterans affairs, world war ii

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Albert Maltz Papers

*Dates: 1910-1985 | Collection #02675 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Albert Maltz (1908-1985) was a screenwriter, playwright, and novelist. Educated at Columbia and Yale, he wrote Broadway plays and Hollywood screenplays including "The Robe" (1953). As a member of the "Hollywood Ten," Maltz refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947, resulting in imprisonment for contempt of Congress and blacklisting from the movie industry until the mid-1960s.

The collection (65.53 cubic feet, 70 boxes) contains materials on the Hollywood Ten and Maltz's blacklisting (photos, correspondence, court documents, pamphlets), reel-to-reel audio tapes of Maltz's 1947 HUAC testimony, play and screenplay manuscripts, short story and novel manuscripts, correspondence, biographical material including an oral history transcript (1983), diaries, and photographs.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an oral history transcript from 1983, documenting Maltz's career in theater and film, his experience with the Hollywood blacklist, and his creative work. The interview is housed in the biographical materials series. Additionally, reel-to-reel audio tapes of Maltz's 1947 testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities are preserved in the collection, though these constitute testimony rather than a formal oral history interview.

Interviewees (1):
Albert Maltz

Topics:
hollywood blacklist, screenwriting, house un-american activities committee, theater, motion pictures, censorship

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Amy M. Lawrence papers

*Dates: 1880-2005 | Collection #10559 | Formats: Transcript**

Amy Lawrence (1920-2019) was a journalist and Wyoming historian from Laramie. She worked for the Laramie Boomerang and Casper Tribune Herald, served as Rocky Mountain editor for Horse Lover's Magazine, and was active in multiple historical preservation organizations. She earned her M.A. in American Studies/Historical Preservation from the University of Wyoming in 1995.

The collection spans 1.25 cubic feet (2 boxes) and contains research materials for Lawrence's thesis and Wyoming history manuscripts, manuscripts by Lawrence, and personal files of correspondence and memorabilia. The research files include interviews (1989-1990) and a transcript of a Miller Ranch oral history (1992).

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a transcript of the Miller Ranch oral history (1992) within the research files (Sub-series 2, Research). A folder labeled 'Interviews' (1989-1990) contains additional interview materials gathered as part of Lawrence's historical research on Albany County, Wyoming. Lawrence was the interviewer for the Loyd Family History Materials collection (AHC 10535), conducting oral history interviews with Mary Loyd Malcolm.

Topics:
wyoming history, ranching, albany county, historic preservation, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Andrew Springs Gillespie papers

*Dates: 1890-1965 | Collection #00175 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

A. S. "Bud" Gillespie (1887-1965) was an Albany County, Wyoming, rancher who worked as a cowboy for the Swan Land and Cattle Company and gained recognition as a rodeo performer in the early 1900s. He co-authored "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches" (1955) with R. H. Burns and Willing G. Richardson. After retiring from ranching on the Laramie River and Rock Creek, Gillespie became an authority on Albany County history.

The collection (1.62 cubic feet, 4 boxes) contains correspondence, manuscripts, artifacts, and photographs documenting ranch, rodeo, and cowboy life in southern Wyoming. Audio materials include an oral history interview on audiocassette (September 30, 1949) and multiple reel-to-reel tapes. Select materials have been digitized and are available through UW Digital Collections.

Oral History Details:
A. S. Gillespie recorded an oral history on September 30, 1949, preserved on audiocassette and reel-to-reel tape. Topics discussed include the early cattle industry in Wyoming, Tom Horn, the case of George Black, the Wilcox train robbery, and the early University of Wyoming. Additional reel-to-reel recordings include Gillespie's comments on Tom Horn and longhorn cattle, Tom Horn and Willie Richards, and family recordings from 1968-1969.

Interviewees (1):
A. S. Gillespie

Topics:
ranching, rodeo, wyoming history, cattle industry, tom horn, albany county

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Ann Esquibel Redman oral history

*Dates: 2001-2022 | Collection #12900 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

Ann Esquibel Redman (b. 1935) was a leader and advocate for Latinos and Latina women in Wyoming. Born in Ledoux, New Mexico, she moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1950. She worked for the State of Wyoming for 22 years, spearheaded the Wyoming Centennial Commission, and founded the Wyoming Latina Youth Conference and the Hispanic Organization for Progress and Education (HOPE).

Collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 3.00 GB of digital materials. Materials include oral history interview audio recordings and a VHS video of Teno Roncalio's celebration banquet from December 29, 2001.

Oral History Details:
Oral history interview with Ann Esquibel Redman conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, in April-May 2022. Redman discusses her life experiences growing up and living in the Western United States, including her childhood in New Mexico, move to Cheyenne, Wyoming, 22-year career with the State of Wyoming, founding of Hispanic advocacy organizations, and involvement in Wyoming Democratic politics. The collection also includes a VHS video of Teno Roncalio's celebration banquet at the Hitching Post Inn in Cheyenne from 2001.

Interviewees (1):
Ann Esquibel Redman

Topics:
hispanic americans, latina women, wyoming politics, community advocacy, civil rights, wyoming history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Arthur C. Hall Papers

*Dates: 1896-2008 | Collection #11698 | Formats: Audio**

Arthur C. Hall (1909-2005) earned a bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering from Stanford University in 1929. He worked and consulted for mining companies throughout his career, most notably with the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO), overseeing mining operations in Mexico (1930s-1950s) and Peru (1950s).

The collection contains 4.76 cubic feet (6 boxes) organized in four series: Administrative Records, Maps/Blueprints/Charts, Other Records, and Personal Papers. Materials include business records, legal papers, correspondence, photographs, blueprints, maps, book drafts, and oral history recordings.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains two oral history items in Series IV (Personal Papers). One is an undated audio cassette recording of a reminiscence about Sir Ernest Shackleton in October 1916 (Box 4, Folder 8). The second is an oral history interview of Arthur C. Hall conducted by the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 2003, recorded on four CD-Rs (Box 4, Folder 9). The Hall interview covers his career in mining engineering and administration with ASARCO, including operations in Mexico, Peru, and Arizona. Hall also authored two books: "Nothing Down" (1992) and "Those Wonderful Years in Mexico" (1997), drafts of which are in the collection.

Interviewees (1):
Arthur C. Hall

Topics:
mining engineering, asarco, mexico, peru, mining industry, arizona

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Arthur Powell Davis papers

*Dates: 1864-1974 | Collection #01366 | Formats: Audio**

Arthur Powell Davis (1861-1933), nephew of John Wesley Powell, was a hydraulic engineer associated with the conservation movement. He joined the Reclamation Service in 1902 as Assistant Chief Engineer, became Chief Engineer and Director in 1914, and led the service through its reorganization into the Bureau of Reclamation in 1923. He later worked for the East Bay Municipal District in California and consulted on the Boulder (Hoover) Dam project.

The collection (10.75 cubic feet, 21 boxes) contains project files, correspondence, articles, biographical information including memoirs and diaries (Box 10, 1901-1933), photographs, and project maps. Oral history tapes (1974) containing reminiscences by Douglas Powell Davis, Arthur Powell Davis's nephew, are included, along with diary transcripts.

Oral History Details:
Douglas Powell Davis, nephew of Arthur Powell Davis, recorded oral history tapes in 1974 containing reminiscences about Arthur Powell Davis and the Davis family. The tapes were transferred to the audio-visual area. Topics covered include the Davis family history and Arthur Powell Davis's career with the Reclamation Service and Bureau of Reclamation.

Interviewees (1):
Douglas Powell Davis

Topics:
hydraulic engineering, bureau of reclamation, water resources, dam construction, conservation

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Aubrey Edwards, "Elected Roles: Visualizing (Under)Representation of Women in Wyoming Politics" oral history project

*Dates: 2022-2022 | Collection #12899 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Aubrey Edwards was a photographer, visual artist, and anthropologist from New Orleans, Louisiana. She held graduate degrees from the University of New Orleans and the University of Wyoming in urban studies, anthropology, and environment and natural resources. Edwards worked as a youth advocate and with miners in Kemmerer, Wyoming to preserve the town's heritage as a mining community.

Collection contains 1.27 GB of digital materials including the American Heritage Center Teaching and Research Grant application materials and 4 completed oral history interviews with audio recordings, transcripts, and portraits.

Oral History Details:
Four oral history interviews conducted in 2022 as part of the AHC Teaching and Research Grant project "Elected Roles: Visualizing (Under)Representation of Women in Wyoming Politics." Interviewees are: Representative Karlee R. Provenza (audio, transcript, portrait), Representative Andrea "Andi" A. Clifford (audio, transcript, portrait), Representative Trey Sherwood (audio, transcript, portrait), and Secretary of State Kathleen "Kathy" M. Karpan (audio and video, transcript, portrait). The project examines the underrepresentation of women in Wyoming state politics through the experiences of elected women officials.

Interviewees (4):
Karlee R. Provenza, Andrea A. Clifford, Trey Sherwood, Kathleen M. Karpan

Topics:
women in politics, wyoming politics, political representation, women legislators, state government

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Bancroft Library records

*Dates: 1959-1989 | Collection #05259 | Formats: Transcript**

The Bancroft Library is a research library located on the University of California, Berkeley campus. It is one of the largest and most used libraries of manuscripts, rare books, and unique materials in the United States. The library has conducted extensive oral history programs documenting California and western American history.

The collection (7.10 cubic feet, 8 boxes) consists of transcripts of oral history interviews that primarily focus on California wine industry history and mining industry history. The collection is composed entirely of oral history transcripts.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains transcripts of oral history interviews conducted by the Bancroft Library's oral history program. The interviews primarily document the California wine industry and mining industry. The finding aid does not enumerate individual interviewees or specific interview topics. A related collection of Bancroft Library oral history transcripts (1954-2012, Collection 400) is held at YRL Special Collections, University of California, Los Angeles.

Topics:
california wine industry, mining industry, california history, oral history program

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Barbara Jean Sammons Dinges oral history interview

*Dates: 1964-2020 | Collection #12809 | Formats: Transcript**

Barbara Jean Sammons Dinges was a telephone operator in Wheatland, Wyoming from 1959 to 1964. Her position was eliminated when Wheatland and Torrington converted to the dial telephone system in 1964. Dinges also worked as a telephone operator in Colorado.

Collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) with an oral history interview transcript and one photograph. The photograph shows Barbara Jean Sammons Dinges with Wyoming Governor Cliff Hansen.

Oral History Details:
One oral history interview titled "Memories of a Telephone Operator" conducted by Lucille Dumbrill in August 2020. Barbara Jean Sammons Dinges recounts her experiences working as a telephone operator in Colorado and Wyoming during the late 1950s and early 1960s, including the transition from manual switchboard operations to the automated dial system that eliminated her job. She discusses the visit of Wyoming Governor Cliff Hansen to the Wheatland telephone office.

Interviewees (1):
Barbara Jean Sammons Dinges

Topics:
telephone operators, wyoming history, telecommunications history, women's labor history, rural wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Boice Ranch (Wyo.) Oral History Interviews

*Dates: 2015-2015 | Collection #12614 | Formats: Video, Digital**

Boice Ranch, also known as the PO Ranch, is located north of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Fred and Margaret Boice managed and then acquired the ranch in the 1940s, operating it as a cattle ranch. The ranch has remained significant to the history of Laramie County ranching.

The collection contains 3.6 GB of digital content consisting of two DVD recordings of oral history interviews conducted in January and February 2015.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains two oral history interviews about Boice Ranch conducted by Mark Junge of the Wyoming Oral History Project at the Hartman residence in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The first interview on January 30, 2015 features Joan Faber, Mary Hartman, and Marietta Dinneen. The second interview on February 6, 2015 features Boice (first name not specified), Joan Faber, Mary Hartman, and Marietta Dinneen. Topics discussed include the history of Boice Ranch (PO Ranch), cattle ranching near Cheyenne, and the Boice family, particularly Fred and Margaret Boice.

Interviewees (3):
Joan Faber, Mary Hartman, Marietta Dinneen

Topics:
cattle ranching, ranch life, cheyenne wyoming, laramie county, wyoming ranches

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Byron Hirst papers

*Dates: 1920-2000 | Collection #10658 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Byron Hirst (1912-2000) was a prominent lawyer, businessman, and civic leader in Cheyenne, Wyoming, from 1943 until his retirement in 1987. He served as Laramie County Prosecuting Attorney (1943-1947), gaining national recognition for prosecuting corruption. He served in the Wyoming Senate (1953-1958) and was active in Republican Party politics, legal associations, and numerous civic organizations.

The collection spans 5.00 cubic feet (6 document boxes, 1 F-31 box, 1 F-24 box, and 1 F-41 folder) and contains biographical materials, law manuscripts, photographs, a scrapbook, and subject files documenting Hirst's civic, political, and legal career. Series I includes audio tapes and transcripts of interviews, and correspondence regarding collection plans and oral histories.

Oral History Details:
Series I (Biographical) contains audio tapes and a computer disk of Byron Hirst interviews (1999-2000, Box 2, Folder 1), along with transcripts of those interviews (1999-2000, Box 2, Folder 2). A folder titled 'Correspondence, Hirst Collection Plans, Old West Museum, Oral Histories, Appraisal' (1992-2000, Box 1, Folder 2) documents the planning and appraisal of Hirst's oral history recordings. The interviews cover Hirst's life and career in Cheyenne, Wyoming, his legal and political career, civic activities, and family history.

Interviewees (1):
Byron Hirst

Topics:
wyoming law, cheyenne politics, civic leadership, republican party, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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C.L. Rawlins papers

*Dates: 1962-2022 | Collection #12772 | Formats: Digital**

C.L. (Clem Lewis) "Chip" Rawlins (b. 1949) was a Wyoming author, poet, outdoor guide, and instructor. Born in Laramie, Wyoming, he attended Utah State University and was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University. He served as president of the Wyoming Outdoor Council and on the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and authored several books including "Sky's Witness: A Year in the Wind River Range."

Collection contains 8.45 cubic feet (9 boxes) plus 900.80 MB of digital materials. Materials include books, journals, magazines, poetry, manuscripts, correspondence, notes, photographs, and artwork related to Rawlins' work. Oral history materials are filed within the manuscripts subseries under the "Cowboy and West and Buck and Pole Primer" project.

Oral History Details:

The collection contains oral history research materials organized by geographic region within the manuscript series "Cowboy and West and Buck and Pole Primer." Oral history folders cover Montana, Oregon and western Idaho, Plains states, Texas, Utah and unpublished accounts, and Wyoming. These appear to be research materials gathered by Rawlins documenting cowboy culture, ranching, and Western life across multiple states. The oral histories are undated and relate to land use, grazing management, material culture, and work lore including roundups, branding, trails, and shepherding.

Topics:

western literature, cowboy culture, ranching, wyoming poetry, outdoor recreation

Access:

No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Charles G. Roundy papers

*Dates: 1970-1978 | Collection #03550 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Charles Gould Roundy worked as a research assistant at the University of Maine and as a research historian at the University of Wyoming. His research focused on dude ranching in Wyoming, and he presented his findings, including a paper titled "The Origins and Early Development of Dude Ranching in Wyoming," at the Western American History conference at Colorado State University in 1972.

The collection (0.75 cubic feet, 2 boxes) is organized into two series. Series I (Dude Ranching Oral Histories) contains 16 audio cassette tapes with interviews, corresponding transcripts for most interviews, notecards of dude ranchers and ranches, and articles and addresses on dude ranching history. Series II (Miscellaneous) contains conservation materials from Maine, book reviews, and other records.

Oral History Details:
Charles G. Roundy conducted at least 16 oral history interviews in 1972 with individuals engaged in Wyoming dude ranching. Interviewees and topics include: Mrs. John B. Duncan (Eaton Ranch), Tom and Nancy Ferguson (Eaton Ranch), Angela Buell (Sheridan), Allen "Ike" Fordyce (Tepee Lodge, Riverton), Peggy Schaeffer (Executive Secretary, Dude Ranchers Association), Mrs. Donald Siggins, Dick Frost (curator, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody), Alys Ritterbrown (Dead Indian Ranch), Fred Garlow (grandson of Buffalo Bill), Stanley Siggins (Triangle X Ranch, Cody), Glen Fales (Rimrock Ranch, Cody), Chuck Noles (Jackson/Cody), Mrs. Albert Nelson (Jackson guide), Dr. Elizabeth Anderson (Mase, Wyoming), Harold Turner (Triangle X Ranch), Mrs. Elizabeth Hayden (Jackson), Kathleen Starratt (Kelly), Wendell Wilson, Mrs. Roy Chambers (Flying Y Ranch, Kelly), Barton "Bud" Sailors, and I.H. Larson. Most interviews have both audio tapes and corresponding transcripts.

Interviewees (22):
Mrs. John B. Duncan, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Ferguson, Angela Buell, Allen "Ike" Fordyce, Peggy Schaeffer, Mrs. Donald Siggins, Dick Frost, Alys Ritterbrown, Fred Garlow, Stanley Siggins, Glen Fales, Chuck Noles, Mrs. Albert Nelson, Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, Harold Turner, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayden, Kathleen Starratt, Wendell Wilson, Mrs. Roy Chambers, Barton "Bud" Sailors, I.H. Larson

Topics:
dude ranching, wyoming tourism, western recreation, eaton ranch, buffalo bill

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. Prior to publication from audiotapes or their transcripts, permission must be obtained from particular persons interviewed. No signed releases were obtained.

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Charles M. Rath papers

*Dates: 1899-1957 | Collection #00771 | Formats: Transcript**

Charles Martin Rath (d. 1959) was a petroleum geologist active in the western United States. He grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1905, and worked in the copper and petroleum industries in Wyoming, Colorado, and Mexico. He joined the United States General Land Office in 1908 and later worked for Midwest Refining Company before becoming an independent consulting geologist until his death.

The collection (5.38 cubic feet, 6 boxes) contains mining and petroleum reports, field notes, and correspondence on oil fields and mining properties in the western U.S., primarily Colorado and Wyoming. Also included are a personal photograph album, scrapbook, geological tools, and an oral history transcript dated 1957.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes an oral history transcript of Charles M. Rath, dated 1957. The transcript documents Rath's career as a petroleum geologist in the American West, though the finding aid does not specify the interviewer or detailed topics covered.

Interviewees (1):
Charles M. Rath

Topics:
petroleum geology, mining, wyoming history, colorado, oil fields, western exploration

Access:
The personal files of Charles M. Rath (geological reports, correspondence, etc.) are to be used by qualified students for historical research only.

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Children on the Home Front: Wyoming in World War II Oral History Project

*Dates: 2008-2008 | Collection #12650 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Jessie Hughes, an undergraduate student in the University of Wyoming History Department, created this oral history project to collect firsthand accounts from individuals who were children in Wyoming during World War II. The interviews were conducted during the summer of 2008.

The collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 419 MB of digital content. Materials include oral history audio recordings on CD, email correspondence, questionnaires, a sight draft for beef production payment (1945), and a photocopy of a photograph of children.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains 11 oral history audio recordings conducted by Jessie Hughes during the summer of 2008. Each interview captures the childhood experiences of Wyoming residents during World War II. Named interviewees include: Barbara Franklin, Bill Dubois, Eva Burton, Gene Pain, Germaine St. John, Jim Hand, Lee Everling, Martha Lawlor, Roy Stalder, Beverly Holmes, and Joan Branscom. All interviews are available digitally. Supporting materials include email correspondence and questionnaires used in the interview process.

Interviewees (11):
Barbara Franklin, Bill Dubois, Eva Burton, Gene Pain, Germaine St. John, Jim Hand, Lee Everling, Martha Lawlor, Roy Stalder, Beverly Holmes, Joan Branscom

Topics:
world war ii, home front, childhood, wyoming wartime experience

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Clay Blair Papers

*Dates: 1575-1998 | Collection #08295 | Formats: Audio**

Clay Blair Jr. (1925-1998) was a journalist and military historian. He volunteered for submarine service in World War II and began his journalism career at Time-Life Corporation in 1949. He served as editor-in-chief of Curtis Publishing Company magazines and later became a freelance journalist and military historian. His works include "Silent Victory," "Hitler's U-Boat War," "The Search for JFK," "A General's Life" (on Omar Bradley), "The Forgotten War" (on Korea), and "Return from the River Kwai."

Collection contains extensive research materials organized into seventeen series, including research interviews (Series II), Hitler's U-Boat War research materials (Series III), cryptography research files (Series IV), Curtis Publishing Company records (Series V), professional and personal correspondence, manuscripts, photographs (1900-1970s), and publicity files. Contains taped interviews with naval personnel, submarine logs, operational directives, and reports.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains extensive research interviews across multiple projects. Series II (Research Interviews, 1970-1978) contains taped interviews with naval personnel for "Silent Victory," Blair's history of U.S. WWII Pacific submarine operations, including lists of skippers interviewed and wartime interview indices. "The Search for JFK" research includes taped interviews with friends and associates of John F. Kennedy concerning his childhood, college years, and early political career, with interview schedules, follow-ups, and Florida interviews documented (1973-1975). "Return from the River Kwai" research contains interview notes with both Australian and British personnel (1977-1978). Sub-series VIII contains additional research interviews (ca. 1987-1998) including an interview with Lucille Gutterman (1993), interview notes with Jurgen Rowher (1977-1994), a Clay Blair interview by Monika Wulfurs (1994), and an interview regarding JFK and the Inga Arvad affair (1996-1997). The collection also includes Babbage Oral History Abstracts (1998) related to U-boat war research and a "Survive" interview schedule.

Interviewees (3):
Lucille Gutterman, Jurgen Rowher, Clay Blair

Topics:
submarine warfare, world war ii, john f. kennedy, military history, u-boat war, oral history interviews, magazine publishing

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Clifford Evans papers

*Dates: 1946-1983 | Collection #06328 | Formats: Audio, Video**

Clifford Evans (d. 1983) was a broadcast journalist and executive. He began his career as a newspaper reporter in New York City before joining RKO General Broadcasting Corporation in 1963. Evans served as vice president and bureau director of RKO's Washington, D.C. news bureau from 1966 to 1983, working as a White House correspondent covering the Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan presidencies. He served as president of the White House Correspondents Association (1981-1982).

Collection contains 25.24 cubic feet (36 boxes), 4 envelopes, and 2 videotapes. Includes personal and business correspondence, notebooks, radio and television scripts, subject files, news surveys and reports, photographs of Evans and American politicians, news wires, press releases, audio tapes (reel-to-reel and cassette) of "Ladies of the Press" radio interviews and other broadcasts, clippings, press kits, and videotapes of Evans's 1974 interview with Rep. Peter Rodino.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audio recordings of interviews and broadcasts conducted by Clifford Evans in his capacity as a broadcast journalist. These include reel-to-reel and cassette tapes of the weekly radio interview show "Ladies of the Press," which Evans moderated and produced. The collection also includes two videotapes of Evans's 1974 interview with Rep. Peter Rodino, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate impeachment proceedings. As a White House correspondent, Evans conducted interviews with political figures during the administrations of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan.

Interviewees (1):
Peter Rodino

Topics:
broadcast journalism, white house correspondents, radio programs, american politics, rko broadcasting

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. A related Clifford Evans collection is preserved at Columbia University's Oral History Office.

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Cortlandt S. Dietler papers

*Dates: 1951-2005 | Collection #05329 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Cortlandt S. Dietler (1921-) was a Denver-based oil industry executive. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, then worked for the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company in Lebanon before returning to the United States. Dietler held leadership positions at multiple oil companies including Argo Oil and Western Nuclear, and served as president of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association.

Collection contains correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, and background information documenting Dietler's career in the oil industry, primarily relating to the Northern Tier Pipeline Company, Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association, and National Petroleum Council. Also includes newspaper articles and an oral history interview with Dietler conducted in 2005.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes an oral history interview with Cortlandt S. Dietler conducted on November 11, 2005, by Rick Ewig, Associate Director of the American Heritage Center. Dietler discussed his career in the oil and gas industry, including his work with the Northern Tier Pipeline Company, the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association, and the National Petroleum Council. Topics covered include natural gas deregulation, windfall profit tax, synthetic fuels financial incentives, and petroleum transportation in the western United States and Middle East.

Interviewees (1):
Cortlandt S. Dietler

Topics:
petroleum industry, oil pipelines, natural gas deregulation, rocky mountain oil and gas, oral history interview

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Curtis Spatz papers

*Dates: 1902-1975 | Collection #11241 | Formats: Audio**

Curtis Spatz was born in 1897 in Minnesota and moved to Hillsdale, Wyoming in 1907. He began working with his father in road construction in 1914 and later founded the Spatz Heavy Construction Company. He built and repaired roads throughout Wyoming before retiring in 1972.

The collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box). Materials include photographs of grading machinery on Wyoming road projects (1918-1959), 2 photographs of a sleigh ride in Minnesota (1902), correspondence with the Inland Construction Company (1936-1955), a notice of auction, a plat map, newspaper articles, and 2 audio cassettes containing an oral history of the Spatz family (1994).

Oral History Details:
Two audio cassettes contain an oral history of the Spatz family recorded in 1994. The oral history documents the family's involvement in road construction in Wyoming, beginning with Spatz's father who farmed, sold tractors and farm implements, and built roads. Topics include the construction of tarred roads in Wyoming, work with the Wyoming Highway Department, employment with the Inland Construction Company in Omaha (1936-1955), and the founding of the Spatz Heavy Construction Company.

Interviewees (1):
Curtis Spatz

Topics:
road construction, wyoming history, transportation infrastructure, family history, construction industry

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Dale B. and Muriel Fritz papers

*Dates: 1953-2019 | Collection #400087 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Dale B. Fritz was the Irrigation Specialist for the University of Wyoming ICA contract team in Kabul, Afghanistan, from 1953 to 1964. Born in Wyoming, Fritz served five years with the Marines in the Pacific during World War II. In 1953, he and his wife Muriel traveled with their three children to Afghanistan to help develop local agriculture and technology.

The collection comprises 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 9.78 GB of digital content. Materials include digital copies of two films documenting the Fritz family's experiences in Afghanistan, biographical information, oral histories with transcripts of Muriel Fritz, 35mm slides of Afghanistan, and books about Afghan culture.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains oral histories and transcripts of Muriel Fritz recorded in June 2016. Muriel Fritz discusses the family's experiences living in Afghanistan from 1953 to 1964, including daily life for Americans in Kabul, the University of Wyoming ICA contract team's agricultural work, and raising a family abroad during the Cold War era. Two films are also present: 'Afghanistan: People & Country' (1953) and 'Kabul, Afghanistan: Fritz & Baxter families' (1961).

Interviewees (1):
Muriel Fritz

Topics:
afghanistan, irrigation, agricultural development, cold war foreign aid, american families abroad

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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David F. Cook papers

*Dates: 1917-1991 | Collection #09858 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

David Franklin Cook (1896-1991) served as foreman of the Warren Live Stock Company's sheep operation for 41 years. Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Cook was a prolific writer who completed four books and numerous articles. He organized the first Boy Scout troop in Cheyenne in 1916 and was president of the Trap Shooting Club he helped organize in 1952.

The collection spans 5 cubic feet (5 boxes) and contains personal papers, correspondence, drafts of four books (Uncle Dave's Bedtime Yarns, Tales of a Shepherd, The Way It Was!, and Homespun Fables), original cassette tape recordings and transcripts from the oral history project 'Friends and Neighbors,' issues of The Fence Post newspaper, articles, newspaper clippings, and photographs and slides of the Warren Live Stock Company.

Oral History Details:
Series VI ('Friends and Neighbors Recordings') contains Cook's oral history project consisting of cassette tape recordings and transcripts about Cheyenne and other topics. Individual recorded segments include: '1A. Introduction,' '1. He Was a Great Guy,' '2. Guess What?,' '3. The Round Up,' '4. Believe It or Not,' and '5. A Bit of Irish.' The recordings are described as oral history audio tapes and document life in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the sheep ranching industry. The collection preserves Cook's firsthand accounts of the sheep industry in southeast Wyoming centered on the Warren Live Stock Company.

Interviewees (1):
David F. Cook

Topics:
sheep ranching, wyoming history, warren live stock company, cheyenne wyoming, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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David F. DeLap Papers

*Dates: 1923-1987 | Collection #10292 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

David Frank DeLap climbed the Grand Teton in 1923 while attending summer school at the University of Montana in Missoula. He joined fellow students Quin Blackburn and Andy DePirro in the ascent. DeLap was from Bozeman, Montana.

The collection occupies approximately 1 cubic foot (1 box) and contains correspondence, photographs, published accounts, personal recollections, and audiotapes related to DeLap's 1923 Grand Teton ascent. Also included are correspondence and photographs from William Owen's 1898 Grand Teton climb, general Teton mountaineering history materials, material on Quin Blackburn's participation in Admiral Byrd's second Antarctic expedition (1933-1935), and material on Jackson Hole pioneer James H. Mangus.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audiotapes and CD copies of David DeLap's oral account of his 1923 ascent of the Grand Teton, recorded in 1980 (Box 1, Folder 5). The recordings document his first-person recollection of the climb with Quin Blackburn and Andy DePirro. Digital reproductions of the oral account are available through UW Digital Collections. The collection also includes personal written accounts of the climb (1967, 1979).

Interviewees (1):
David F. DeLap

Topics:
mountaineering, grand teton, teton range, exploration, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Debra L. Donahue papers

*Dates: 1901-2022 | Collection #400146 | Formats: Digital**

Debra L. Donahue was a professor of law at the University of Wyoming College of Law from 1992 to 2013. She held degrees in wildlife science, wildlife biology, and law. Before entering academia, Donahue served as executive director of the Wyoming Outdoor Council and staff attorney for the National Wildlife Federation in Alaska. Her scholarship focused on public land grazing policy, endangered species protection, and climate change.

The collection comprises 7.55 cubic feet (7 boxes) plus 111.13 MB of digital content, organized in two series: Professional Papers and Lecture and Teaching materials. Materials include correspondence, photographs, College of Law materials, course notes, lectures, seminars, manuscripts, and one oral history recording that documents law librarianship rather than Donahue herself.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a copy of 'An Oral History of Law Librarianship' (copyright 2016 William S. Hein and Co., Inc.) in which Timothy G. Kearley was interviewed by Patrick Kehoe on October 4, 2016. This interview documents the history and practice of law librarianship. It is not an interview with Donahue herself, but is part of her professional papers. No oral history of Donahue is present in the collection.

Interviewees (1):
Timothy G. Kearley

Topics:
public lands law, environmental law, legal education, university of wyoming, law librarianship

Access:
No restrictions. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Donald Bogdan Pistol Pete papers

*Dates: 1971-2023 | Collection #300070 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Donald V. Bogdan (1945-2014) was the University of Wyoming's first Pistol Pete mascot. Born in Oakland, California, Bogdan attended San Jose State University before earning a master's degree in industrial arts education from UW. In 1970, he became the first student to portray Pistol Pete as a live-action mascot, transforming it from a logo into an energizing presence at athletic events. He received the Admiral Emory S. Land Award for promoting athletics.

The collection comprises 0.35 cubic feet (2 boxes) plus 2.36 GB of digital content. Materials include biographical information, a signed poster of Bogdan as Pistol Pete (1971), photographs, excerpts from George Henderson's book 'Krazy George: Still Krazy After All These Cheers,' and one oral history interview.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview conducted by John Waggener with George Henderson on September 19, 2023. Henderson, Bogdan's former roommate at San Jose State University and business partner, discusses Donald Bogdan's life, his role as the University of Wyoming's first Pistol Pete mascot, their friendship, and their co-founding of Krazy's Restaurant and Bar in Santa Cruz. Henderson, known professionally as 'Krazy George,' is credited with creating 'the Wave' stadium cheer. The interview focuses on Bogdan rather than Henderson.

Interviewees (1):
George Henderson

Topics:
university mascots, university of wyoming athletics, school spirit, cheerleading history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Donald Knox Papers

*Dates: 1942-1981 | Collection #11597 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Donald Knox (1936-1986) was an American author, director, and producer of television documentaries. He authored "Death March: The Survivors of Bataan" (1981) and "The Korean War: Uncertain Victory" (1985). Knox served as Executive Producer at KTCA-TV in Minneapolis/St. Paul and won Emmy and Peabody awards for his documentary work.

The collection contains 3.63 cubic feet (5 boxes) organized in three series: Oral History Audio Tapes, Oral History Transcripts, and Professional Papers. Materials include approximately 80 audio cassette tapes of oral history interviews, transcripts of the interviews, book manuscripts, photographs, negatives, research files, maps, microfilm, and clippings.

Oral History Details:
Knox conducted extensive oral history interviews with survivors of the Bataan Death March and American prisoners of war in World War II. Series I contains approximately 80 audio cassette tapes. Series II contains corresponding transcripts. Named interviewees include: Alfred Schreiber, Kermit Lay, Andy Aquila, Ben Guyton, Ben Saccone, Bill Mattson, Bill Wright, Blair Robinett, Charles McCartin, Clete Overton, Dan Stoudt, Daniel Nugent, David Huddle, Eddy Laursen, Edward Buchner, Elliott Lewis, Eunice Young, Ferron Cummins, Forrest Knox, Frank Stecklein, Fred Gifford, Gen. Robert Taylor, George Small, Gerald Wade, H.G. Tyson, Hadley Watson, Harold Feiner, Hauser, Fryziuk, Houston Turner, Ishmael Cox, Jack Brady, James Caire, James Cavanaugh, Joe Upton, John Falconer, John Spainhower, Lee Davis, Leon Beck, Leona Gastinger, Lloyd Mills, Marion Lawton, Mark Herbst, Mark Wohlfeld, Jerome McDavitt, Mel Madero, Paul Sarno, Phillip Coon, Ralph Levenberg, Robert Brown, Roy Diaz, Stanley Sommers, Theodore Bigger, Victor Mapes, Wilburn Snyder, William Sniezko, William Wallace, Wolfersberger, Cook, Jim Attwell, Hattie Brantley, William R. Evans, Kenneth Day, John Posten, John Mamerow, Wayne Lewis, Bill Garleb, and Wm. 'Cowboy' Wright. Topics include the fall of Bataan, the Death March, imprisonment at Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, and Davao, hell ships, forced labor, escape attempts, liberation, and repatriation. The interviews formed the basis for Knox's book "Death March: The Survivors of Bataan."

Interviewees (64):
Alfred Schreiber, Kermit Lay, Andy Aquila, Ben Guyton, Ben Saccone, Bill Mattson, Bill Wright, Blair Robinett, Charles McCartin, Clete Overton, Dan Stoudt, Daniel Nugent, David Huddle, Eddy Laursen, Edward Buchner, Elliott Lewis, Eunice Young, Ferron Cummins, Forrest Knox, Frank Stecklein, Fred Gifford, Robert Taylor, George Small, Gerald Wade, H.G. Tyson, Hadley Watson, Harold Feiner, Houston Turner, Ishmael Cox, Jack Brady, James Caire, James Cavanaugh, Joe Upton, John Falconer, John Spainhower, Lee Davis, Leon Beck, Leona Gastinger, Lloyd Mills, Marion Lawton, Mark Herbst, Mark Wohlfeld, Jerome McDavitt, Mel Madero, Paul Sarno, Phillip Coon, Ralph Levenberg, Robert Brown, Roy Diaz, Stanley Sommers, Theodore Bigger, Victor Mapes, Wilburn Snyder, William Sniezko, William Wallace, Jim Attwell, Hattie Brantley, William R. Evans, Kenneth Day, John Posten, John Mamerow, Wayne Lewis, Bill Garleb, William Wright

Topics:
bataan death march, world war ii, prisoners of war, philippines, military history, veterans

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. Copyright restriction: All material and information contained in the tapes and/or transcripts are the exclusive property of the survivors. No material or information may be published without the prior consent of each survivor. No material from the Wilburn L. Snyder tapes or transcripts may be published at any time.

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E. Gerald Meyer papers

*Dates: 1930-2020 | Collection #400074 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

E. Gerald Meyer (b. 1919) was a chemist and academic administrator. He received his doctorate from the University of New Mexico in 1950 and served on the faculties of the University of Albuquerque and New Mexico Highlands University before joining the University of Wyoming in 1963 as Professor of Chemistry and Dean of Arts and Sciences. He became Vice President for Research in 1976, retiring in 1990 as professor emeritus. Meyer also served on the Laramie City Council and as President of the Coal Technology Corporation.

The collection comprises 16.15 cubic feet (22 boxes) plus 26.63 GB of digital content, organized in three series: Undergraduate and Graduate Coursework, Career, and Personal Papers. Materials include lab reports, class notebooks, photographs, print materials, phonograph records, and an oral history.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a multi-session oral history interview with E. Gerald Meyer conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, from September 2019 through March 2020. The interview includes audio recordings, digital images (October 25, 2019), and transcripts. Topics cover Meyer's career as a professor and administrator at the University of Wyoming, his role as Dean of Arts and Sciences, his service as Vice President for Research, his work with the Coal Technology Corporation, and his involvement in Laramie civic life. The oral history is located in Series II, Sub-series 2 (University of Wyoming Professor and Dean of Arts and Sciences).

Interviewees (1):
E. Gerald Meyer

Topics:
university administration, chemistry, higher education, university of wyoming, coal technology

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Ed McNeely papers

Dates: 1909-1972 | Collection #05862

Ed McNeely (1901-1979) was a resident of Cody, Wyoming, where he operated an apparel shop called Cowboy Outfitters. McNeely wrote manuscripts about Wyoming communities and history, including Byron, Greybull, and the Big Horn Basin.

Collection contains 0.55 cubic feet (1 box and 1 folder) of manuscripts concerning Byron, Greybull, and Big Horn Basin, Wyoming; biographies of prominent individuals in Wyoming history; newspaper clippings about Cody, Wyoming; photographs of the Cody area including McNeely's Cowboy Outfitters and the Earl Durand incident of 1939; and periodical issues of Frontier Times, Golden West, Great West, Gunslingers of the West, Old West, and True West.

Oral History Details:

The finding aid references an Ed McNeely oral history interview held at the Oral History Collection, Department of Oral History, University of South Carolina. This oral history is not part of the AHC collection but is noted as related material. The AHC collection itself does not appear to contain oral history materials, though McNeely's manuscripts address Wyoming frontier and local history topics.

Topics:

wyoming history, cody wyoming, big horn basin, western frontier, local history

Access:

There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. A related oral history interview is held at the University of South Carolina.

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Edith Stuart Jackson papers

*Dates: 1860-1978 | Collection #09557 | Formats: Transcript**

Edith Stuart Jackson (1906-1982) was a historian and expert on the history of Cripple Creek, Colorado. Born in Colorado Springs and raised in the Cripple Creek Mining District, Jackson graduated from Colorado Teacher's College in 1928. She earned an M.A. in history from Ohio State University in 1960, authoring a thesis on the history of journalism in Victor, Colorado.

The collection spans 42.07 cubic feet (43 boxes) and contains Jackson's notebooks and research files with correspondence, oral histories, and notes about the Cripple Creek area. Photographs and negatives of the area and its inhabitants, Spanish-American War photographs, Cripple Creek area newspapers, microfilm reels, over twenty maps, twenty-five U.S. Bureau of Mining reports, more than two hundred books, a transcript of a 1914 account by Robert Gardiner concerning the discovery of the Cresson Vug gold vein, and a copy of Jackson's thesis are included.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains oral histories within Jackson's research files concerning the Cripple Creek, Colorado mining district and its inhabitants. These oral histories are embedded within the broader research files and relate to the social and economic history of the mining community. A transcript of a 1914 account by Robert Gardiner concerning the discovery of the Cresson Vug gold vein is also present. Specific interviewee names are not identified in the finding aid.

Topics:
mining history, cripple creek colorado, western history, journalism history, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Edward E. Booher papers

*Dates: 1949-1981 | Collection #08393 | Formats: Transcript**

Edward E. Booher (b. 1911) was a publishing executive with McGraw-Hill Book Company. He joined the company in 1936, served as its president from 1960 to 1968, and as chairman of the board from 1968 to 1970. Booher was president of McGraw-Hill's books and educational services group from 1970 to 1976 and became a publishing consultant in 1978.

Collection contains 2 cubic feet (2 boxes) of files including correspondence, manuscripts, and printed materials related to publishing activities; memorandums (1960-1975); transcripts of oral history interviews of Booher; reports on reorganization of McGraw-Hill international operations (1970); and miscellaneous other materials.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes transcripts of oral history interviews with Edward E. Booher. The interviews cover his career at McGraw-Hill Book Company, where he served in executive positions spanning more than four decades. Topics likely include the publishing industry, book production and distribution, educational publishing, and the management of McGraw-Hill's international operations. No specific interviewer or dates for the oral histories are noted in the finding aid.

Interviewees (1):
Edward E. Booher

Topics:
publishing industry, mcgraw-hill, book industry, educational publishing, oral history transcripts

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Edward J. Cleary papers

*Dates: 1933-1987 | Collection #03841 | Formats: Transcript**

Edward J. Cleary (1906-1984) was a sanitary engineer who served as Executive Director and Chief Engineer of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO). He previously worked as a civil engineer with Edison Industries and as a reporter and editor for Engineering News-Record magazine. During WWII, he served as a war correspondent in Latin America. He also taught at the University of Cincinnati Medical School from 1955 to 1975.

The collection (5.10 cubic feet, 5 boxes and 1 folder) contains published and manuscript writings on public works, correspondence, American Public Works Association history materials, periodical issues and newsletters of the Public Works Historical Society, an oral history transcript with Mark B. Owen, ORSANCO reports and commentaries, and pollution control reports.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a transcript of an oral history with Mark B. Owen, a member of the Public Works Historical Society. The interview documents Owen's involvement with public works history and the PWHS. The oral history is not about Cleary himself but about Owen's work in the public works field.

Interviewees (1):
Mark B. Owen

Topics:
sanitary engineering, public works, water pollution, orsanco, civil engineering

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Edward Offley papers

*Dates: 1934-2009 | Collection #12778 | Formats: Digital**

Edward "Ed" Offley was a historian and journalist focused on military topics. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1969, served in the Navy aboard the USS Midway with deployment to Vietnam, and began his reporting career in 1981. He authored five books on naval history including "The Burning Shore" and "Turning the Tide."

Collection contains 3.45 cubic feet (4 boxes) plus 4.75 MB of digital materials. Materials include primary source documents, handwritten notes, printed materials, manuscript materials, newspaper articles, and magazines organized in two series: "Turning the Tide" and "The Burning Shore." No oral history materials are present in this collection.

Oral History Details:
This collection does not contain oral history interviews. The materials consist of research files for Offley's books on World War II naval history, including documentation of U-boat campaigns, convoy operations, and Allied anti-submarine warfare in the Atlantic Ocean.

Topics:
world war ii, naval history, military history, u-boat warfare, atlantic ocean campaigns, journalism

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Edward Stanley papers

*Dates: 1937-1989 | Collection #09865 | Formats: Video, Transcript**

Edward Stanley was a journalist and author born in Aurora, Nebraska. He joined the Associated Press in 1928, served as Deputy Director of the Office of War Information during World War II, and directed NBC's Public-Affairs and Education Department from 1950 to 1968, supervising over 3,000 radio and television programs including Meet the Press and Continental Classroom.

The collection spans 1.47 cubic feet (3 boxes) and contains newspaper articles written by Stanley, newspaper front pages of his first AP bylines, prototypes for a newspaper project, correspondence, photographs, and interview transcripts. A DVD of 'Conversations with Elder Wise Men - A Visit With Carl Sandburg' hosted by Stanley (February 8, 1953) is included.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains three interview transcripts: a Smithsonian Archives of Art oral history interview with Edward Stanley (July 27, 1965), an undated interview transcript titled 'Edward Stanley, an interview,' and a transcript of 'The Eternal Light: A Conversation with Rabbi Louis Finkelstein' conducted by Edward Stanley (September 13, 1964). A DVD of 'Conversations with Elder Wise Men - A Visit With Carl Sandburg' from the NBC series (1952-1956) is also included.

Interviewees (3):
Edward Stanley, Louis Finkelstein, Carl Sandburg

Topics:
journalism, broadcasting, nbc television, world war ii, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Eleanor Livingston papers

*Dates: 1856-1972 | Collection #04576 | Formats: Audio**

Eleanor Mulford Livingston (1928-2018) was a scientist and engineer. She graduated from Vassar College in 1941 with a degree in American history and served as a Captain in the Women's Army Corps during WWII. She later worked for General Electric at the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department and National Reactor Testing Station. She earned three degrees from the University of Wyoming between 1965 and 1969, including an M.S. in electrical engineering with a bioengineering focus.

The collection (5.29 cubic feet, 9 boxes) contains bound volumes of The Evening Post, engravings, newspaper clippings concerning the Office of Indian affairs and "The Sumner Memorial," cassette tapes of an oral history interview with Mrs. Moudy, and published music and phonograph albums.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes cassette tapes of an oral history interview with Mrs. Moudy, in which she provides reminiscences titled "Once Upon a Time in the West." The finding aid does not specify the interviewer, the date of the recording, or the precise topics covered beyond western reminiscences. The interview subject is Mrs. Moudy, not the collection creator Eleanor Livingston.

Interviewees (1):
Mrs. Moudy

Topics:
oral history, western reminiscences, women in science, engineering

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Ellen Crago Mueller papers

*Dates: 1970-1995 | Collection #08938 | Formats: Transcript**

Ellen Crago Mueller (b. 1917) was a historian and genealogist who compiled materials on Wyoming burial sites, towns, and pioneer history. She conducted oral history interviews with Wyoming pioneers to document firsthand accounts of early settlement in the state.

Collection contains 1.4 cubic feet (4 boxes) of materials compiled by Mueller concerning Wyoming burial sites and towns, six oral history transcripts of interviews with Wyoming pioneers, and miscellaneous other materials.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains six oral history transcripts of interviews with Wyoming pioneers conducted by Ellen Crago Mueller. The interviewees documented in the finding aid's personal names section are: Jay Berry, May Berry, Edna Federer, Theodore Federer, Nellie Pennington Nelson, Kate Fitzgerald Richards, and Andreas Willadsen. The interviews capture firsthand accounts of pioneer life in Wyoming, covering periods from pre-statehood through the mid-twentieth century. The transcripts document settlement history, rural life, and community development in Wyoming.

Interviewees (7):
Jay Berry, May Berry, Edna Federer, Theodore Federer, Nellie Pennington Nelson, Kate Fitzgerald Richards, Andreas Willadsen

Topics:
wyoming pioneers, genealogy, burial sites, wyoming settlement history, oral history transcripts

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Eugene E. Wilson papers

Dates: 1962-1967 | Collection #02164

Eugene Edward Wilson (1887-1974) was a United States Navy veteran, pilot, and businessman. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1908 and served in the U.S. Navy and Bureau of Aeronautics, contributing to the development of the Pratt and Whitney "Wasp" engine. Upon retiring as Lieutenant Commander in 1930, he became president of Hamilton Standard Propeller Corporation, Sikorsky Aviation Corporation, Chance Vought Corporation, and United Aircraft Corporation.

The collection (0.45 cubic feet, 1 box) contains a booklet titled "Hawks and Doves in the Nez Perce War of 1877" about recollections of Eugene T. Wilson's service with General O. O. Howard's civilian volunteers, books and pamphlets by Eugene E. Wilson on aviation and Navy history, and a publication about Wilson by Francis P. Antel.

Oral History Details:
The finding aid notes that an oral history interview with Eugene E. Wilson was conducted in 1962 and is held at Columbia University. No oral history materials are physically present in the AHC collection; the reference serves as a cross-reference to related materials at another institution.

Interviewees (1):
Eugene E. Wilson

Topics:
aviation, u.s. navy, nez perce war, military history, aeronautics

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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F. Paul Baxter papers

*Dates: 1958-2020 | Collection #400080 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

F. Paul Baxter (b. 1933) was a soils specialist, ecologist, and professor who served on the University of Wyoming team at Kabul University, Afghanistan, from 1958 to 1962. He taught soil science and geology and conducted research on reclamation of saline and sodic soils. Baxter earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1969.

The collection comprises 1.35 cubic feet (5 boxes) plus 122.14 GB of digital content. Materials include photographic slides (over 1,000 digitized 35mm slides), negatives, correspondence, an autobiographical sketch, newspaper clippings, publications, oral histories, a map of Kabul, and books about Afghanistan.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains multiple oral history recordings by F. Paul Baxter. 'Oral Histories: Afghanistan' (2007) includes recordings covering the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, a Gardez trip, Helmand Valley, and Kabul University. A separate 'Helmand Valley Reflections' interview was recorded on September 9, 2017. The oral histories document Baxter's experiences as a soils specialist in Afghanistan, his work at Kabul University, and his observations of Afghan agriculture and society during the late 1950s and early 1960s. An autobiographical essay, 'Our Lives Before the Afghanistan Adventure: May 1957-February 1958,' also provides context.

Interviewees (1):
F. Paul Baxter

Topics:
afghanistan, soil science, usaid, kabul university, cold war foreign aid, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Fort Caspar Museum (Casper, Wyo.) Mineral Resources Oral History Project

*Dates: 1983-1984 | Collection #12597 | Formats: Transcript**

The Fort Caspar Museum conducted an oral history project from 1983 to 1984 with a grant from the Wyoming Humanities Council. The project documented the history of mineral resources in Wyoming through interviews with individuals connected to the state's mining and mineral industries.

The collection comprises 0.55 cubic feet (2 boxes) containing transcripts (copies) and signed releases of oral history interviews. No audio recordings are noted in the finding aid.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains transcripts of approximately 26 oral history interviews and a round-table discussion. Named interviewees include: Richard W. Waggener (1983), Andy Ruskanen (1984), Dean Stevens (1984), Gail Masfield (1984), Stanley Kuzara (1984), Myron Hubley (1984), Glenn Hill (1983), Mildred Barber (undated), Eugene Potter (1984), Art Mashek (1984), S.K. Briggs (1984), Norma Brown (1984), Dave Bennett (1984), Ed Willard (1984), Jake Negley (1984), Earl Scott (1984), Paul Wataha (1983), Clara Jensen Patterson (undated), Daniel Jackson Masterson (1983), Lucy Roberts (undated), Lee Day (1983), Pauline Schultz (1983), Charles Morgan (undated), and Hugh Palmer (1983). Oral histories regarding Amelia Agusta Anderson and Andy B. Allen (both undated) are also included. A round-table discussion recorded at Hanna, Wyoming (1984) completes the collection. All interviews focus on the history of mineral resources in Wyoming.

Interviewees (26):
Richard W. Waggener, Andy Ruskanen, Dean Stevens, Gail Masfield, Stanley Kuzara, Myron Hubley, Glenn Hill, Mildred Barber, Amelia Agusta Anderson, Andy B. Allen, Eugene Potter, Art Mashek, S.K. Briggs, Norma Brown, Dave Bennett, Ed Willard, Jake Negley, Earl Scott, Paul Wataha, Clara Jensen Patterson, Daniel Jackson Masterson, Lucy Roberts, Lee Day, Pauline Schultz, Charles Morgan, Hugh Palmer

Topics:
mineral resources, mining history, wyoming industry, fort caspar museum, hanna wyoming

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Frank O. Prior papers

*Dates: 1915-1983 | Collection #06659 | Formats: Transcript**

Frank O. Prior (1895-1984) was an oil industry executive who began his career in 1919 as a laborer at the Midwest Oil Company in the Salt Creek oil field in Wyoming. He rose through leadership positions at the Dixie Oil Company and Stanolind Oil and Gas Company before becoming president of Standard Oil Company of Indiana in 1955 and chairman of the board in 1958. He retired in 1960.

Collection contains 12 cubic feet (12 boxes) of notebooks with memoirs and information on Standard Oil Company of Indiana (1915-1978), subject files (1919-1982), reports (1951-1981), research files (1951-1972), transcripts of interviews with Prior conducted by Paul H. Giddens, correspondence (1950-1951, 1982-1983), three photograph albums of Midwest Refining Company oil fields and refineries in Wyoming from the 1920s, and genealogical information on the Prior and Wistar families.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes transcripts of interviews with Frank O. Prior conducted by Paul H. Giddens (1903-1984), a petroleum industry historian. The interviews cover Prior's career in the oil industry, from his early work as a laborer at the Salt Creek oil field in Wyoming through his rise to chairman of Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Topics include operations of Midwest Oil Company, Dixie Oil Company, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, and Standard Oil Company of Indiana, as well as Wyoming petroleum industry history.

Interviewees (1):
Frank O. Prior

Topics:
petroleum industry, standard oil company, wyoming oil fields, salt creek oil field, oral history transcript

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Frederick Albert Gutheim papers

*Dates: 1875-1994 | Collection #07470 | Formats: Audio**

Frederick Gutheim (1908-1993) was an urban and regional planner, architectural critic, and preservationist based in Washington, D.C. He earned his degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1931 and worked for federal agencies involved with housing and planning from 1933 to 1947, including the National Housing Agency during World War II. He worked closely with Catherine Bauer at the U.S. Housing Authority and later pursued careers as a writer, academic, and planning practitioner.

Collection contains materials related to Gutheim's professional and personal life, covering urban and regional planning, architectural criticism, historic preservation, land conservation, and museum studies. Includes manuscripts of essays, speeches, and books; grant applications; photographs and slides; correspondence; notes; sketches; films; records; audio tapes; and pamphlet material. The collection reflects changing attitudes toward planning and preservation from the early 1930s to the 1980s.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains multiple oral history and interview recordings. These include: an oral history with Dana White (1979), covering topics related to Frederick Law Olmsted and historic preservation; a Peerless Rockville Oral History (1985-1989), documenting the historic preservation organization in Rockville, Maryland; a Foundation History interview (1983); an interview with Karel Yasko (1981); interviews with Sandra Scott (1968); and an audio tape with accompanying script of an interview with Frederick Gutheim at the Guggenheim Museum (1960), recorded on reel-to-reel tape. The collection also contains radio interview phonograph records (78 rpm).

Interviewees (4):
Dana White, Frederick Gutheim, Sandra Scott, Karel Yasko

Topics:
urban planning, architectural criticism, historic preservation, land conservation, museum studies, oral history recordings

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Frederick Hutchinson Porter papers

Dates: 1880-1975 | Collection #00158

Frederick Hutchinson "Bunk" Porter (1890-1976) practiced architecture in Cheyenne, Wyoming, through several firm partnerships from 1915 to 1965. He designed residential, commercial, and public buildings throughout Wyoming, including the federal building in Cheyenne and 40 buildings on the University of Wyoming campus. Porter also produced watercolor paintings that received awards at Cheyenne fairs and exhibitions.

The collection (5 cubic feet, 9 boxes) includes blueprints of Wyoming buildings (1899-1965), architectural drawings, negatives, black and white photographs, 20 pieces of correspondence, biographical material, lists of buildings designed by Porter and associates, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, subject files, awards, and certificates. A release form for oral history tapes related to the Wyoming State Art Gallery is also present.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a release form for oral history tapes associated with the Wyoming State Art Gallery, indicating Porter's participation in recorded oral history documentation. No transcripts or audio recordings are listed in the finding aid inventory; the release form is the sole evidence of oral history activity within this collection.

Interviewees (1):
Frederick Hutchinson Porter

Topics:
architecture, wyoming history, public buildings, university of wyoming, cheyenne history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Gale W. McGee papers

*Dates: 1916-1992 | Collection #09800 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Gale McGee (1915-1992) was a University of Wyoming history professor, U.S. Senator from Wyoming (1959-1977), and U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States (1977-1981). McGee served on the Appropriations, Foreign Relations, Commerce, and Post Office and Civil Service committees during his three terms in the Senate. He was an internationalist and strong supporter of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

The collection spans 597.33 cubic feet (1,088 boxes plus artifacts and art) plus 2.50 GB of digital materials. It includes legislative papers with departmental, committee, and study-mission files, constituent correspondence, speeches, photographs, scrapbooks, campaign materials, personal correspondence, memoirs, artifacts, films, and audiotapes of interviews. Series XIV contains extensive audio-visual materials including reel audio tapes, cassettes, film, voicewriter discs, phonograph records, VHS tapes, and digital audio and video files.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains multiple oral history interviews with and about Gale McGee. Series XI includes an 'Oral History Interview with Gale W. McGee' conducted by the Former Members of Congress project (1979), and an 'Oral History Project: Ambassador Gale McGee' conducted by the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Foreign Affairs (1988) covering his time in the Senate, Vietnam, and the OAS. McGee participated in oral history interviews with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and the LBJ Presidential Library, discussing foreign policy, political campaigns, the John Birch Society, Vietnam, and funding for Wyoming projects. Series V includes a folder for 'Personal - Oral History Project - Johnson, Lyndon B.' (1969). The collection documents McGee's relationships with Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Audio-visual materials span 14 subseries including reel tapes, cassettes, and digital files. Related oral history materials exist at the Association for Diplomatic Studies & Training (Foreign Affairs Oral History Project, 1988 interview) and C-SPAN.

Interviewees (1):
Gale W. McGee

Topics:
u.s. senate, wyoming politics, vietnam war, foreign relations, organization of american states, cold war

Access:
Some personal materials closed until 2025.

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Gene M. Gressley papers

*Dates: 1960-1988 | Collection #400051 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Gene M. Gressley joined the University of Wyoming in 1956 as University Archivist and built the program that became the American Heritage Center, serving as its director until 1988. He authored several books including 'Bankers and Cattleman' and 'Voltaire and the Cowboy: the Letters of Thurman Arnold.' He served as the twenty-fourth president of the Western History Association.

The collection comprises 9.65 cubic feet (22 boxes) organized in four series: Correspondence, Research Materials, Biographical Materials, and Writings. The Research Materials series contains oral history transcripts and cassette tapes, along with an extensive petroleum history bibliography spanning the period 1859-1951.

Oral History Details:

Series II (Research Materials) contains oral history transcripts and cassette tapes of interviews with associates of Thurman Arnold, the Wyoming-born antitrust lawyer and government official. Transcripts include Roy Mason (1976), Robert Rose (1976), and Virginia Rose (1976). Cassette tape interviews include: Frances Arnold (wife of Thurman Arnold, 1971), George Arnold (son, 1973), Olga M. Arnold (sister-in-law, 1971), Collbram (1971), Hugh Cox (antitrust lawyer), Gesell-Cohen, Milton Friedman (economist), Abe Fortas (Supreme Court Justice), William McGovern, Victor H. Kramer (antitrust lawyer), Carolyn Agger (tax lawyer), Abe Krash (lawyer), Paul Porta (lawyer), Ned Randolph (politician), Marguerite O'Brien (secretary), and Robert Rose (judge). These interviews document the personal and professional life of Thurman Arnold.

Interviewees (16):

Frances Arnold, George Arnold, Olga M. Arnold, Hugh Cox, Milton Friedman, Abe Fortas, Victor H. Kramer, Carolyn Agger, William McGovern, Abe Krash, Paul Porta, Ned Randolph, Marguerite O'Brien, Robert Rose, Roy Mason, Virginia Rose

Topics:

thurman arnold, antitrust law, petroleum history, western history, american heritage center, archival history

Access:

No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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George W. Hufsmith Papers

*Dates: 1923-2007 | Collection #12524 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

George W. Hufsmith (1924-2002) graduated from Yale with a degree in musical composition and settled near Jackson, Wyoming. He served three terms in the Wyoming House of Representatives and founded the Grand Teton Music Festival in 1961. Hufsmith composed the opera "The Sweetwater Lynching," which premiered in 1976, and published "The Wyoming Lynching of Cattle Kate" in 1993.

The collection comprises 12 cubic feet (18 containers) of original music scores, production notes, audio and video recordings, publicity materials, research files, correspondence, clippings, photographs, and political campaign materials. Oral history content includes interview transcripts of Hufsmith by E. Wenstrom (1997), an oral history transcript by Kleber Hadsell (1965), and an oral history transcript of Marie Danks (1975). Audio cassettes and CDs of interviews and compositions are present throughout.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains three oral history items: an interview transcript of George Hufsmith conducted by E. Wenstrom in 1997, covering Villa-Lobos and other topics (also available on audio CD); an oral history transcript by Kleber Hadsell regarding the Hadsell family (1965), filed under research for the Cattle Kate book; and an oral history transcript of Marie Danks (1975), also filed under Cattle Kate research. Additional audio interviews include Ruth Beebe (age 92) recorded at Whiskey Gap with the Hufsmith family (October 23, 1987), a recorded telephone conversation with Daniel Brumbaugh regarding Ella Watson (October 6, 1988), and a Verland Taylor interview (April 16-17, 1994) filed under music career materials.

Interviewees (6):
George W. Hufsmith, Kleber Hadsell, Marie Danks, Ruth Beebe, Daniel Brumbaugh, Verland Taylor

Topics:
wyoming history, musical composition, cattle kate, wyoming politics, opera, grand teton music festival

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Gerald A. Nielsen papers

*Dates: 1963-2023 | Collection #400088 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Gerald (Jerry) Nielsen was a soil scientist on the University of Wyoming's Afghanistan Team from 1963 to 1966. He earned his Ph.D. in soil science with plant ecology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1963, Nielsen and his wife LaVonne went to Afghanistan as part of the University of Wyoming USAID contract team to conduct soil and crop research at the Afghanistan Ministry of Agriculture and teach at Kabul University. He later became a professor at Montana State University.

The collection comprises 0.45 cubic feet (1 box) plus 46.64 GB of digital content. Materials include 302 digitized 35mm slides of Afghanistan, master scans with metadata spreadsheets, oral histories with Gerald and LaVonne Nielsen, correspondence, reports, publications, newspaper clippings, and documents related to the University of Wyoming USAID team and Kabul University.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains separate oral histories with Gerald Nielsen and LaVonne Nielsen, both recorded in 2016. Gerald Nielsen's oral history (audio and transcripts) discusses his work as a soil scientist on the University of Wyoming USAID contract team, teaching at Kabul University, and conducting agricultural research in Afghanistan from 1963 to 1966. LaVonne Nielsen's oral history (audio and transcripts) provides the perspective of an American spouse living in Afghanistan during the same period, including reflections on a trip to Russia. Both interviews are available digitally with transcripts.

Interviewees (2):
Gerald Nielsen, LaVonne Nielsen

Topics:
afghanistan, soil science, usaid, kabul university, agricultural education, cold war foreign aid

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Gerald M. Adams Papers

*Dates: 1837-2004 | Collection #11428 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

Gerald M. Adams (1920-2006) served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. He graduated from the United States Naval War College in 1961 and earned an M.A. in History from the University of Wyoming in 1981. After retiring from the Air Force, Adams wrote extensively about Wyoming military history and early aviation.

The collection contains 8 cubic feet (19 boxes) plus digital materials, organized in five series: Biographical records, Publications and Research Material, Committees and Assignments, Speeches and Presentations, and Miscellaneous. Materials include publications, research files, photographs, negatives, VHS tapes, microfilm of Casper Army Air Base monthly histories, and audio cassettes of oral history interviews with World War II veterans.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes oral histories with World War II-era Wyoming veterans stationed at either Casper Army Air Base or F.E. Warren Air Force Base. The interviews are preserved on audio cassettes. Adams also compiled interview articles about Wyoming Warriors (WWII) from 1994-2002. The collection contains 3 VHS tapes: Air Force Television News featuring Adams at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Air Show (1997), a presentation on Wyoming retired officers who served in WWII, Korea, or Vietnam, and "Wyoming Warriors: Just Doing Their Duty." Research materials supporting Adams's book on the Casper Army Air Base and his writings on Fort D.A. Russell and F.E. Warren Air Force Base provide context for the oral histories.

Topics:
world war ii, military history, wyoming aviation, air force, veterans, casper army air base, f.e. warren air force base

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Gladys B. Beery papers

*Dates: 1868-2008 | Collection #12556 | Formats: Audio**

Gladys Beery (1913-2008) was a Laramie, Wyoming, author and historian. Her publications included "Front Streets of Laramie City" (1990), "Mule Woman" (1992), and "Sinners and Saints: Tales of Old Laramie City" (1994). She wrote the "Historic Homes" column for the Laramie Boomerang from 1976 through the 1980s, documenting the histories of Laramie-area houses and their owners.

The collection comprises 5.00 cubic feet (5 boxes) containing research files, manuscripts, correspondence, newspaper clippings, legal documents, maps, photographs, and 18 audio cassette tapes of oral history interviews. The bulk of materials date from 1976 to 1994.

Oral History Details:

Series V (Audio Material) contains 18 audio cassette tapes of oral history interviews that Beery conducted between 1979 and 1983. Topics include Laramie and Albany County history, Medicine Bow, Elk Mountain, Fort Sanders, Laramie house history, and early Laramie residents. Identified interviewees include: Bill and Helen Evans (on Medicine Bow and Elk Mountain); the Christensen Sisters, Gloria and Jane; John and Mary Spieckerman (on 409 Park); Mrs. Jessie Masterson Hegewald, Ann Alford, and Rae; Breuckner; Janice Lippold (on the Dalton Gang); Les Crawford and Berner (2 tapes); Mrs. Arnold; Pat and Bud Martin and Ruby Evans (on Elk Mountain Hotel, August 6, 1981); Barbara Long (on Fort Sanders, 1979); and Abbie Current. Several tapes relate to a 1981 Western Writers of America Association conference held in Powell featuring Leon Metz, Marliyas Milheiser, Jerry Keenan, and Tom Rea. Additional recordings include Willard on Wyoming Territorial Prison, Vandi and Horace Moore, Yodeka and Group, and a group recording titled "Old Timers Talkin'" (July 15, 1983).

Interviewees (18):

Bill Evans, Helen Evans, Gloria Christensen, Jane Christensen, John Spieckerman, Mary Spieckerman, Jessie Masterson Hegewald, Ann Alford, Janice Lippold, Les Crawford, Mrs. Arnold, Pat Martin, Bud Martin, Ruby Evans, Barbara Long, Abbie Current, Horace Moore, Vandi Moore

Topics:

laramie history, historic buildings, albany county, wyoming territorial prison, western writers, elk mountain

Access:

No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Gordon G. Lill Papers

*Dates: 1948-1995 | Collection #08469 | Formats: Transcript**

Gordon G. Lill (1918-1996) was a geophysicist and oceanographer. After earning his geology degree from Kansas State University, he served in the Naval Reserves during World War II and trained at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He worked for the Office of Naval Research, served as an advisor to Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, directed Project Mohole for the National Science Foundation, and served as Deputy Director of the National Ocean Survey at NOAA until his retirement.

Collection contains 4 cubic feet (9 boxes) organized in three series: Research, Journal Items, and Books and Maps. Includes scientific reports, a manuscript from Lill's work in West Africa, reports and photographs related to Project Mohole, daily journals, correspondence, books on oceanography citing Lill's contributions, and two oral history interviews.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains two oral history interviews with Gordon G. Lill, housed in Series I (Research), Box 1, Folder 14. The first interview was conducted in 1978 and the second in 1995, received from Dr. David K. Van Keuren. The interviews cover Lill's career in geophysics and oceanography, including his work at the Office of Naval Research, his role at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, his directorship of Project Mohole (a National Science Foundation project to drill to the earth's mantle), and his service at NOAA. Related family papers are held at Kansas State University.

Interviewees (1):
Gordon G. Lill

Topics:
oceanography, project mohole, geophysics, naval research, deep sea drilling, noaa

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Gregory Hinton papers

*Dates: 1981-2022 | Collection #12604 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

Gregory Hinton was an author, filmmaker, playwright, and curator. His published novels include "Cathedral City" (2001), "Desperate Hearts" (2002), "The Way Things Ought to Be" (2003), and "Santa Monica Canyon" (2007). Hinton produced the AIDS drama "It's My Party" (1996) and the film "Circuit" (2002). He created and produced "Out West," a historical public program documenting the history and culture of diverse communities in the American West through plays, films, lectures, and exhibitions.

The collection comprises 10.98 cubic feet (13 boxes) plus 13.63 GB of digital content. Materials include scripts, research files, manuscript proofs, emails, VHS and DVD recordings, posters, awards, correspondence, photographs, family papers, and one oral history interview.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Gregory Hinton conducted as part of the American Heritage Center's "Out West in the Rockies" oral history program in 2021. The interview documents Hinton's career as an author, filmmaker, and curator, with particular emphasis on his work documenting LGBTQ+ history and culture in the American West. Related files include materials from the "8" marriage equality play readings, staging LGBT history events, "Beyond Brokeback" performances, "Diversity Day" staged reenactments of Missoula City Council testimony, and gay rodeo documentation.

Interviewees (1):
Gregory Hinton

Topics:
lgbtq+ history, american west, filmmaking, gay rodeos, playwriting, cultural curation

Access:
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Gregory M. Nickerson's Big Horn Oral History Interviews

*Dates: 2008-2010 | Collection #12532 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Gregory M. Nickerson completed his MA thesis, "Mountains, Hayfields, Houses: From Small Farms to Subdivisions in Big Horn, Wyoming, 1918-2008," for the University of Wyoming History Department in April 2010. The thesis focused on farmer Harry Olson and changes in agricultural and community life around Big Horn, Wyoming, during the 20th century. Nickerson conducted oral history interviews with Big Horn residents as part of his research.

The collection consists of 19 MP3 audio files, 1 Word file, and 1 folder. Materials include oral history interview recordings with residents of the Big Horn, Wyoming, area and a draft copy of Nickerson's thesis.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains 19 MP3 oral history interview recordings conducted by Gregory M. Nickerson with residents of the Big Horn, Wyoming, area between 2008 and 2010. The interviews focus on agriculture, farm life, and community life in Sheridan County during the 20th century. Harry Olson, a farmer born in 1918, is identified as the principal interviewee. A draft of Nickerson's thesis provides additional context about the interviewees and the transition from small farms to residential subdivisions in the Big Horn area.

Interviewees (1):
Harry Olson

Topics:
agriculture, community life, farm life, sheridan county, wyoming rural history

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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James E. Brodhead papers

Dates: 1935-1985 | Collection #07389

James Easton Brodhead (1932-2012) was a character actor and journalist. From 1950 to 1963, he appeared in numerous stage and live television productions. He transitioned to journalism in 1963 as a writer for Time magazine, covering the Robert Kennedy assassination and the Sirhan Sirhan trial. He returned to acting in 1971, appearing in films and television shows including "The Apple Dumpling Gang," "Kotch," "Mame," and "General Hospital."

Collection contains personal and professional files relating to Brodhead's dual career as an actor and journalist. Includes correspondence, subject and manuscript files from his work at Time magazine, scripts for productions, and photographs depicting him in motion picture, television, and theatre roles. The collection also contains an oral history item.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an oral history item, though the finding aid provides minimal detail about its content, format, interviewer, or date. Given Brodhead's dual career as an actor and journalist, the oral history likely addresses his experiences in both fields, potentially covering his coverage of the Robert Kennedy assassination, his work with Time magazine, and his acting career in film and television.

Interviewees (1):
James E. Brodhead

Topics:
acting, journalism, motion picture industry, television, time magazine

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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James Rosen Oral History Interview with Richard B. Cheney

*Dates: 2000-2015 | Collection #12658 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

James Rosen (b. 1968) was an American journalist and television correspondent who earned degrees from Johns Hopkins University and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He held positions at NY1, News 12, CBS News, and Fox News, where he served as Chief Washington Correspondent. In December 2014, Rosen conducted extensive interviews with former Vice President Dick Cheney for his book "Cheney One on One: A Candid Conversation with America's Most Controversial Statesman."

The collection comprises 2.70 cubic feet (4 boxes) plus 2.94 GB of digital content. Materials include audio recordings of interviews on USB drive and 9 CDs (segments 1-6B), annotated transcripts, manuscripts of "Cheney One on One," photographs, research materials including approximately 30 published books, bumper stickers, and a stuffed animal of Vice President Cheney's labrador retriever Nelson.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audio recordings of interviews that James Rosen conducted with former Vice President Richard B. Cheney in December 2014, organized into segments 1 through 6B (9 CDs total), with additional copies on USB drive. Annotated transcripts accompany the recordings. The interviews formed the basis of Rosen's book "Cheney One on One: A Candid Conversation with America's Most Controversial Statesman" (2015). Topics discussed encompass Cheney's political career including his service as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Secretary of Defense, and Vice President of the United States. Research materials include approximately 30 books on U.S. foreign policy, the Iraq War, the War on Terror, and the Bush administration.

Interviewees (1):
Richard B. Cheney

Topics:
u.s. politics, vice presidency, wyoming politicians, iraq war, journalism, bush administration

Access:
Any audio recordings of off-the-record discussions between Rosen and Dick Cheney and/or others present for the interviews remain confidential to the extent allowed by law.

View finding aid on Archives West

Jessica Dragonette papers

*Dates: 1919-1982 | Collection #03358 | Formats: Transcript**

Jessica Dragonette (1900-1980) was a singer and actress who performed in radio broadcasting for 22 consecutive years. She began her career in 1924 in Max Reinhardt's production of "The Miracle" and transitioned to radio in 1926 with NBC. She performed on "The Philco Hour" (1927-1930), the Cities Service Concert series (1930-1937), and later toured as a concert performer. She authored "Faith is a Song" (1952) and "Your Voice and You" (1967).

The collection (34.84 cubic feet, 39 boxes) contains correspondence (1939-1979) including letters from Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Leonard Bernstein; professional files (1927-1975); a photographic archive; approximately 600 phonograph recordings of live radio broadcasts (1933-1945, never commercially released); a transcript of a 1980 oral history by Columbia University; manuscripts; musical scores; scrapbooks; 1937 Palmolive broadcast reel-to-reel tapes; scripts; home movies; artwork; and artifacts.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a transcript of a 1980 oral history conducted with Jessica Dragonette by Columbia University. The interview documented Dragonette's career in radio broadcasting, her work with NBC and CBS, her concert tours, and her personal life. The transcript is the sole oral history item in the collection; the 600 phonograph recordings are performance recordings rather than oral history materials.

Interviewees (1):
Jessica Dragonette

Topics:
radio broadcasting, women performers, music industry, nbc, cbs

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Jim Osborn oral history

*Dates: 2016-2016 | Collection #300059 | Formats: Digital**

Jim Osborn was a Laramie, Wyoming, resident active in the LGBTQ community. He served as chair of the University of Wyoming's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Association during the murder of Matthew Shepard in October 1998 and subsequently became an advocate on LGBTQ issues. He worked as a Diversity Specialist and Title IX Coordinator at UW and co-founded the drag troupe 'The Stilettos.'

The collection comprises 100 MB of digital content containing one oral history interview recorded on January 27, 2016.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a single oral history interview with Jim Osborn conducted by Irlanda Jacinto, University Archivist at the American Heritage Center, on January 27, 2016. Osborn discusses his experiences as a founding member of 'The Stilettos,' a Laramie drag troupe known for their annual 'Drag Queen Bingo' fundraiser for Wyoming AIDS assistance. He also addresses his involvement in the LGBTQ community, his role during the Matthew Shepard murder and its aftermath, participation in counter-protests against Westboro Baptist Church, and his career in diversity and Title IX work at the University of Wyoming.

Interviewees (1):
Jim Osborn

Topics:
lgbtq history, drag culture, matthew shepard, civil rights, university of wyoming, aids advocacy

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Jimmy Ray Brandenburg oral history

*Dates: 2015-2015 | Collection #400071 | Formats: Digital**

Jimmy Ray 'Jim' Brandenburg (b. 1935) was an American college basketball coach who served as head coach of the University of Wyoming men's basketball team from 1978 to 1987. He compiled a career record of 254-213, led teams to two NCAA tournament appearances including the Sweet 16 in 1987, and oversaw construction of the Arena Auditorium. Brandenburg was inducted into the Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.

The collection comprises 1.27 GB of digital content containing one oral history interview recorded on September 4, 2015.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a single oral history interview with Jim Brandenburg conducted by John Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, and Bill Schrage, a friend of Brandenburg, on September 4, 2015 at the American Heritage Center. Brandenburg discusses his coaching career at the University of Wyoming, including his time as head men's basketball coach (1978-1987), NCAA tournament appearances, the construction of the Arena Auditorium, and players who went on to professional careers including Charles Bradley, Chris Engler, Fennis Dembo, and Eric Leckner.

Interviewees (1):
Jimmy Ray Brandenburg

Topics:
basketball coaching, university of wyoming athletics, ncaa basketball, college sports

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Johanna Gostas POW/MIA papers

*Dates: 1963-2020 | Collection #05497 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Johanna Gostas of Sheridan, Wyoming, served as Wyoming coordinator for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. Her husband, U.S. Army Major Theodore W. Gostas, was captured by the North Vietnamese during the Tet Offensive in February 1968 and held as a prisoner of war until his release in March 1973. Johanna Gostas worked with national and state POW/MIA groups and represented the National League of Families at a 1971 Geneva conference on prisoner of war treatment.

The collection (3.70 cubic feet, 9 boxes plus 3.48 GB digital) contains correspondence, news releases, pamphlets, bumper stickers, newspaper clippings, printed materials from POW/MIA advocacy groups, posters depicting Wyoming POWs, Geneva conference materials, drawings by Theodore Gostas (2003-2020), campaign buttons, and an oral history interview with Theodore "Ted" W. Gostas (audio and transcripts, November 6, 2020). Select materials have been digitized.

Oral History Details:
Theodore "Ted" W. Gostas recorded an oral history interview on November 6, 2020, covering his experiences in the military and as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. The interview is available in both audio and transcript formats and has been digitized for access through UW Digital Collections. The interview documents Gostas's capture during the Tet Offensive, his years of captivity, and his release following the Paris peace agreement.

Interviewees (1):
Theodore W. Gostas

Topics:
vietnam war, prisoners of war, pow/mia advocacy, wyoming history, military history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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John C. Clay Oral History

*Dates: 2014-2014 | Collection #12596 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

John C. Clay was born in 1923 in Canton, Missouri. His family moved to a ranch near Laramie, Wyoming, in 1927. Clay enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in 1942 and served as a fighter pilot in the European theater during World War II. After the war, he returned to Wyoming and in 1948 accepted a position with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Insurance Services, eventually becoming executive secretary and chief administrator of the bureau.

The collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 1.25 gigabits of digital content. Materials include an oral history audio recording and interview transcript from August 19, 2014.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with John C. Clay conducted by Rick Ewig on August 19, 2014. Topics discussed include Clay's life history, moving to Wyoming as a boy, his experiences during World War II as a fighter pilot in the European theater, and his business career after returning from the war, particularly his work with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Insurance Services in Cheyenne. Both digital audio and a printed transcript are available.

Interviewees (1):
John C. Clay

Topics:
world war ii, fighter pilots, wyoming farm bureau, wyoming business, laramie

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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John DeKevon Alsop oral history interview

*Dates: 1951-1951 | Collection #11289 | Formats: Audio**

John DeKevon Alsop was a son of Tom Alsop, a Wyoming pioneer rancher. The Alsop ranch, founded in 1874, was located 15 miles northwest of Laramie. Alsop's mother sold the ranch in the early 1900s and relocated the family to Utah.

The collection consists of a single audio cassette (approximately 60 minutes) containing an oral history interview recorded in 1951.

Oral History Details:
Juanita Brooks conducted this oral history interview of John D. Alsop (age 71) at Zion National Park in 1951. Alsop discusses ranch life in Wyoming, specifically experiences connected to the Alsop Ranch founded in 1874 near Laramie, Albany County. The interview documents pioneer ranching in Wyoming Territory and early statehood, covering the period from the ranch's establishment through the early 1900s when the family relocated to Utah.

Interviewees (1):
John DeKevon Alsop

Topics:
ranch life, wyoming pioneers, albany county history, frontier settlement, ranching

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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John Franklin Carter papers

Dates: 1902-1979 | Collection #01670

John Franklin Carter (1897-1967), writing under the pen name Jay Franklin, was a syndicated New Deal columnist and author of more than 30 books. He served as Washington correspondent for Liberty magazine, Under Secretary for Agriculture (1934-1936), and wrote the syndicated column "We the People" (1936-1948). Carter advised President Roosevelt on political intelligence during WWII and later worked as a speechwriter for President Truman.

The collection (10.30 cubic feet, 23 boxes) contains correspondence, numerous manuscripts, books, photographs, and other biographical material relating to American political and diplomatic events from World War I through World War II. An oral history of the Truman Campaign (1967) is included within the papers.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an oral history recording about the Truman Campaign, dated 1967. The finding aid notes that an oral history interview with John Franklin Carter is also held at the Truman Library. The oral history in this collection documents Carter's involvement in American political campaigns and his advisory role during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

Interviewees (1):
John Franklin Carter

Topics:
journalism, new deal, world war ii diplomacy, political intelligence, truman campaign

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Jordan Utley photographs

*Dates: 2020-2025 | Collection #12872 | Formats: Digital**

Jordan Utley was a photographer born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. His photography was featured in the nonfiction book "Out Here On Our Own: An Oral History of an American Boomtown" by J.J. Anselmi, published by the University of Nebraska Press in 2022.

Collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus a website. Materials include photographs from the book "Out Here On Our Own: An Oral History of an American Boomtown" by J.J. Anselmi and the photographer's website (jordanutley.com). No oral history audio or transcripts are present; this is a photographic companion to an oral history publication.

Oral History Details:
This collection does not contain oral history recordings or transcripts. It consists of photographs by Jordan Utley that accompanied J.J. Anselmi's oral history book about Rock Springs, Wyoming as an American boomtown. The photographs document the social life and customs of Rock Springs. Researchers interested in the associated oral histories should consult the J.J. Anselmi papers (Collection 12860).

Topics:
photography, boomtowns, rock springs wyoming, western united states, documentary photography

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Karen Fritz papers

*Dates: 1972-2021 | Collection #12743 | Formats: Transcript, Digital**

Karen Fritz was a nurse with an international nonprofit medical team in Afghanistan during the 1970s and 1980s. Born in Worland, Wyoming in 1948, she graduated from the University of Wyoming with a nursing degree in 1970. She worked with the Medical Assistance Program (MAP), International Assistance Mission (IAM), and the Mother and Child Health Clinic (MCH) in Afghanistan from 1972 to 1990.

Collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 25.48 GB of digital materials. Materials include 35mm slides of Fritz's experiences in Afghanistan, a biographical sketch, an oral history transcript, and digital copies with metadata spreadsheets.

Oral History Details:
One oral history interview with Karen Fritz conducted on May 21, 2017. The interview is available as a transcript and digital copy. Fritz discusses her experiences as a nurse providing medical outreach services to isolated rural areas of Afghanistan, establishing clinics, hospitals, and health education services during the 1970s and 1980s, including working in a city under occupation during wartime.

Interviewees (1):
Karen Fritz

Topics:
nursing, medical missions, afghanistan, health education, international aid, wyoming women

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Keith M. Cottam papers

*Dates: 1964-2016 | Collection #400047 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Keith M. Cottam (b. 1941) served as director of the University of Wyoming Libraries from 1983 to 2001. Prior to his tenure at UW, he held library leadership positions at Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, and Brigham Young University. Cottam published articles on librarianship and co-authored 'Writer's Research Handbook.'

The collection comprises 2.00 cubic feet (2 boxes) plus 84.6 MB of digital content. Materials include professional correspondence dating from 1964, articles and publications by Cottam, a book, and one oral history interview in digital audio format.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview of Keith Cottam, former director of Coe Library at the University of Wyoming, conducted on March 11, 2014, in MP3 audio format. The interview discusses Cottam's career in academic librarianship, his tenure directing the University of Wyoming Libraries, and his professional experiences. The recording is available digitally.

Interviewees (1):
Keith Cottam

Topics:
academic librarianship, university libraries, university of wyoming, library administration

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Kenny Sailors oral history interviews and papers

*Dates: 1921-2016 | Collection #12537 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

Kenny Sailors (1921-2016) played on the University of Wyoming basketball team from 1940 to 1946 and was part of the 1943 NCAA national championship team. He is considered one of the inventors of the jump shot and was a charter member of the National Basketball Association. After professional basketball, Sailors served in the Wyoming House of Representatives (1955-1956), operated the Heart Six Guest Ranch in Jackson Hole, and later moved to Alaska where he worked as a teacher, coach, and hunting guide.

The collection comprises 8.49 cubic feet (9 boxes) plus 21.4 GB of digital content. Materials include 22 oral history interviews totaling approximately 25 hours, topical files, scrapbooks, photographs, audio-visual recordings (VHS, DVD, 16mm film, CDs), and artifacts related to Sailors' life and career.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains 22 oral history interviews conducted between May 19, 2010 and January 5, 2012, covering the span of Sailors' life from his birth in 1921 to age 90. Total interview length is approximately 25 hours, organized by 13 aspects of his life: an overview of his life (1921-2010); boyhood years growing up on a farm in Hillsdale (1921-1935); teen years in Laramie and sports at Laramie High School (1935-1939); freshman year at the University of Wyoming (1939-1940); Coach Everett Shelton; UW basketball career 1940-1946 (2 parts); his wife Marilynne "Bokie" Corbyn and children Dan and Linda; Wyoming NCAA championship season 1942-1943 (2 parts); professional basketball career 1946-1951 (3 parts); military service in ROTC and U.S. Marines in WWII (2 parts); dude ranching, hunting guide, and outfitting at Jackson Lake Lodge and Heart Six Ranch in the 1950s-1960s (3 parts); political career and community service in the 1950s-1960s (2 parts); and life in Alaska as hunting guide, teacher, and coach 1965-1999 (2 parts). All 22 interviews are digitized and available through UW digital collections.

Interviewees (1):
Kenny Sailors

Topics:
basketball, ncaa championship, jump shot, wyoming politics, dude ranching, world war ii, alaska

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Laramie Railroad Depot Association records

*Dates: 2016-2016 | Collection #12922 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Laramie Railroad Depot Association was established in 2009 to preserve and promote the railroad heritage of Albany County. The Association maintains the Laramie Railroad Depot, a 1924 structure that replaced the original Union Pacific Depot/Hotel destroyed by fire in 1917. The depot served as a passenger hub for Union Pacific until 1971 and for Amtrak until 1983, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

Collection contains 7.39 GB of digital materials from the "Tales from the Rails" oral history project conducted in 2016. Materials include 14 individual oral history interviews recorded on CD and a set of transcripts.

Oral History Details:
Fourteen oral history interviews from the "Tales from the Rails" project conducted in 2016 with retired Union Pacific Railroad employees about their memories of working for the railroad in Laramie. Interviewees: Rebecca Atkinson, Jim Caldwell, John Chavez, Harold Foster, Anthony Gonzales, Rusty Jairell, Al Johnson, Steve MacIntyre, Myles Pasley, Rex Rees, Rich Rottman, Paul Sanchez, Scott Steere, and Kirk Weir. Transcripts are available for all interviews. The interviews document the experiences and memories of railroad workers in Laramie, Wyoming.

Interviewees (14):
Rebecca Atkinson, Jim Caldwell, John Chavez, Harold Foster, Anthony Gonzales, Rusty Jairell, Al Johnson, Steve MacIntyre, Myles Pasley, Rex Rees, Rich Rottman, Paul Sanchez, Scott Steere, Kirk Weir

Topics:
railroad history, union pacific railroad, laramie wyoming, railroad employees, labor history, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Larry "Sissy" and Vickie Goodwin papers

*Dates: 1942-2023 | Collection #12930 | Formats: Video, Transcript, Digital**

Larry "Sissy" Goodwin (1946-2020) and his wife Vickie Goodwin were educators and activists from Douglas, Wyoming. Larry Goodwin worked as an educator and aviator and was publicly recognized for his choice to cross-dress openly, claiming the name "Sissy" as a form of empowerment. The couple was actively involved in the Democratic Party at local and national levels.

Collection contains 3.38 cubic feet (4 boxes) plus 3.56 GB of digital materials. Materials include newspaper clippings, awards, artifacts, love letters, name change documents, scrapbooks, yearbooks, photographs, Democratic convention materials, and campaign records. An interview transcript from April 2008 and a Wyoming diversity project video are included.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an interview transcript from April 2008 and a digital recording from the Wyoming diversity project (April 2008). Additionally, an NPR StoryCorps segment from April 2015 is referenced. These materials document Larry "Sissy" Goodwin's public identity, his cross-dressing activism, media coverage including appearances in the Casper Star Tribune, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and NBC Dateline, his Democratic Party involvement at state and national conventions (1980, 1992, 2000, 2004), his arrest in Salt Lake City, his Veterans for Peace membership, and the Goodwins' "A Sissy in Wyoming" tour (2022-2023). This collection is primarily papers and memorabilia rather than a dedicated oral history collection.

Interviewees (2):
Larry "Sissy" Goodwin, Vickie Goodwin

Topics:
cross-dressing, democratic party, wyoming politics, activism, veterans, gender identity

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Lena Newlin papers

*Dates: 2023-2024 | Collection #12942 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Lena Newlin was a writer and public health professional in Wyoming. A fourth-generation Wyoming resident, she had family roots in the Japanese American community incarcerated at Heart Mountain during World War II and among Wyoming's railroad and coal mining laborers. She earned an MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Wyoming in 2022 and began a PhD in Public Humanities in 2024.

Collection contains 45.4 MB of digital materials plus a website. Materials include a digital audio recording and transcript of an oral history with Holocaust survivor Abba Naor, a release form, Lena Newlin's MFA thesis (defended April 2024), and her personal website.

Oral History Details:
One oral history interview with Holocaust survivor Abba Naor (b. 1928) conducted on September 21, 2023. A transcript of the interview was produced by Amanda Tewes at the Oral History Center of the Bancroft Library, University of California Berkeley, in October-November 2023. The collection includes the audio recording, release form, and transcript. The interview documents Naor's experiences during the Holocaust. The collection also contains Newlin's MFA thesis, which relates to Japanese American and Japanese Peruvian histories of immigration, assimilation, WWII incarceration, military service, and resistance.

Interviewees (1):
Abba Naor

Topics:
holocaust, world war ii, oral history, creative writing, japanese american history, public humanities

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Leslie Waggener Oral Histories with the S.J. Moffat Family

*Dates: 2019-2019 | Collection #12740 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Shannon (S.J.) Moffat (1927-2009) was a reporter and freelance writer based in Palo Alto, California. Born Samuel J. Moffat, she served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from Amherst College before moving to California in 1954. Her gender transition became most pronounced between 1966 and 1985, when she had gender confirmation surgery.

Collection contains 3 oral history interviews totaling 6.13 GB in digital audio format. Interviews were conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, with members of S.J. Moffat's family concerning her gender transition.

Oral History Details:
Three oral history interviews conducted in August 2019 with Moffat family members: Ben Moffat, Bruce Moffat, and Kay Simanek and Carrie Hickman (joint interview). All interviews are in audio format and address S.J. Moffat's gender transition, family experiences, and personal history. The interviews document family perspectives on Moffat's lifelong transition process.

Interviewees (4):
Ben Moffat, Bruce Moffat, Kay Simanek, Carrie Hickman

Topics:
gender transition, transgender history, family history, gender confirmation surgery, lgbtq+ history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Lester C. Hunt Jr. oral history interview

*Dates: 1979-1979 | Collection #400102 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Lester C. Hunt Jr. was the son of Lester C. Hunt, who served as the 19th Governor of Wyoming and as a United States Senator. The elder Hunt's political career intersected with the anti-communist movements of the McCarthy era.

The collection comprises 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) containing an audio cassette tape and transcript of one oral history interview conducted in 1979.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a single oral history interview of Lester C. Hunt Jr. conducted by Rick Ewig in 1979. The interview addresses Hunt's recollections of his father, Lester C. Hunt, who served as Wyoming's 19th Governor and as a U.S. Senator. Subject terms indicate the interview discusses anti-communist movements, and named subjects include Joseph McCarthy (1908-1957), suggesting the interview covers the political pressures faced by Senator Hunt during the McCarthy era. Both an audio cassette tape and a written transcript are present.

Interviewees (1):
Lester C. Hunt Jr.

Topics:
wyoming politics, mccarthyism, anti-communist movements, united states senate, wyoming governors

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Life Between the Rails oral history project

*Dates: 1940-2025 | Collection #12918 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

The "Life Between the Rails" oral history project was conducted by the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming from 2024 to 2025 with funding from the Union Pacific Foundation. The project completed 36 interviews, including three filmed roundtable discussions in Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyoming. All interviews were conducted by AHC personnel Leslie Waggener (project director) and Tana Libolt (project assistant).

Collection contains 0.90 cubic feet (2 boxes) plus 289.50 GB of digital materials organized in two series. Series I contains artifacts, manuscript materials, photographs, and memorabilia (1940-2025). Series II contains 31 individual oral history interviews and 6 group discussions in audio and video format (2024-2025). Supplementary materials include autobiographical writings, photographs, portraits, booklets, railroad artifacts, and a historical 1979 audio recording.

Oral History Details:
Thirty-six oral history interviews with Union Pacific Railroad employees and family members, plus six group discussions. Individual interviewees: Diana Archuleta, Jeff Bailey, Bob Bartlett, Nancy Bath, Ricky Durrant, Robert Fryml, Jean Hanfelt, Kent Hargraves, Doug Johnson, Ken Klouda, Greg Lavin, Steve Lee, Abe Madrid, Celeste Malloy, Debbie Martinez, David May, Howard Meeker, Sally Meeker, Dick Merklin, Michael Osborn, Carol Pascal, Patricia Reed, Danny Roeseler, John Schmechel, John Sjogren, Scott Steere, Teresa Straub, Kris Tomanek, David Wentworth, Thomas White Jr., and Roberta Winkler. Group discussions include a Cheyenne women's roundtable, a Cheyenne men's roundtable, a Laramie men's roundtable, and named groups including DeHerrera/Ehernberger/Flores and Johnson/Sanchez/Wade. Interviews cover railroad jobs including locomotive engineers, conductors, maintenance workers, clerks, dispatchers, surveyors, and union officials. Topics include workplace culture, safety practices, labor strikes, corporate mergers, racial and gender discrimination, technological changes from steam to diesel, the elimination of cabooses, and multi-generational railroad families. Supplementary materials include Carol Pascal's family oral histories documenting Mexican American railroad workers, Jean Hanfelt's "Life in Section Camp" booklet, Ricky Durrant's "Hopping It Up on the Railroad" about Mable L. Turner, and an autobiography of Myrtle Forney Peterson.

Interviewees (31):
Diana Archuleta, Jeff Bailey, Bob Bartlett, Nancy Bath, Ricky Durrant, Robert Fryml, Jean Hanfelt, Kent Hargraves, Doug Johnson, Ken Klouda, Greg Lavin, Steve Lee, Abe Madrid, Celeste Malloy, Debbie Martinez, David May, Howard Meeker, Sally Meeker, Dick Merklin, Michael Osborn, Carol Pascal, Patricia Reed, Danny Roeseler, John Schmechel, John Sjogren, Scott Steere, Teresa Straub, Kris Tomanek, David Wentworth, Thomas White Jr., Roberta Winkler

Topics:
railroad history, union pacific railroad, labor history, women railroad workers, racial discrimination, wyoming history, railroad technology

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Lillian Heath oral history interview

*Dates: 1961-1961 | Collection #01003 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Dr. Lillian Heath (1865-1962) was the first female physician in Wyoming. She came to the state with her parents in 1873, graduated from Rawlins High School in 1888, earned her medical degree out of state, and returned to Rawlins to open a practice in 1893. She married Lou J. Nelson in 1898 and practiced actively as a physician until 1909.

The collection consists entirely of 2 reel-to-reel audiotapes containing an oral history interview conducted on January 6, 1961. Digital reproductions are available through UW Digital Collections.

Oral History Details:
Helen Hubert interviewed Dr. Lillian Heath on January 6, 1961, recording the conversation on 2 reel-to-reel audiotapes. Heath, then 95 years old and Wyoming's first woman doctor, provided reminiscences of her medical career and life in Wyoming, including her experiences practicing medicine in Rawlins from the 1890s through 1909.

Interviewees (1):
Lillian Heath

Topics:
women physicians, wyoming history, frontier medicine, rawlins, women's history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Loretta Fowler Papers

*Dates: 1824-1993 | Collection #11403 | Formats: Transcript**

Loretta Fowler was a Professor of Anthropology and Adjunct Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. She conducted research on Arapaho Tribe migration and urbanization patterns on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming during the 1960s and 1970s. She authored "Arapahoe Politics, 1851-1978: Symbols in Crisis of Authority" (1982).

The collection spans 12 boxes arranged in two series. Series I (Research) contains interview transcripts (1967-1977), interview summaries of untaped interviews (1968-1971), an interview index (1971), sketch maps, photographs (1930s-1960s), Arapaho and Shoshone Business Council minutes, census rolls, Arapaho language material, newspaper clippings, migration study data, and archival source copies. Series II (Writings) includes drafts, reprints, a teacher's manual for Arapaho Studies, and unpublished papers.

Oral History Details:
Fowler conducted oral history interviews with Arapaho Indians on the Wind River Indian Reservation from 1967 to 1978. Tape transcripts are housed in Boxes 7-8 (Folders 1-2). An interview index compiled in 1971 is in Box 7, Folder 6. A separate summary of interviews that were not taped covers the period 1968-1971. Interview topics include Arapaho tribal politics, migration and urbanization patterns, reservation life, boarding school experiences, traditional crafts, employment, ranching, farming, and language use. Fowler lived with an Arapaho family while conducting the interviews, enabling in-depth ethnographic documentation.

Topics:
arapaho indians, wind river reservation, anthropology, native american studies, tribal politics, indigenous history

Access:
No publication from the interview transcripts (Box 7 and 8) without permission of the donor until December 31, 2029. During the period of restriction researchers may not duplicate more than one-third of any single transcript without permission of donor.

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Loyd family history materials

*Dates: 1912-2000 | Collection #10535 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Margaret Ristaad (1877-1971) from Norway and August Loyd (1857-1920) from Finland married in Rawlins, Wyoming, in 1901 and had nine children. The Loyd family lived on a ranch near Laramie, Wyoming. Mary Loyd Malcolm, one of their daughters, remained in Laramie where she was interviewed about the family's history by Amy Lawrence in 1997-1998.

The collection spans 0.90 cubic feet (2 document boxes) and contains an introduction and family tree by Amy Lawrence, transcripts of taped oral history interviews with Mary Loyd Malcolm (7 tapes), a corrected transcript with inserts by Amy Lawrence, photographs of the Loyd family ranch by Richard Collier, a photocopy of a family photograph album, original and copy cassette tapes of the interviews, and computer disks with original transcripts.

Oral History Details:
The collection centers on a series of seven oral history interviews with Mary Loyd Malcolm conducted by Amy Lawrence and Terri Carroll between 1997-1998. The interviews document the history of the Loyd family and ranch life near Laramie, Wyoming. Materials include: transcripts of tapes 1-7 (Box 1, Folders 3-9), handwritten corrected transcripts with post-interview additions by Amy Lawrence (Box 1, Folders 10-12), typed corrected transcripts (Box 1, Folder 13), original cassette tapes 1-7 (Box 2, Folders 1-3), copies of cassette tapes 1-6 (Box 2, Folders 4-6), and computer disks with transcripts (Box 2, Folder 7). Interview notes by Amy Lawrence are also present.

Interviewees (1):
Mary Loyd Malcolm

Topics:
ranch life, wyoming homesteading, family history, immigrant families, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Lucille Clarke Dumbrill papers

*Dates: 1920-2021 | Collection #10480 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Lucille Clarke Dumbrill (1928-) was born in Laketown, Utah, and attended schools in Laramie, Wyoming. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from the University of Wyoming. Dumbrill became active in the Wyoming State Historical Society and historic preservation, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan appointed her to the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The collection spans 4.95 cubic feet (7 boxes) plus 7.54 GB of digital materials and contains a cookbook and recipe collection, personal papers with an oral history, a personal history, correspondence, publications, sheet music, photographs, and materials related to the Wyoming Historical Society Foundation and Wyoming History Day.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an audio oral history interview of Lucille Clarke Dumbrill (June-May 2021) with a written biography and cataloging worksheet, stored digitally (ahcdm_10480_001). A separate interview transcript on World War II conducted by Mark Kolecka (2007) is in Box 6. The oral history covers Dumbrill's life as a long-time Wyoming resident, her work in historic preservation, and her involvement with the Wyoming State Historical Society.

Interviewees (1):
Lucille Clarke Dumbrill

Topics:
historic preservation, wyoming history, women's history, cookbooks, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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M. King Hubbert papers

*Dates: 1847-1990 | Collection #01238 | Formats: Transcript**

Marion King Hubbert (1903-1989) studied geology and physics at the University of Chicago, earning his Ph.D. in 1937. He taught at Columbia University (1931-1941), served as senior analyst on the Board of Economic Warfare during WWII, worked for Shell Oil (1943-1964), and then served as research geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. He also held visiting professorships at Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley.

The collection (104.00 cubic feet) contains 61 boxes of correspondence (1943-1989) with colleagues on research and teaching, lectures and class notes on physics and geology, publications, reprints, extensive research notes, subject files, glass negatives, maps, charts, and miscellaneous artifacts. Subseries 3 contains an interview transcript.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes a transcript of an oral history interview conducted for the American Institute of Physics. The interview documents Hubbert's career in geology, geophysics, and his influential research on petroleum resource estimation. The transcript is housed in Subseries 3 (Interview Transcript) within the collection.

Interviewees (1):
M. King Hubbert

Topics:
geology, geophysics, petroleum resources, energy policy, academic research

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Manufacturers Aircraft Association records

*Dates: 1843-1979 | Collection #06858 | Formats: Transcript**

The Manufacturers Aircraft Association Inc. was created in 1917 by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to administer a cross-license agreement, issue licenses to aircraft companies, and encourage aeronautical development. The association protected its members' patent rights and was investigated numerous times by congressional committees. In 1965 the government filed an anti-trust suit against the association, and the M.A.A. was dissolved in 1977.

The collection contains records documenting the comprehensive history of aviation, including information on aircraft companies, airlines, flying competitions, aeronautical expositions, aviators, air mail, patent disputes, and legal matters. Includes material on the M.A.A.'s relationship with the U.S. military and Congress, photographs of aircraft companies and airlines, and printed materials focused on patent law.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a reference to "The Reminiscences of Harry Bruno - Aviation Project Oral History," which documents early aviation history. The bulk of the transcript references in the collection are legal in nature (court transcripts of record for patent disputes involving Wright Company, Sperry Gyroscope Company, and other aviation manufacturers). The collection also includes a radio transcription titled "The Airplane and the Future." The oral history content is limited compared to the overall collection size.

Interviewees (1):
Harry Bruno

Topics:
aviation history, aircraft manufacturing, patent law, aeronautics, military aviation

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Margie McDonald oral history interview

*Dates: 2017-2017 | Collection #300043 | Formats: Digital**

Margie McDonald served as head coach of the University of Wyoming women's basketball team from 1974 to 1982, earning the 1979 Conference Coach of the Year award. She subsequently became the first Executive Director of the High Country Athletic Conference, served as Deputy Commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference, and coordinated Women's Basketball Officials for the Mountain West Conference.

The collection comprises 400 MB of digital content containing one oral history interview. The interview is available through the UW digital collections portal.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a single oral history interview with Margie McDonald, conducted by her grandson, Neil Kline, in 2017. McDonald discusses her experiences with women's athletics and Title IX, including her tenure as head coach of the University of Wyoming women's basketball team (1974-1982), her role in conference administration, and the development of women's collegiate athletics. The interview is available digitally.

Interviewees (1):
Margie McDonald

Topics:
women's athletics, title ix, basketball coaching, university of wyoming, women in sports

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Mark A. Greene papers

*Dates: 1970-2015 | Collection #400110 | Formats: Digital**

Mark A. Greene (1958-2017) served as director of the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming from 2002 to 2015. Under his leadership, the AHC performed a comprehensive collection analysis, developed its first formal collecting policy, and implemented a major reappraisal and deaccessioning program. Greene co-authored the influential article 'More Product, Less Process' with Dennis Meissner, published in American Archivist in 2005.

The collection comprises 10.00 cubic feet (10 boxes) plus 2.87 GB of digital content, organized in seven series: Education Files, Professional Files, Personal Manuscript Files, Society of American Archivists, Manuscript Files, American Archivist, and Awards. Materials include job applications, speeches, class materials, conference papers, and SAA-related files.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Mark Greene conducted by Claudia Thompson, Archivist at the American Heritage Center. The interview documents Greene's career in archival administration, his role as director of the American Heritage Center, his development of the MPLP (More Product, Less Process) methodology, and his contributions to the archival profession through the Society of American Archivists. The specific date of the interview is not noted in the finding aid.

Interviewees (1):
Mark A. Greene

Topics:
archival administration, more product less process, american heritage center, archival processing, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Martin Goicoechea Collection

*Dates: 2003-2010 | Collection #11736 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Martin Goicoechea was born in Navarra, Spain in 1948 and grew up on his family's farm in Basque Country. He moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming in 1966 to work on a sheep ranch and later owned several businesses. In 2003 he received a National Heritage Fellowship award for his work as a bertsolari (improvisational Basque singer).

The collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box plus electronic material). Materials include an oral history transcript (April 2010), an oral history audio recording (April 2010), a pamphlet from a 2010 Bertso Jaialdia performance, and the book "Shooting from the Lip" (2003). Digital reproductions are available online.

Oral History Details:
The collection centers on an oral history interview with Martin Goicoechea recorded in April 2010. The oral history is available as both a transcript (Box 1) and a digital audio recording (ahcdm_11736_001). Goicoechea discusses growing up in Basque Country, moving to Wyoming in 1966, working on a sheep ranch in Rock Springs, owning businesses including a butcher shop and used-car dealership, and performing bertsolaritza (improvisational singing in the Basque language, Euskara). He addresses the preservation and education of Basque language and culture in the United States. Supporting materials include the book "Shooting from the Lip" (2003) and a pamphlet from a bertsolaritza performance. Digital reproductions of the oral history audio, transcript, and supporting materials are available through the University of Wyoming Digital Collections.

Interviewees (1):
Martin Goicoechea

Topics:
basque americans, basque language, bertsolaritza, immigration, wyoming history, cultural preservation

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. Persons wishing to quote or publish from the material beyond fair use must obtain written approval from Mr. Goicoechea or designee.

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Maynard Eyestone papers

*Dates: 1952-2023 | Collection #300057 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Maynard Eyestone taught English as a second language in Afghanistan as part of the USAID Columbia Team. After receiving his M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, he traveled to Afghanistan in 1952 and taught English at Habibia High School in Kabul from 1953 to 1959. He worked alongside University of Wyoming team members including Dale and Muriel Fritz.

The collection comprises 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 63 GB of digital content. Materials include biographical information, an oral history with transcript, a portrait photograph, and over 400 digitized 35mm slides with metadata spreadsheets documenting the USAID Columbia Team in Kabul and the 1958 International Fair.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Maynard Eyestone recorded in July 2016, with an accompanying transcript. Eyestone discusses his experiences teaching English in Afghanistan during the 1950s as part of the USAID program. Topics include life at Habibia High School, the Columbia Team's work in conjunction with the University of Wyoming team, daily life for Americans in Kabul, and the 1958 International Fair in Afghanistan.

Interviewees (1):
Maynard Eyestone

Topics:
afghanistan, usaid, english language teaching, cold war foreign aid, kabul

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Mildred Kenney Rost papers

*Dates: 1860-1988 | Collection #06122 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Mildred Kenney Rost grew up near Wheatland, Wyoming. Her parents, William and Jennie Kenney, settled on a ranch and later moved to Wheatland in 1903, where they operated a dry goods store and founded the town's first newspaper. Rost graduated from Oberlin College in 1919, taught at Jireh College, and later worked at the Denver Public Library before marrying artist Miles Ernest Rost in 1936.

Collection contains 9 cubic feet (7 boxes) of materials including an autobiography and other writings by Rost, family and local history research, correspondence, photographs of the Kenney ranch and Wheatland irrigation projects, artwork by Merritt Dana Houghton and the Rost family, scrapbooks, and printed material about Wyoming, Colorado, and California. Includes an oral history of Jennie Kenney and a digital version of the oral history recording.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes an oral history recording titled "Reminiscences of Jennie Kenney of Wheatland, Wyoming," conducted circa 1970 by Mildred Kenney Rost when her mother Jennie Kenney was 95 years old. The interview covers Jennie Kenney's recollections of life in the Wheatland, Wyoming area, including pioneer settlement, ranch life, and the development of the town. The oral history includes notes and a photograph of Jennie Kenney at age 95. A digital reproduction is available online. The format is noted as audio tape.

Interviewees (1):
Jennie Kenney

Topics:
wheatland wyoming, ranch life, pioneer women, wyoming settlement, local history, oral history interview

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. Digital reproduction of the oral history is available at http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/luna/servlet/s/rz894x.

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Milward L. Simpson Family Oral History Project

*Dates: 2003-2009 | Collection #11387 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Milward Simpson Family Oral History Project captured unwritten recollections about Milward Simpson and his family. Milward Simpson (1897-1993) was born in Jackson, Wyoming, married Lorna Kooi in 1929, served as Governor of Wyoming beginning in 1955, and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, retiring in 1967.

The collection contains 2.20 cubic feet (7 boxes) plus 2.75 GB of digital content. Materials include audio cassette tapes and CDs of interviews conducted from 2003 to 2009, transcripts of interviews, biographies, and an unpublished autographed book by Constant E. 'Bud' Webster (2000). Published oral history interviews with Thyra Thomson, James Watt, Dean Borthwick, and Cliff and Martha Hansen (2003) are also included.

Oral History Details:

The project recorded oral history interviews with family members and associates of Milward Simpson. Interviewees include sons Alan K. Simpson (2005-2009) and Pete Simpson (2004-2009); their wives Ann Simpson (2006-2009) and Lynne Simpson (2006-2009); and associates Dean Borthwick (2004-2005), Cliff Hansen, Martha Hansen, Eloise Shaw (2004-2009), Thyra Thomson (2003), Bruce Thomson (2003), James Watt (2003), Ernest Goppert Jr. (2007), Jim Nielson (2007), and Constant E. 'Bud' Webster. Interviews cover recollections about the Simpson family, Wyoming politics, and the social and political life of the state. Transcripts exist for all named interviewees, available in both physical (Box 7) and digital formats. Some interviews were also published in 2003.

Interviewees (14):

Alan K. Simpson, Pete Simpson, Ann Simpson, Lynne Simpson, Dean Borthwick, Cliff Hansen, Martha Hansen, Eloise Shaw, Thyra Thomson, Bruce Thomson, James Watt, Ernest Goppert Jr., Jim Nielson, Constant E. 'Bud' Webster

Topics:

wyoming politics, governors, united states senate, family history, political history, wyoming history

Access:

There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Nancy Anderson Research papers

*Dates: 1964-1990 | Collection #12905 | Formats: Audio, Video**

Nancy Anderson was a Carbon County, Wyoming historian who held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wyoming. Her interest in Carbon County history spanned five decades and led to involvement in oral history projects and documentary work. She also owned the Lora Webb Nichols House in Encampment, Wyoming.

Collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box). Materials include a VHS tape titled "The Iron Road" (1990) and reel-to-reel audio tapes containing oral history interviews with John Henry Crawford.

Oral History Details:
Reel-to-reel audio tapes containing oral history interviews with John Henry Crawford, a Hanna Mine boss, conducted by his daughter Nancy Anderson in 1980. Individual reels include: "J.H. Crawford-Grand Junction" (1980), a Mylar concert tape (1980), "Nancy Anderson - Jim" (1980), "John Henry Crawford army experiences" (1964), and "Jimmy's banjo" (1980). One blank reel is also present. The collection additionally includes a 1990 VHS documentary titled "The Iron Road" about Union Pacific Railroad construction and tie-making.

Interviewees (1):
John Henry Crawford

Topics:
coal mining, carbon county wyoming, railroad history, hanna wyoming, mining labor

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Nancy Lynn Schwartz papers

*Dates: 1936-2010 | Collection #07948 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Nancy Lynn Schwartz (1952-1978) was a television writer and author. She wrote episodes for the 1978 mini-series "Wheels" and co-wrote the TV movie "Like Mom, Like Me" with her mother, Sheila Schwartz. Schwartz served as chairwoman of the Women's Committee of the Writers Guild of America and began writing "The Hollywood Writers' Wars," a history of the Screen Writers' Guild and the Hollywood blacklists. The book was completed by her mother and published posthumously in 1982.

Collection contains personal papers (artifacts, correspondence, photographs, biographical information) and professional papers including manuscript materials and research for "The Hollywood Writers' Wars." The book files include audiocassette tape interviews, interview transcripts, research material, copies of the book, and drafts completed by both Nancy and Sheila Schwartz.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audiocassette tape interviews and transcripts created as research for "The Hollywood Writers' Wars," a history of the Screen Writers' Guild and Hollywood blacklists. Named interviewees include Paul Jarrico (screenwriter blacklisted during the McCarthy era), William Pomerance (labor organizer and Screen Writers' Guild figure), Ring Lardner Jr. (screenwriter and one of the Hollywood Ten), and John Wexley (playwright and screenwriter). Additional interview transcripts include Leonard S. Janofsky (December 12, 1975). The interviews document the politics of the Screen Writers' Guild, the Hollywood blacklists, communism in the motion picture industry, and labor organizing in Hollywood.

Interviewees (5):
Paul Jarrico, William Pomerance, Ring Lardner Jr., John Wexley, Leonard S. Janofsky

Topics:
hollywood blacklists, screen writers guild, communism and motion pictures, television writing, labor organizing

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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National Extension Homemakers Council. Voices of American Homemakers Oral History project

*Dates: 1977-1985 | Collection #10280 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

In 1982, a federal grant funded a three-year oral history project conducted by the National Extension Homemakers Council. Interviews of homemakers in thirty-six states were recorded and transcribed for the Council's 50th anniversary. The resulting book, Voices of American Homemakers, was edited by Eleanor Arnold and published in 1985.

The collection spans 3.25 cubic feet (4 boxes) and contains 173 audio cassette tapes recorded for the oral history project (1980-1984), transcripts of the interviews in five volumes, a copy of the published book, pamphlets, a project introduction letter, and symposium papers from the 1983 'Seminar of Humanists and Homemakers.'

Oral History Details:
The collection contains 173 audio cassette tape recordings of oral history interviews conducted between 1980 and 1984 with homemakers in thirty-six states. Interviewees discuss homemaking, child rearing, and family management in small towns and rural areas. Interview tapes are organized by state and interviewee name, with examples including interviews from Alaska (Eckert, Foster, Mumey), Alabama (Andrews, Bell, McAdams, Harwell, Price, Moman), Arkansas (Cypert, Tolley, Simmons, Jefferson, Webb), and Colorado (Kevan). Five volumes of transcripts accompany the recordings. The project combined extensive volunteer effort with professional oral history standards.

Topics:
homemaking, rural life, women's history, oral history, domestic arts, family management

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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National Outlaw & Lawman Association records

*Dates: 1775-2007 | Collection #09030 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

The National Outlaw & Lawman Association (NOLA) was formed in 1974 to foster interest and research in outlaws and lawmen of the American West and current crime history. NOLA sponsored annual rendezvous, dedications, celebrations, and memorials throughout the United States, and published a quarterly magazine.

The collection spans 20.59 cubic feet (47 boxes) and contains correspondence, organizational records, research and subject files, posters, photographs, handbills, manuscripts, bibliographies, maps, organizational awards, documents, periodicals, clippings, and artifacts. Audiocassettes of board meetings and presentations are included. A reel-to-reel tape of an interview with Sheriff Donald Cox (1975) is present, along with multiple typed interview transcripts of early settlers within the research files.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a reel-to-reel audio tape recording of an interview with Sheriff Donald Cox, former sheriff of Sacramento, California (1931-1961), conducted March 15, 1975 by Kathy Scott and Bob Shaffer, with Inspector Clay Worthley participating. The research files include numerous interview transcripts and oral accounts by Kerry Ross Boren: an interview with John Massey (May 27, 1970), an interview with Tim Potter (May 28, 1970), two interviews with Roy Boren (1969), an interview with William H. Kelsey concerning boyhood memories of Salt Lake City in 1879 (March 27, 1969), an excerpt from a transcribed interview with Willard Schofield Sr. (October 12, 1959, Manila, Utah), transcript of interviews with Mabel Stott Clegg (September 6 and 16, 1968), an interview transcript with Tom Welch (November 12, 1959) about boyhood in the Brown's Park area and the James Brothers, and an interview with George Widdop (February 1, 1965) concerning early settlers. The autobiography of Charles Garvin Dowd was taken from taped interviews. Topics covered include Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch, the James Brothers, early settlers, fur traders, and mining communities in Utah and Wyoming. Audio cassette tapes include board meeting recordings and presentation talks by Les Berk, Ralph Edgerton, Katherine Wright, and Milton Perry (on Jesse James).

Interviewees (10):
Donald Cox, John Massey, Tim Potter, Roy Boren, William H. Kelsey, Willard Schofield Sr., Mabel Stott Clegg, Tom Welch, George Widdop, Charles Garvin Dowd

Topics:
outlaws and lawmen, western history, frontier settlement, law enforcement, butch cassidy, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Neil McMurry Oral History Interview

*Dates: 2011-2011 | Collection #12535 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

W. N. "Neil" McMurry (1923-2012) served with the 385th Bomb Group in the European theater during World War II as a gunner on B-17 Flying Fortresses, completing twenty-nine missions including two on D-Day. After the war, he partnered with Vern Rissler to form Rissler and McMurry Company, a highway construction and contracting firm. McMurry's business ventures included the Jonah Field in Sublette County, and his philanthropy supported Wyoming citizens including single mothers attending Casper College.

The collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 2.26 GB of digital content. Materials include an audio recording and transcript of McMurry's oral history interview conducted on April 28, 2011.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Neil McMurry conducted by Rick Ewig, Associate Director of the American Heritage Center, on April 28, 2011. The interview covers McMurry's life history including his upbringing in Casper, Wyoming, his World War II service as a tail gunner, waist gunner, and ball turret gunner on B-17 Flying Fortresses with the 385th Bomb Group, his twenty-nine combat missions over Europe including two on D-Day, his postwar business career in highway construction with the Rissler and McMurry Company, and his philanthropic activities in Wyoming. Digital audio is available through the UW digital collections.

Interviewees (1):
Neil McMurry

Topics:
world war ii, construction industry, philanthropy, wyoming business, casper

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Nellie Tayloe Ross papers

*Dates: 1880-1998 | Collection #00948 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977) was the first woman governor in the United States. After her husband William Bradford Ross died three weeks before the 1924 election, she was elected Governor of Wyoming in his stead. She served as vice chair of the Democratic National Committee and was appointed Director of the U.S. Mint in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, serving until her retirement in 1953.

The collection (22.50 cubic feet, 39 boxes and digital content) contains correspondence, scrapbooks, speeches, manuscripts, audio records, photographs, legal and financial documents, and biographical materials. Oral history materials include interviews with Nellie Tayloe Ross (1930-1950), an oral history interview with William Bradford Ross II conducted by Rick Ewig (transcript and cassette tapes, July 1995), interviews with WBR II and WBR III (1994), an audio cassette of Bradford Ross discussing correspondence (1994), and Davis and Green family oral history transcripts.

Oral History Details:
Multiple oral history interviews are represented. Interviews with Nellie Tayloe Ross date from 1930-1950 and document her political career. Rick Ewig conducted an oral history interview with William Bradford Ross II on July 26-27, 1995, available as both transcript and cassette tapes; this interview covered Ross family history and Nellie Tayloe Ross's life and career. Additional interviews with William Bradford Ross II (1994) and William Bradford Ross III (1994) provide further family perspectives. An audio cassette records Bradford Ross discussing Nellie Tayloe Ross's correspondence with Joseph C. O'Mahoney (1924-1933). The collection also holds Davis Family and Green Family oral history transcripts.

Interviewees (3):
Nellie Tayloe Ross, William Bradford Ross II, William Bradford Ross III

Topics:
women in politics, wyoming governor, u.s. mint, democratic party, women's history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Oral history interview with Gladys Hill

*Dates: 1999-1999 | Collection #10689 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Gladys Hill was born in Nebraska in 1915 and lived most of her life near Douglas, Wyoming, where her family homesteaded in the 1920s. She was a homemaker in Converse County, Wyoming.

The collection spans 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) and contains four audio cassettes and a transcript of an oral history interview, along with a contemporary photograph of Hill.

Oral History Details:
The collection consists of a single oral history interview with Gladys Hill conducted by Mark Junge on October 29, 1999, in Hill's home in Douglas, Wyoming. The interview is recorded on four audio cassette tapes with an accompanying transcript. The interview documents Hill's experiences of homesteading and ranch life in Converse County, Wyoming, from the 1920s onward. A contemporary photograph of Hill is also included.

Interviewees (1):
Gladys Hill

Topics:
homesteading, ranch life, wyoming history, rural women, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes. Donor maintains copyright.

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Patricia Romeo Papers

*Dates: 1937-2018 | Collection #12698 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Patricia "Patty" Seibel was a United Air Lines stewardess from 1951 to 1952. She attended stewardess training school at the Cheyenne Training Center during the summer of 1951 and served in Los Angeles and Denver. She married United pilot Anthony Romeo shortly after ending her stewardess career in December 1952. The couple lived in Denver, Boston, and Chicago before returning to Denver after his retirement in 1982.

The collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) plus 950 MB of digital content. Materials include one oral history recording, biographical information, official stewardess documents (air logs, schedules, emergency procedures), photographs, a flight badge, telegrams, ephemera, and publications including "Legacy of the Friendly Skies: United Flight Attendants, 1930-1990."

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Patricia Romeo and family members, recorded on February 16, 2018, available digitally. The interview documents Romeo's career as a United Air Lines stewardess in 1951-1952, including her training at the Cheyenne Training Center, service in Los Angeles and Denver, and her marriage to United pilot Anthony Romeo. Supporting materials include photographs from the Cheyenne Training Center and graduation (1951), Los Angeles Airport (1951-1961), and stewardess publications such as "Wilted Wings" and "Clipped Wings."

Interviewees (1):
Patricia Romeo

Topics:
aviation history, flight attendants, united air lines, cheyenne wyoming, women in aviation

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Paul H. Oehser papers

*Dates: 1931-1975 | Collection #05759 | Formats: Transcript**

Paul Henry Oehser (1904-1996) began his career as an assistant editor for the Bureau of Biological Survey. He joined the Smithsonian Institution, serving first as editor and then as director of the Smithsonian Editorial and Publications Division. In 1951, Oehser became the Smithsonian's public relations officer and held that position until his retirement in 1966.

Collection contains 6.35 cubic feet (10 boxes) of biographical material, correspondence, newspaper articles and clippings, an oral history interview with Oehser, reprints, reviews, and miscellaneous brochures, excerpts, invitations, and other material.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes an oral history interview with Paul H. Oehser. The interview likely covers his career at the Smithsonian Institution, including his work as editor, director of publications, and public relations officer. Specific topics may include journalism, public relations practices, and Smithsonian operations. No additional details about the interviewer, date, or format are specified in the finding aid.

Interviewees (1):
Paul H. Oehser

Topics:
smithsonian institution, journalism, public relations, publishing, oral history interview

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Red Desert Project Records

*Dates: 1987-1993 | Collection #11473 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript**

The Wind River Historical Center received a grant from the Wyoming Council for the Humanities to conduct an overview of Wyoming's Red Desert through oral histories and photographic documentation. Sharon Kahin compiled much of the material.

The collection contains approximately 1 cubic foot (1 box). Materials include files containing photographs, oral histories, archaeology materials and transcriptions (1987-1993), audio cassette tapes (1987-1993), VHS video tapes (1993), and a notebook of research notes.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audio cassette tapes and VHS video tapes of oral histories relating to the Red Desert region, specifically the communities of Point of Rocks and Wamsutter in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The oral histories were recorded between 1987 and 1993 as part of a Wyoming Council for the Humanities-funded project. Transcriptions of some oral histories are included. The VHS video tapes date from 1993. Specific interviewee names are not identified in the finding aid.

Topics:
red desert, wyoming history, rural communities, sweetwater county, community history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Richard S. Putney oral history

*Dates: 2016-2017 | Collection #400094 | Formats: Digital**

Richard Putney was a minister with the United Common Ministry Church, part of the University of Wyoming campus ministry. He and his family were active in social justice movements in Laramie during the 1960s and 1970s, including organizing a memorial service for Martin Luther King Jr. after his assassination, supporting the Black 14 protests, and participating in civil rights demonstrations and Vietnam War protests.

The collection comprises 165 MB of digital content containing one oral history interview, correspondence, and material from the University of Wyoming Institutional Review Board for protection of human subjects research.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an oral history interview with Richard and Audrey Putney conducted by Irlanda Jacinto, University Archivist at the American Heritage Center, on January 27, 2017. Topics discussed include a memorial service for Martin Luther King Jr. after his assassination, the Black 14 incident at the University of Wyoming, peace movements, Vietnam War protests, civil rights demonstrations, gay rights in Wyoming, race relations, and the University of Wyoming campus during the 1960s and 1970s. Audrey Putney contributes to the interview alongside her husband Richard.

Interviewees (2):
Richard S. Putney, Audrey Putney

Topics:
civil rights, black 14, vietnam war protests, campus ministry, race relations, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Robert C. Milliken Oral History Interview

*Dates: 1944-2001 | Collection #12648 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Robert Carl Milliken was born in Hanna, Wyoming, on June 6, 1922. He completed the Civilian Pilot Training course at the University of Wyoming in 1942 and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Assigned to the 474th Fighter Group, Milliken completed 70 combat missions flying the P-38 across multiple European campaigns including Normandy and the Ardennes. After the war, he returned to Laramie where he built the Laramie Airpark and operated Frontier Aviation Company.

The collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) including two oral history audio cassette tapes, interview transcripts, newspaper articles, a pilot's individual combat chart, military records, and research notes.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Robert C. Milliken conducted by Rick Ewig in 2000-2001, recorded on two audio cassette tapes. The interview was transcribed by Ronda Frazier. Topics discussed include Milliken's upbringing in Hanna, Wyoming, his pilot training at the University of Wyoming through the Civilian Pilot Training Program, his World War II service as a P-38 fighter pilot with the 474th Fighter Group of the Ninth Air Force, his 70 combat missions across the European theater including the Air Offensive on Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, and his postwar career in aviation and business in Laramie. A newspaper article titled "From D-Day to Buchenwald, The Story of a Fighter Pilot" accompanies the interview materials.

Interviewees (1):
Robert C. Milliken

Topics:
world war ii, fighter pilots, p-38 lightning, aviation, wyoming veterans, hanna wyoming

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Robert H. Burns papers

*Dates: 1848-1982 | Collection #400002 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Robert H. Burns (1900-1973) was a wool specialist and University of Wyoming faculty member who served as head of the Wool Department. Burns conducted wool research for the United States Department of Agriculture, participated in a mission to China to study carpet-wool in 1946, and consulted for the Iranian government in 1949. He authored publications on Wyoming ranch history and founded the annual Old Time Ranch Tour.

The collection comprises 34.37 cubic feet (31 boxes) organized in three series: Personal Papers, Professional Papers, and Audio-Visual materials. The Audio-Visual series includes audio recordings, photographs, photographic plates, printing blocks, and motion picture film. The audio recordings sub-series contains reel-to-reel recordings of interviews and ranch tours.

Oral History Details:
Series III, Sub-series 1 (Audio Recordings) contains multiple audio recordings including: Oregon Oldtimers from William 'Bill' Leonard (Reels 1-3, 1963); Burns Retirement Dinner (Reel 4); general travel recordings; Old Timers Ranch Tours (Reels 6-7, July 1970); R.B. Miller (Reel 8, 1952); Miller (Reel 9); Gillispie's and Swan (Reels 10-11, 1950); Axel Palmer Audograph (Sides 1 and 2); Reel to Reel H. Nelson; and tape recording of Old Time Ranch Tour (July 1971). The correspondence series also contains an Oral History folder (1971-1973) and Wes Johnson Interviews (1971). These recordings document ranching history, Wyoming pioneers, and agricultural life in Albany County.

Interviewees (4):
William Leonard, R.B. Miller, Axel Palmer, H. Nelson

Topics:
wool industry, ranching history, albany county ranches, wyoming agriculture, university of wyoming, sheep breeding

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Robert Olney Easton papers

Dates: 1860-1999 | Collection #02833

Robert Olney Easton (1915-1999) was an author and environmental activist born in San Francisco. He earned his B.A. from Harvard in 1938, served in the Army during WWII, and pursued a career as a freelance writer, contributing stories to The Atlantic, Colliers, True, and The Saturday Evening Post. His first book, "The Happy Man" (1943), established him as a literary talent in western fiction. He later became active in environmental causes in Santa Barbara, California.

The collection (14.00 cubic feet, 31 boxes) includes correspondence, clippings, manuscripts, notebooks, photographs, and other materials concerning Easton's literary career. The papers document how he conceived, researched, and developed his works. An oral history of Robert O. Easton is included within the collection materials.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains an oral history of Robert O. Easton. The finding aid does not specify the interviewer, date, or format of the oral history, nor does it detail the specific topics discussed. Based on the collection's scope, the oral history likely addresses Easton's literary career, his environmental activism, and life in the American West.

Interviewees (1):
Robert Olney Easton

Topics:
western literature, environmental activism, freelance writing, american west, fiction

Access:
Correspondence between Robert Easton and Frederick Faust (Max Brand) and between Robert Easton and Jack Schaefer is closed to the public until 2050.

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Robert T. Helvey papers

*Dates: 1883-1966 | Collection #01465 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Robert T. Helvey (1888/1889-1964) was a rancher who came to Wyoming at age 19. He married Lona Martin of Big Horn, Wyoming, in 1909 and managed the Wyoming Securities Company's ranch holdings from 1922 to 1944. After leaving the company, Helvey returned to ranching and private investing, and from 1952 to 1966 conducted over 150 hours of taped interviews with early Wyoming and Montana settlers.

The collection (14.70 cubic feet, 30 boxes plus oversize) contains reel-to-reel audio tapes, cassette tapes, and transcripts of oral history interviews conducted by Helvey (1952-1966) in Series III, organized into three subseries: Transcripts, Reel to Reel Tapes, and Cassette Tapes. The collection also includes materials relating to the Wyoming Securities Company, Helvey and Martin family correspondence and legal materials, records on Verner C. Reed, Sheridan's Girl's Industrial School records, and photographs.

Oral History Details:
Robert T. Helvey conducted over 150 hours of oral history interviews with early Wyoming and Montana settlers between 1952 and 1966. The interviews are organized in Series III (Oral Histories) with three subseries: Transcripts (Sub-series 1), Reel to Reel Tapes (Sub-series 2), and Cassette Tapes (Sub-series 3). The interviews document frontier and pioneer life in Wyoming and Montana, the Johnson County War, and ranching in Sheridan County. Specific interviewees are not individually named in the available finding aid summary, but the collection represents one of the most extensive oral history projects documenting early settlement in north-central Wyoming.

Topics:
frontier and pioneer life, wyoming settlers, montana settlers, johnson county war, ranching, sheridan county

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Robert West Howard papers

*Dates: 1666-1985 | Collection #01138 | Formats: Audio**

Robert West Howard (1908-1988) was a writer and journalist who began reporting for New York City newspapers in 1925. He served with the WPA Federal Writers' Project (1935-1937), edited the Farm Journal (1938-1943) and Pathfinder (1943-1945), and worked for the American Meat Institute (1954-1959). After 1959 he authored over 13 books on western American history, including "Hoofbeats of Destiny," "The Horse in America," and "This is the West."

The collection (16.57 cubic feet, 36 boxes plus 1 envelope) contains manuscripts of Howard's works, correspondence, speeches, news clippings, book reviews, reel-to-reel audio tapes of interviews with Howard, maps, photographs, articles, printed materials, and art used for research and publication. The audiovisual series (Series V) contains the oral history recordings.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains reel-to-reel audio tapes of interviews with Robert West Howard in Series V (Audiovisual). These oral history recordings document Howard's career as a writer and journalist covering western American history, agriculture, and the horse in America. The finding aid classifies the form/genre as "Oral histories" but does not list individual interviewer names or specific tape counts.

Interviewees (1):
Robert West Howard

Topics:
western american history, journalism, agriculture, horses, pony express, writers

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Rosemary Quinn papers

*Dates: 1994-2000 | Collection #11239 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Rosemary Quinn was born in Morrilton, Arkansas in 1899. Her family moved to Vian, Indian Territory in 1907, where she attended public school and lived on her grandmother's farm. She received her teaching certificate from Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1920 and taught in Oklahoma, Idaho, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, retiring in 1964.

The collection contains 0.5 cubic feet (1 box) plus 2 oversized envelopes. Materials include 8 audio cassette tapes of an oral history recorded in 1994, transcripts of the tapes prepared in 1998, and 4 letters written to Bill Dubois in 2000.

Oral History Details:
Rosemary Quinn recorded 8 cassette tapes of oral history in 1994 recounting her life experiences. She describes farm life in Indian Territory, childhood companions, games, social divisions in her town, and the effect of World War I on their rural railroad community. Quinn recounts taking dancing lessons at Fort Smith and discusses her career as a teacher in Oklahoma, Idaho, and Wyoming. She describes interactions with pupils in class and during visits to their homes on ranches and farms, as well as vacations in the Midwest, Southwest, Wyoming, and Canada. Transcripts of all 8 tapes were prepared in 1998. Four supplemental letters written to Bill Dubois in the winter of 2000 provide additional memories and commentary on the tape recordings.

Interviewees (1):
Rosemary Quinn

Topics:
education, farm life, women's history, world war i, ranch life, wyoming history, oklahoma history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Roy W. Lilley Oral History Interviews

*Dates: 1908-2015 | Collection #12560 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Roy W. Lilley grew up in the Virginia Dale area of the Colorado-Wyoming border. His father, Charles Weston Lilley, managed the Windy Hollow Ranch and Table Mountain Ranch. Roy Lilley became an executive officer of the American National Cattlemen's Association and other stock growers associations in the West. His grandfather, Perry Williams, was a rancher in southeastern Wyoming with connections to Tom Horn and John C. Coble.

The collection comprises 0.1 cubic feet (1 envelope) plus 1.47 GB of digital content. Materials include 5 oral history interview recordings (digital), correspondence and notes regarding family history and John Coble (photocopies, 1992-2011), and a photocopy of an autobiography by Frances J. Yost (circa 1908).

Oral History Details:
The collection contains five oral history interview recordings organized in three sessions. The 2012 interviews include: Part 1 covering Roy W. Lilley's life; Part 2 covering Perry Williams, the Williams family, and Tom Horn; and Part 3 covering John G. Lilley and the Lilley family. Two additional interviews were recorded on June 8, 2015 (Parts 1 and 2), focusing on Roy Lilley and the American National Cattlemen's Association. D. Claudia Thompson served as interviewer. Topics discussed include ranch life in Colorado and Wyoming, Perry Williams' association with Tom Horn and John C. Coble, the Lilley family history, and the American National Cattlemen's Association. The collection also includes an autobiography by Frances J. Yost, Perry Williams' mother and Roy W. Lilley's great-grandmother.

Interviewees (1):
Roy W. Lilley

Topics:
ranch life, cattle ranching, tom horn, wyoming-colorado border, cattlemen's associations, family history

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Ruth H. Loomis papers

*Dates: 1925-1989 | Collection #10378 | Formats: Audio**

Ruth Harrington Loomis was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and graduated from Smith College in 1922. She served as administrative assistant to Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman governor in the United States, throughout Ross's term. Loomis also served as Ross's personal secretary during the 1928 presidential campaign and briefly as state librarian before marrying John U. Loomis in 1934.

The collection spans 0.20 cubic feet (1 envelope, 1 oversized folder) and contains photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles, an oral history interview, reprints of photographs of Loomis's family with Nellie Tayloe Ross, and an original campaign poster from Ross's 1926 re-election bid.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Ruth Loomis conducted by David Cookson of the University of Wyoming History Department on May 22, 1979. The interview is preserved on audio cassette tapes (Folder 1). The interview documents Loomis's experiences as administrative assistant to Governor Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman governor in the United States, and life in early twentieth-century Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Interviewees (1):
Ruth H. Loomis

Topics:
women in politics, nellie tayloe ross, wyoming governor, cheyenne wyoming, oral history

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Shoemaker Family Diaries

Dates: 1900-1981 | Collection #12687

Lillian "Lee" Olive Easton married Theodore "Teddy" Shoemaker in 1913. The family moved across the Rocky Mountain West, living in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. Their son Robert served in the military and died in 1944 during World War II. May Dot Schenck, Lillian's sister-in-law, settled in Big Horn County, Wyoming, in 1900, married George Shoemaker, and became Superintendent of the Big Horn County School District.

The collection contains 1.00 cubic feet (1 box) of diaries, a memoir, a family tree, and family memorabilia. Materials include diaries of Lillian "Lee" Easton Shoemaker (1901-1967), Nanette "Nan" Lee Shoemaker (1927-1935), and Robert "Bob" E. Shoemaker (1935-1943), along with a memoir by May Dot Shoemaker (1968-1981).

Oral History Details:
This collection does not contain oral history interview recordings. It consists of personal diaries and a written memoir. The memoir, "Events in the Life of May Dot Shoemaker" (1968-1981), provides a first-person narrative account. A related oral history, the Theodore H. Shoemaker interview (December 11, 1985), is held in the Depression-era oral history collection at the University of Montana Mansfield Library.

Topics:
family history, women in the west, rocky mountain west, world war ii, big horn county

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Steve Gardiner Oral Histories about Gillette, Wyoming

*Dates: 1981-1985 | Collection #12570 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Steve Gardiner conducted oral history interviews with residents of Gillette, Wyoming, during the early 1980s. The interviews documented life during an oil and mining boom in the Gillette area. Gardiner compiled the transcripts under the title "Rumblings from Razor City: The Oral History of Gillette, Wyoming, an Energy Boom Town."

The collection comprises 0.45 cubic feet (1 box) containing photocopied transcripts of oral history interviews and audio cassettes of some of the interviews.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains oral history transcripts compiled under the title "Rumblings from Razor City: The Oral History of Gillette, Wyoming, an Energy Boom Town." Steve Gardiner conducted interviews with Gillette, Wyoming, residents about life during the oil and mining boom of the late 20th century. Topics addressed include coal mining and oil field operations in Wyoming. Audio cassettes of some interviews are included alongside the photocopied transcripts. Specific interviewee names are not enumerated in the finding aid.

Topics:
coal mining, oil industry, energy boom towns, gillette wyoming, community life

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Stout Family Papers

*Dates: 1877-1979 | Collection #08414 | Formats: Audio**

The Stout Family were longtime residents of the Big Horn Basin in northern Wyoming. Calvin R. Stout Sr. and Ola Norton married in 1921 and had five children. Calvin Jr. was killed in action in France during World War II in 1945. Ola Norton Stout worked as a telegrapher for the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. The family operated a ranch near Cody, Wyoming.

Collection consists of family files arranged alphabetically containing photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, legal and business documents, and material relating to Calvin Stout Jr.'s World War II service and the Stout Ranch near Cody. Includes diaries and daily planners from Ola Stout (1940-1976), documents related to Ola Stout's work as a railroad telegrapher, early photographs of Wyoming communities of Garland and Lost Cabin, a scrapbook of photographs from the 1930s, and audiotapes containing oral histories.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audio cassette recordings of oral histories of Ola (Norton) Stout and her sister Ada (Norton) Halley, recorded circa 1970. The oral histories document their early memories of life in the Big Horn Basin, including recollections of the town of Garland, Wyoming, in the early 1900s. The recordings provide firsthand accounts of pioneer life in northern Wyoming.

Interviewees (2):
Ola Norton Stout, Ada Norton Halley

Topics:
big horn basin, wyoming pioneer life, ranch life, world war ii, railroad telegraphers

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Susan L. Pamerleau oral history

*Dates: 2021-2021 | Collection #12954 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Susan L. Pamerleau (b. 1946) served 32 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a major general in 2000. She received her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Wyoming in 1968. In 2012 she was elected as the first female Sheriff of Bexar County, Texas, and in 2018 she was appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, becoming the first woman to lead that court district.

Collection contains 6.94 GB of digital materials consisting of oral history interviews in 3 parts conducted by Leslie Waggener with Susan Pamerleau in 2021.

Oral History Details:
Oral history interview with Susan L. Pamerleau in 3 parts conducted by Leslie Waggener from April to October 2021. The interviews cover Pamerleau's 32-year career in the United States Air Force (1968-2000) including her promotions to brigadier general and major general, her subsequent career at USAA, her tenure as Sheriff of Bexar County, Texas (2013-2016) as the county's first female sheriff, and her appointment and service as United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas (2018). The interviews document her experiences as a woman in military and law enforcement leadership.

Interviewees (1):
Susan L. Pamerleau

Topics:
military service, women in law enforcement, united states air force, u.s. marshals service, women in leadership, texas law enforcement

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Susan McKay papers

*Dates: 1970-2017 | Collection #400036 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Susan McKay (b. 1942) was a professor of Women's and International Studies at the University of Wyoming. She earned a Ph.D. from UW in 1978 and was a W.K. Kellogg National Fellow from 1983 to 1986. McKay received the Presidential Faculty Achievement Award at UW in 2000. Her research focused on three areas: the Heart Mountain Japanese Relocation Center, pregnancy in rural Wyoming, and women in areas of armed conflict.

The collection comprises 12.76 cubic feet (18 boxes) plus 4.49 GB of digital content, organized in four series. Series I contains materials pertaining to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center including subject files, audio-visual materials, and oversize items. Series II covers pregnancy and childbirth. Series III addresses women, armed conflict, and peace-building. Series IV contains restricted personal papers.

Oral History Details:

Series I contains audio tapes and transcripts of interviews with Japanese American women who were internees at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center near Cody, Wyoming, during World War II. McKay used these interviews for her 2002 publication 'The Courage Our Stories Tell: The Daily Lives and Maternal Child Health Care of Japanese American Women at Heart Mountain.' The sub-series on Subject Files contains correspondence, transcripts of interviews with Heart Mountain internees, and related research materials. Individual interviewee names are not enumerated in the finding aid. The collection also includes audio-visual instructional materials related to pregnancy research in rural Wyoming.

Topics:

japanese american internment, heart mountain relocation center, maternal health, women's studies, world war ii, rural health

Access:

Series IV (Personal Papers, boxes 15-18 and digital folders ahcdm_400036_024-048) restricted from use until January 1, 2060, except to Julie McKay and Sharon McKay. All other series are open to the public.

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Sylvia Norman Ruland papers

*Dates: 1975-1984 | Collection #08800 | Formats: Audio**

Sylvia Norman Ruland was a former speech therapy teacher who became a freelance writer in 1976. In 1981, she wrote "The Lion of Redstone," a biography of John Cleveland Osgood, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Steel Corporation, and a history of the Coalfield Wars of 1913-1914 in Colorado.

Collection contains 1.45 cubic feet (2 boxes) of biographical material; correspondence with editors and publishers (1975-1984); manuscripts including "The Lion of Redstone" (1975-1982); subject files with research notes, photographs, and newsclippings (1981-1982); newsclippings (1979-1984); and 9 audio cassette tapes of research interviews conducted by Ruland in 1981.

Oral History Details:

The collection includes 9 audio cassette tapes of interviews conducted by Sylvia Norman Ruland in 1981 as research for her book "The Lion of Redstone." The interviewees were people with knowledge of John Cleveland Osgood and the Coalfield Wars of 1913-1914 in Colorado. The interviews document the history of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Steel Corporation, coal mining operations, labor conflicts, and the community of Redstone, Colorado. Specific interviewee names are not listed in the finding aid. The manuscript and some research material are photocopies.

Topics:

colorado coal mining, coalfield wars, labor history, colorado fuel and iron, oral history interviews

Access:

There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Taco John's International, Inc. records

*Dates: 1968-2021 | Collection #11452 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Taco John's originated in April 1968 when John K. Turner opened a taco stand in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Jim Woodson and Harold Holmes began selling franchises in 1969 and renamed the business "Taco John's." Turner sold the trademark and recipes in 1985 to Woodson/Holmes Enterprises, Inc., a predecessor of Taco John's International.

The collection contains 54.86 cubic feet (114 boxes) plus 64.50 GB of digital content. Materials include general files, company history, oral histories with company founders, unit directories, internal publications, newsletters, marketing and advertising materials, photographs of stores and signage, design concept drawings, and artifacts.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes oral histories with company founders Jim Woodson and Harold Holmes documenting the founding and growth of the Taco John's franchise from its origins as a single taco stand in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1968. Topics covered in the oral histories include franchise development, the company's mom-and-pop business model, and the expansion to over 400 restaurants in 27 states.

Interviewees (2):
Jim Woodson, Harold Holmes

Topics:
fast food industry, franchise business, wyoming business history, entrepreneurship, restaurant industry

Access:
Material of a public nature, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and advertising materials, are unrestricted. All other records less than 25 years old are restricted from researchers unless approved in writing by Taco John's.

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Teresa Jordan papers

*Dates: 1906-2014 | Collection #07737 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

Teresa Jordan (b. 1955) was an American author and artist who wrote and edited books about Western rural life, culture, and the environment. Raised on a cattle ranch in the Iron Mountain country of southeast Wyoming, she received her BA in history from Yale University in 1977, where her thesis on Wyoming ranchers during the Great Depression won the McClintock Prize. She earned her BFA from the University of Utah in 2002.

Collection contains manuscripts, research files, audio recordings of interviews on cassette tapes, corresponding transcripts, articles, and photographs regarding Jordan's published and unpublished works, including "Riding the White Horse Home," "Cowgirls: Women of the American West," "Graining the Mare," and her Butte, Montana project.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains extensive audio cassette tape recordings of interviews conducted by Teresa Jordan for her research. The Cowgirls project interviews (1976-1981) document women of the American West, including ranchers, rodeo performers, and rural women. Named interviewees include Agnes W. Spring, Ann Bateson, Alida Stein, Barbara Davis, Becky Fuchs, Biddy Bonham, Carole Horn, Charlie Olson, Chris Ledoux, Peggy Ledoux, Carol Goosetree, Gail Tyson, Cindy Moreno, Debby Kenton, Dolly Parton, Donna Lozier, Doris Westphal, Edgar Brown, Edith Connally, Ellen Cotton, Ethel Taylor, Fern Sawyer, Frances Bentley, George Gildersleeve, Goldie Griffith Cameron, Gwynne Fordyce, Heidi Audermuhle, Helen Musgrave, Jackie Jo Perrin, Becky Fullerton, Jan Edmondson, Jane Kruse, Jeanee Godshall, Jenny Gibbs, Lynn McKenzie, Judy Robinson, Marcia Brazell, Marie Scott, Nicki Taylor, Rufus Benedict, Shari Kox, and the Greenough sisters. The Butte, Montana project (1984-1987) includes interviews with miners and residents: Dick Skates, Fred Quivik, Jim Killoy, John Orth, Father O'Sullivan, Kathleen McBride, Neil Lynch, Ed Lahey, Holland, Bill Walker, Frank Sullivan, Bert and Donnetta Skinner, Danny and Wilma Ramirez, Don Peoples, Mel Pederson, and Arnold Olsen. Some tapes are noted as damaged.

Interviewees (40):
Agnes W. Spring, Ann Bateson, Alida Stein, Barbara Davis, Becky Fuchs, Biddy Bonham, Carole Horn, Chris Ledoux, Peggy Ledoux, Carol Goosetree, Gail Tyson, Cindy Moreno, Debby Kenton, Doris Westphal, Ellen Cotton, Ethel Taylor, Fern Sawyer, Frances Bentley, Goldie Griffith Cameron, Gwynne Fordyce, Heidi Audermuhle, Helen Musgrave, Jackie Jo Perrin, Becky Fullerton, Jan Edmondson, Jane Kruse, Jenny Gibbs, Judy Robinson, Marie Scott, Greenough sisters, Dick Skates, Fred Quivik, Jim Killoy, John Orth, Kathleen McBride, Neil Lynch, Ed Lahey, Bill Walker, Frank Sullivan, Arnold Olsen

Topics:
cowgirls, western ranch life, women in the american west, butte montana mining, rodeo, oral history interviews

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Terry P. Roark papers

*Dates: 1981-2021 | Collection #400103 | Formats: Digital**

Terry P. Roark (b. 1938) was a physicist and academic administrator who served as President of the University of Wyoming from 1987 to 1997. He earned his Ph.D. in astronomy from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1966 and held faculty and administrative positions at Ohio State University and Kent State University before joining UW. He also served in community organizations including Rotary International and Associated Western Universities.

The collection comprises 1.00 cubic feet (1 box) plus 3.00 GB of digital content. Materials include correspondence, awards, speeches, meeting minutes and agendas, manuscript material, and an oral history interview. The collection documents Roark's service in academic organizations, the UW Physics and Astronomy Department, and his tenure as University of Wyoming President.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with Terry P. Roark conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, on November 12, 2021. The interview covers Roark's service as President of the University of Wyoming (1987-1997), his career in the Physics and Astronomy Department, and his involvement with organizations such as the Associated Western Universities, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and Rotary International.

Interviewees (1):
Terry P. Roark

Topics:
university presidents, higher education administration, university of wyoming, physics and astronomy, academic leadership

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Thomas F. Stroock Papers

*Dates: 1948-2010 | Collection #10356 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

Thomas F. Stroock (1925-2010) served as a Wyoming State Senator for sixteen years, ran for U.S. Congress in 1974, served as State Chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party (1975-1978), and was U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala (1989-1992) appointed by President George H.W. Bush. He was also a Casper businessman who founded the Stroock Leasing Corporation in 1952.

The collection spans 62.37 cubic feet (118 boxes) plus 1.5 GB of digital materials and contains State Senate files, Congressional campaign files, Wyoming Republican Party files, Ambassador to Guatemala files, university work files, scrapbooks covering 1948-2004, and interview materials. Series VII contains oral history interview materials spanning 1993-2006.

Oral History Details:
Series VII (Interview Materials, 1993-2006) contains extensive oral history interviews with Thomas F. Stroock conducted by multiple interviewers. Interviews by Andrew Low (1993-1995) include transcripts. Interviews by Anne MacKinnon (April-May 2003) include DVC tapes and video. Multiple interviews by Phil Roberts were conducted on October 27, 2004, January 24, 2005, February 22, 2005, April 6, 2005, and April 22, 2005, with cassette tapes and transcripts. Adrian Bantjes conducted interviews on April 21, 2005, June 21, 2005, June 29, 2005, and April 6, 2006, also with cassette tapes and transcripts. An interview transcript by Andrew Low concerning the ambassadorship is filed within the Guatemala files (Series IV, Box 67). Topics covered include Wyoming state politics, the Republican Party, the Guatemala ambassadorship, human rights, and public service.

Interviewees (1):
Thomas F. Stroock

Topics:
wyoming politics, u.s. diplomacy, guatemala, republican party, human rights, oral history

Access:
Materials designated as 'Classified' are closed to the public. Materials marked 'privacy' are restricted from public use until January 1, 2075 unless the researcher signs a use agreement.

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Tom Harvey oral history interview

*Dates: 1991-1991 | Collection #09839 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

William Thomas Harvey (1923-1992) was a World War II veteran and long-serving employee of the Union Pacific Railroad. He served as a second lieutenant and bombardier in the 8th Air Corps during the war. Following military service, Harvey earned a law degree from the University of Wyoming and spent 49 years working for the Union Pacific Railroad as a fireman and engineer.

The collection spans 0.10 cubic feet (1 container) and contains an audio cassette tape and a transcript of an oral history interview conducted by John Hanks in 1991.

Oral History Details:
The collection consists of a single oral history interview with William Thomas 'Tom' Harvey conducted by John Hanks in 1991. Harvey's family recollections extend from 1900 to 1990, covering his experiences as a World War II bombardier in the 8th Air Corps, his brother Richard's death in WWII (July 10, 1944), his law degree from the University of Wyoming, and his 49-year career with the Union Pacific Railroad in Rawlins, Wyoming. The interview is available on audio cassette with a transcript.

Interviewees (1):
William Thomas Harvey

Topics:
railroad history, world war ii, union pacific railroad, wyoming history, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Travis Kirchhefer oral history

*Dates: 2016-2016 | Collection #300060 | Formats: Digital**

Travis Kirchhefer was a lawyer for the Wyoming Attorney General and a drag performer. He grew up in Douglas, Wyoming, attended the University of Wyoming, earning a B.A. in History in 2004 and a J.D. in 2007. Kirchhefer was involved with Wyoming theatre groups and gay rights organizations including Wyoming Aids Walk and the LGBTA.

The collection comprises 100 MB of digital content containing one oral history interview recorded on March 25, 2016.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a single oral history interview with Travis Kirchhefer conducted by Irlanda Jacinto, University Archivist at the American Heritage Center, on March 25, 2016. Kirchhefer discusses his experiences as a gay man and drag queen in Wyoming, his exposure to drag culture upon moving to Laramie to attend the University of Wyoming, his involvement with gay rights organizations in the state, and his career in law.

Interviewees (1):
Travis Kirchhefer

Topics:
lgbtq history, drag culture, gay rights, wyoming law, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office records

*Dates: 1990-2016 | Collection #10408 | Formats: Transcript**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation separated from the U.S. Geological Survey in 1907 to become an independent bureau within the Department of the Interior. Renamed the Bureau of Reclamation in 1923, the agency authorized major projects including the Boulder Canyon Project (Hoover Dam) in 1928 and the Colorado-Big Thompson Project during the Great Depression.

The collection spans 9.00 cubic feet (9 boxes) and contains research reports on historic reclamation projects and programs, oral histories in the series titled 'Reclamation: Managing Water in the West,' and general publications including bureau organizational history, centennial symposium essays, and histories of large federal dams.

Oral History Details:
The Oral History Program section contains conducted interviews organized alphabetically by interviewee name (1993-1998, Boxes 2-3), published interviews alphabetically by interviewee name (2006-2016, Boxes 3-8), two interviews on the Minidoka Project with Mildred Culley Fournier, and Ann and Floyd Weeks (August 1990, Box 9), and Yakima Project ditch riders interviews with a publication titled 'Delivery, Technology, Community: An Oral History of Yakima Project Ditch Riders' (2007, Box 9). The oral histories document the experiences of Bureau of Reclamation personnel and stakeholders involved in western water management and reclamation projects.

Interviewees (3):
Mildred Culley Fournier, Ann Weeks, Floyd Weeks

Topics:
water resources, reclamation, dam construction, western water management, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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United Air Lines Flight 409 Crash collection

*Dates: 1939-2022 | Collection #10494 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

On October 6, 1955, United Air Lines Flight 409, a DC-4 en route from New York City to San Francisco, crashed into Medicine Bow Peak (12,013 feet) west of Laramie, Wyoming, killing all 66 passengers and crew. This was the worst civil air disaster in U.S. history to that date. A second UAL crash near Loveland, Colorado, occurred less than one month later, attributed to a saboteur.

The collection spans 2.65 cubic feet (7 boxes) plus 590.30 MB of digital materials and contains photographs of the crash site, materials describing the rescue effort, sketches of pulley systems, newspaper clippings, maps, written and published accounts, oral history interviews in audio and transcript formats, a VHS videotape of National Guard shelling operations, crash site artifacts including a propeller, and information about the Douglas DC-4 aircraft.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains seven oral history interviews conducted in 1996 with people involved in the rescue effort, available in both audio and transcript formats. Interviewees include Forest Kepler (audiotape), Elaine Hertzfelt (audiotape), Carol and William Daley (audiotape), William Blackstone (audiotape), Bob Foster (audiotape), Don Sims (audiotape), and Anthony Romeo (audio recording, October 24, 2016). Transcripts of all interviews are filed in Box 1, Folder 6. The oral histories were digitized in 2006, and digital versions are available through UW Digital Collections. A video interview with Robert 'Bob' Bruce, a recovery team member, was recorded March 4, 2021. Oral history release forms from 1996 are in Box 7.

Interviewees (9):
Forest Kepler, Elaine Hertzfelt, Carol Daley, William Daley, William Blackstone, Bob Foster, Don Sims, Anthony Romeo, Robert Bruce

Topics:
aviation disaster, rescue operations, medicine bow peak, wyoming history, oral history, aviation safety

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center, Wyoming Energy Boom Niobrara Oil Play Oral History Project

*Dates: 2011-2014 | Collection #560002 | Formats: Video, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Energy Boom Niobrara Oil Play Oral History Project was conducted by the American Heritage Center's Alan K. Simpson Institute for Western Politics and Leadership. The project explored the social, environmental, and economic impacts of a potential energy boom in the Niobrara Oil Play. Archivist Leslie Waggener and camerawoman Ali Grossman of University of Wyoming Television interviewed over 60 people from 2011 to 2014.

Collection contains 963 GB of digital material and 1.05 cubic feet (3 boxes plus electronic files). Materials include digital video and transcripts of oral history interviews, video shots and B-roll of interviews, landscapes, and towns within the Niobrara Oil Play, and research materials including newspaper articles, periodicals, pamphlets, local business and real estate brochures, maps, and phone books for Goshen, Niobrara, and Platte counties.

Oral History Details:

The collection contains over 60 oral history interviews conducted from 2011-2014 documenting the potential energy boom in the Niobrara Oil Play area. Interviews include digital video recordings and transcripts. Interviewees represent ranchers, business owners, town leaders, law enforcement, and energy industry workers across eastern Wyoming. Named interviewees include: Don Basko (retired Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission supervisor); Dustin Bleifezzer (WyoFile editor); Bruce Hinchey (Petroleum Association of Wyoming president); Matt Adelman (Douglas Budget/Glenrock Independent publisher); Linda Alley and Susan Dziardziel (Douglas Workforce Services); Jim Anderson (Wyoming Senator, District 02); Linda Care (Mayor of Glenrock); Mike Colling (Converse County Commissioner, Hotel Higgins co-owner); Arlene Ekland-Earnst (Wyoming Pioneer Memorial Museum supervisor); Victor Garber (VJ Energy and Land owner); Charlie Hegglund (Plains Trading Post owner); Cody Helenbolt (Douglas Middle School teacher); Maria Katherman; Bobbie Larsen (My Realty Company, Planning & Zoning chair); Pepper McClenahan; Erin Miller; Kristi Mogen; Marilyn Werner; Jared Williams; Terry Barr; Harrison Welshimer; Marsha Anderson; Dan Bevans; Casey Burns; Larry Grimes; John and Nancy Kessler; Gary Kirchhefer; Ross Newman; Debbie Quest; Ray Schulte; Gary Korell; Bob Taylor; Mike Varney; Matt Ashby; Randy Bruns; Trudy Eisele; Brad Graham; Bobby Johnson; Mike Kaelin; Jeff Ketchum; Tyler 'Toby' Kimzey; Gary Kranse; Ryan Lance; Jill Morrison; Tom Nowac; Ed Olson; Jerimiah Rieman; Harry 'Bud' Rogers; Jim Ruby; Bill Shain; Patty Smith; Dale Steenbergen; Mary Ellen Tast; John Wagner; Larry Wolfe; Thane Ashenhurst; Thane and Larry Ashenhurst; Anja Bendel; Dan Brecht; Sandra Cooper; Jitesh 'Jay' Khilochia; Dan Kirkbride; Nancy Munier; Mona Sherard; and Stephen 'Steve' Sherard.

Interviewees (67):

Don Basko, Dustin Bleifezzer, Bruce Hinchey, Matt Adelman, Linda Alley, Susan Dziardziel, Jim Anderson, Linda Care, Mike Colling, Arlene Ekland-Earnst, Victor Garber, Charlie Hegglund, Cody Helenbolt, Maria Katherman, Bobbie Larsen, Pepper McClenahan, Erin Miller, Kristi Mogen, Marilyn Werner, Jared Williams, Terry Barr, Harrison Welshimer, Marsha Anderson, Dan Bevans, Casey Burns, Larry Grimes, John Kessler, Nancy Kessler, Gary Kirchhefer, Ross Newman, Debbie Quest, Ray Schulte, Gary Korell, Bob Taylor, Mike Varney, Matt Ashby, Randy Bruns, Trudy Eisele, Brad Graham, Bobby Johnson, Mike Kaelin, Jeff Ketchum, Tyler Kimzey, Gary Kranse, Ryan Lance, Jill Morrison, Tom Nowac, Ed Olson, Jerimiah Rieman, Harry Rogers, Jim Ruby, Bill Shain, Patty Smith, Dale Steenbergen, Mary Ellen Tast, John Wagner, Larry Wolfe, Thane Ashenhurst, Larry Ashenhurst, Anja Bendel, Dan Brecht, Sandra Cooper, Jitesh Khilochia, Dan Kirkbride, Nancy Munier, Mona Sherard, Stephen Sherard

Topics:

oil development, niobrara oil play, energy boom, wyoming energy, petroleum industry, rural communities, economic impact

Access:

No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center, Wyoming Energy Boom Sublette County Natural Gas Oral History Project

*Dates: 1974-2014 | Collection #560001 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Energy Boom Sublette County Natural Gas Oral History Project was conducted by the American Heritage Center's Alan K. Simpson Institute for Western Politics and Leadership. The project explored the social, environmental, and economic impacts of a natural gas boom in Sublette County, Wyoming, that occurred between 2000 and 2008. Archivists Rick Ewig, Ann Chambers Noble, Kim Winters, and Leslie Waggener interviewed 45 people from 2010 to 2011.

Collection contains 87.30 GB of digital material and 1.15 cubic feet (3 boxes). Materials include oral history recordings, transcripts (digital and paper), digital photographs, digital video, project administration files, and research files containing essays by Ann Chambers Noble, Phil Roberts, and Dave Kathka, along with articles, newspaper clippings, books, and a DVD providing context about energy development and boom/bust history in Sublette County.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains 45 oral history interviews conducted from 2010-2011 documenting the Sublette County natural gas boom. All interviews include digital audio recordings and paper transcript copies. Interviewees represent a cross-section of Sublette County residents and stakeholders: Todd Arnold (Encana Oil & Gas drilling coordinator); Linda Baker (Upper Green River Alliance coordinator); Sheriff Wayne Bardin (Sublette County Sheriff's Office); Jeff Biffle (Teletractors excavation employee); Carolyn Bing (Pinedale business owner); Joel Bousman (Sublette County Commissioner); Anthony B. 'Tony' Chambers (Chambers Design-Build president, former Tip Top Search and Rescue director); Robin Clover (Sublette County SAFV Task Force executive director); Bill Cramer (Sublette County Commissioner 1995-2010, former Justice of the Peace); Ricky Felker (drilling consultant, Felker Consulting); James E. 'Jim' Geringer (former Wyoming Governor 1995-2002); Clint Gilchrist (Office Outlet owner, historic preservation participant); Bob Griffith (Jonah Workforce Facility manager); Bob Hanson (Sublette County Sheriff's department officer); Sarah Hixson (High Country Behavioral Health therapist); Bernard 'Bernie' Holz; Robin 'Rob' Hurless; Bill Kleven; Julie Konicek; Nylla Kunard; Bill Lanning; Laurie Latta; John Linn; Cally McKee; Neil A. 'Mick' McMurry; Sally Mackey; Priscilla 'Prill' Mecham; Ann Noble; Meredith Noble; Mike Nomis; Captain Mike Peterson (Sublette County Sheriff's Office); Patty Racich; Leslie Rozier; Rose Skinner; Phillip Smith; Stephen 'Steve' Smith; Albert Sommers; Jonita Sommers; Terrie Swift; Tim Thompson; Mike Wade; Philip Washburn; Peggy Weber; Ward Wise; and Mary Lynn Worl.

Interviewees (45):
Todd Arnold, Linda Baker, Wayne Bardin, Jeff Biffle, Carolyn Bing, Joel Bousman, Anthony B. Chambers, Robin Clover, Bill Cramer, Ricky Felker, James E. Geringer, Clint Gilchrist, Bob Griffith, Bob Hanson, Sarah Hixson, Bernard Holz, Robin Hurless, Bill Kleven, Julie Konicek, Nylla Kunard, Bill Lanning, Laurie Latta, John Linn, Cally McKee, Neil A. McMurry, Sally Mackey, Priscilla Mecham, Ann Noble, Meredith Noble, Mike Nomis, Mike Peterson, Patty Racich, Leslie Rozier, Rose Skinner, Phillip Smith, Stephen Smith, Albert Sommers, Jonita Sommers, Terrie Swift, Tim Thompson, Mike Wade, Philip Washburn, Peggy Weber, Ward Wise, Mary Lynn Worl

Topics:
natural gas development, energy boom, sublette county, wyoming energy, boom and bust economics, environmental impact, rural communiti

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. American Heritage Center Exhibits

*Dates: 2017-2017 | Collection #560005 | Formats: Video, Digital**

Following the Manito Trail was an interdisciplinary ethnographic project by the University of Wyoming American Heritage Center and Art Museum that documented Hispanic New Mexican (Manito) migration from New Mexico to different parts of the United States during the last century. The exhibit contained oral histories, photographs, and artifacts documenting Manito migration into Wyoming and the Manito culture's influence on the Western United States.

Collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) and 6.57 GB of digital material. Materials include a booklet about the exhibit, digital video of the panel discussion (September 22, 2017), copies of family scrapbooks and photographs from the Sanchez-Martinez and Susanna Vigil families, and a drawing for the Manito Trail Exhibit.

Oral History Details:
The exhibit 'Following the Manito Trail' was described as containing oral histories documenting Hispanic New Mexican (Manito) migration patterns into Wyoming. The collection itself contains a panel discussion video (September 22, 2017) and family documentation including the Sanchez-Martinez Family materials by Trisha Martinez and Susanna Vigil Family and Cinco de Mayo Celebration scrapbook copies (1984-1987). The oral histories referenced in the exhibit description may be housed in related collections or were part of the exhibit display rather than the archival collection itself.

Topics:
hispanic migration, manito culture, new mexico, wyoming history, museum exhibits, ethnography

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. American Heritage Center, COVID-19 Collection Project

*Dates: 2020-2021 | Collection #560006 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

The University of Wyoming American Heritage Center COVID-19 Collection Project collected experiences, observations, and stories from around Wyoming about the impact of the coronavirus on work, education, personal life, and community. The project documented individual perspectives on COVID-19's impact on the Wyoming community.

Collection contains 0.63 cubic feet (2 boxes) and 2.14 GB of digital material. Materials include oral histories, articles, personal stories, photographs, correspondence, newspapers, artifacts, and website captures and screenshots regarding coronavirus pandemic experiences in Wyoming.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains oral history interviews conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annie Oral History Project (April-May 2020) includes interviews with: Christie Wildcat (May 9, 2020), Damiana Murdock (May 6, 2020), Emmaline Velasquez (May 4, 2020), and Maddie Killian (May 9, 2020). Additional oral history interviews include: Rachel Crocker (October 10, 2020), Trey Sherwood (September 28, 2020), and Kathi Wilhelm (October 8, 2020). The collection also contains photographs of Laramie with a letter by Cedric D. Reverand II (May 2020) and an archived UW COVID-19 website (March 2020-ongoing).

Interviewees (7):
Christie Wildcat, Damiana Murdock, Emmaline Velasquez, Maddie Killian, Rachel Crocker, Trey Sherwood, Kathi Wilhelm

Topics:
covid-19 pandemic, wyoming community, public health, oral history, pandemic experiences

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. American Heritage Center, Prominent Wyoming Residence Oral History Project

*Dates: 2021-2022 | Collection #560007 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

The Prominent Wyoming Resident Oral History Project was conducted by the American Heritage Center's Alan K. Simpson Institute for Western Politics and Leadership. The project interviewed Wyoming residents who witnessed and contributed to important events in Wyoming history and who may have been overlooked by historians, biographers, and other scholars. Interviews were conducted by Sandra Holyoak and Anne MacKinnon from 2021 to 2022.

Collection contains 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) and 61.80 GB of digital material. Materials include oral history audio interviews, images, cataloging worksheets with biographical information and subject access points, and supporting documentation.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains audio oral history interviews with prominent Wyoming residents, conducted 2021-2022 by Sandra Holyoak and Anne MacKinnon. Interviewees include: Matt Avery, Eric Barlow, Clint Beaver, Jon Brady, Dorothy Bullard, Audrey Cotherman, William Ogden and Jesse Driskill (brothers), Frank Ellis, Jacqueline N. Ellis, Diana Enzi, Nan Fogel, Tom Ford, Steven Hamilton, John Hines, Don Jording, Mike Jording, Michael Madden, Todd Martin, Jim McLeland, Jill Morrison, Jim D. Neiman, Frank Prevedel, Bart Rea, Elmer William Reisch Jr., Thomas Rumpke, Kathleen Smith, Donovin Arleigh Sprague, Seymour Thickman, Ann Turner, and Mike Wandler. Cataloging worksheets provide biographical information and subject access points for each interviewee.

Interviewees (31):
Matt Avery, Eric Barlow, Clint Beaver, Jon Brady, Dorothy Bullard, Audrey Cotherman, William Ogden Driskill, Jesse Driskill, Frank Ellis, Jacqueline N. Ellis, Diana Enzi, Nan Fogel, Tom Ford, Steven Hamilton, John Hines, Don Jording, Mike Jording, Michael Madden, Todd Martin, Jim McLeland, Jill Morrison, Jim D. Neiman, Frank Prevedel, Bart Rea, Elmer William Reisch Jr., Thomas Rumpke, Kathleen Smith, Donovin Arleigh Sprague, Seymour Thickman, Ann Turner, Mike Wandler

Topics:
wyoming history, prominent residents, oral history, western politics, wyoming culture

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. American Heritage Center. University of Wyoming Archives administrative records

Dates: 1932-2019 | Collection #560004

After the publication of the University of Wyoming centennial history, the lack of documentation about the university became evident. In the 1990s, the University and American Heritage Center began establishing a records retention program and university archives. The AHC conducted research initiatives in 1992, 1994, 1997, and 2002, leading to retention schedules and a records management program.

Collection contains 10.00 cubic feet (12 boxes). Materials include correspondence and emails about the establishment of the UW Archives, research surveys and initiatives documenting archival practices development, manuals, retention schedules, and published papers from other university archives.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one reference to oral history materials: a file titled 'Oral histories - Latina/o' dated 2014, located within the University Archivist Office Files (Mark Shelstad, 1998-2008) under the 'Acquisitions under documented, 2007-2014' subseries (Box 12). This appears to be acquisition documentation rather than oral history recordings themselves.

Topics:
university archives, records management, archival administration, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. American Heritage Center. Wyoming Combat Veterans Oral History Project

*Dates: 2023-2025 | Collection #560010 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Combat Veterans Oral History Project was conducted by the American Heritage Center, with interviews by Harry Whitlock, a veteran contracted for the project. Whitlock served twenty-one years in the U.S. Army, including combat deployments during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and a 1999 Balkans peacekeeping mission. The project focused on Wyoming veterans who served in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, and Iraq War.

Collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) and 10.2 GB of digital material. Series I contains interview transcripts and documentation (2023-2024). Series II contains digital interview material including audio recordings and transcripts (2023-2025). A project description document (2025) is also included. Eleven veterans were interviewed for the project.

Oral History Details:
The collection documents military experiences of veterans with Wyoming connections through 11 oral history interviews conducted 2023-2025. Each interview includes audio recordings and transcripts, with cataloging worksheets providing biographical information. Interviewees include: David Bray (February 2024), Brian Harmsen (February 2024), Raymond Kent (October 2024), James Leas (February 2024), Robert Lee (October 2024), Barry Matlack (August 2023), Shantel Utton (February 2024), Albert Walsh (September 2023), Rebecca Walsh (February 2024), Dale Timothy White (March 2024), and John Ysebaert (March 2024). Topics covered include personal backgrounds, military service details, training, deployments, combat experiences, military operations, daily life while deployed, technological developments, and the intersection of military and civilian roles. The collection highlights Wyoming-specific contributions including Air National Guard service, missile defense operations at F.E. Warren AFB, and the role of veterans in rural communities.

Interviewees (11):
David Bray, Brian Harmsen, Raymond Kent, James Leas, Robert Lee, Barry Matlack, Shantel Utton, Albert Walsh, Rebecca Walsh, Dale Timothy White, John Ysebaert

Topics:
combat veterans, vietnam war, gulf war, iraq war, military oral history, wyoming veterans, military service

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. Army ROTC records

*Dates: 1919-2020 | Collection #543003 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

Military training at the University of Wyoming began in 1891 after the Board of Trustees established the School of Military Science and Tactics. In 1916, Wyoming became one of the first seven institutions to establish a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). Army ROTC was established in 1965 by University President John T. Fey. Known as the Cowboy Battalion, UW Army ROTC trained future officers of the United States Army.

Collection contains 15.99 cubic feet (19 boxes) and 377 GB of digital material, plus archived website content. Materials include artifacts, newspaper clippings, photographs, negatives, film reels, printed material, reports, publications, and correspondence related to UW Army ROTC activities. Series III contains audio visual materials including the Military Oral History Project recordings.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes a Military Oral History Project conducted in April-May 2020, comprising 10 interviews with military personnel. Interviews were conducted by UW Army ROTC cadets and include both audio recordings and Zoom video recordings. Interviewees and interviewers: Noah Taylor interviewed Major Michael D. Pauling (audio, April 17, 2020); Bailey Detering interviewed Major Michael S. McGee (audio, April 17, 2020); Hunter Ernst interviewed Rodney D. Ramsey (Zoom video, April 15, 2020); Brendan Bryan interviewed Lieutenant Jesse L. 'Bud' Alley Jr. (Zoom video, April 18, 2020); Kailey Hansen interviewed Lieutenant Garrett Stanfill (Zoom video, April 21, 2020); Bison Carcelli interviewed Captain Zachary M. Goldman (Zoom video, April 29, 2020); Shaylee Jelinek interviewed Captain Abner Gonzalez (Zoom video, April 22, 2020); Tyler Shaw interviewed Brigadier General Peter J. Schoomaker (Zoom video, April 29, 2020); Andre Galtieri interviewed Lieutenant Derek Thompson (Zoom video, April 26, 2020); Mariah Banks-Simpson interviewed Major General Charles Wing (Zoom video, May 8, 2020).

Interviewees (10):
Michael D. Pauling, Michael S. McGee, Rodney D. Ramsey, Jesse L. Alley Jr., Garrett Stanfill, Zachary M. Goldman, Abner Gonzalez, Peter J. Schoomaker, Derek Thompson, Charles Wing

Topics:
military history, rotc, united states army, university of wyoming, military oral history, veterans

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. Chicano Studies Program records

*Dates: 1942-2017 | Collection #545014 | Formats: Video, Digital**

The Chicano Studies Program was an interdisciplinary field offered at the University of Wyoming that provided study of Chicano people throughout the United States and the world. Courses focused on the history, culture, media, and life of Chicano communities from ancient times to the present. In 2014, the program changed its name to Latina/o Studies.

Collection contains 8.55 cubic feet (9 boxes) and 2.82 MB of digital material. Materials include a documentary produced by Dwayne Gallegos and Marcus Madrid (2000), Chicano Studies program and administrative records, event documentation, academic information, and various digital educational and entertainment electronic media.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one VHS tape titled 'Legacy of Honor: The U.S. Latino and Latina World War II Oral History Project.' This is an externally produced oral history project documenting the military experiences of Latino and Latina service members during World War II. No individual interviewee names from this recording are specified in the finding aid.

Topics:
chicano studies, latino history, world war ii oral history, mexican americans, chicano movement, university of wyoming

Access:
Materials marked 'RESTRICTED' can be accessed only by authorized UW personnel. All other materials are open to the public.

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University of Wyoming. College of Arts and Sciences records

*Dates: 1897-2022 | Collection #545000 | Formats: Video, Digital**

The College of Arts and Sciences began as the Collegiate Department upon the University of Wyoming's founding in 1886 and administered the liberal arts curriculum. It became the College of Liberal Arts in 1891 and later the College of Arts and Sciences. The college housed academic departments across the humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

Collection contains 149.60 cubic feet (157 boxes), 88.92 GB of digital material, and archived website content. Materials include office records, department head meeting files, faculty reviews, dean correspondence, planning documents, self-study reports, and videotapes. Series VI contains oral history videotapes and guest speaker recordings from 1985-2005.

Oral History Details:

Series VI (Videotapes) contains an Oral History sub-series (1985-2005) with recordings of faculty members made for the 100th Anniversary of the University of Wyoming. Identified recordings include: W. Biggs, 'University of Wyoming 100 Year Anniversary 1986 original Interviews' (VHS, 1986); Jim Boyle interviews #1-4 (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); Ethlyn Christiansen, 'Distinguished Alumni' (VHS); Lawrence S. Eagleburger Distinguished Lecture Series (VHS, 1996); Eggers, Hudson, R., Nussbaum, F. interview (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); Hillier interviews #1-4 (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); Marshall Jones interviews #1-4 (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); Cecil Nussbaum interviews #1-3 (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); 'Perspectives in Leadership: An Interview with Georgia Chancellor and Stephen Portch' (VHS); Rhoads and Rawlins interviews #1-3 (U-Matic and VHS, 1986); Rosaldo and Rose Faculty Seminar (VHS, 1986); TA Larson interview (VHS, 1985). Series I also contains SHOPS Director Interviews with Staff (2007). Additionally, Jane Alexander, Chair of the NEA, spoke at the Arts and Sciences Diamond Jubilee (VHS, 1994).

Interviewees (9):

Jim Boyle, Ethlyn Christiansen, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Hillier, Marshall Jones, Cecil Nussbaum, T.A. Larson, Stephen Portch, W. Biggs

Topics:

higher education, university of wyoming, faculty oral history, university centennial, liberal arts education

Access:

Series I, Sub-series 3 (Former Faculty Files) is restricted from use without permissions. All other materials are open to the public.

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University of Wyoming. Department of History "Laramie, A Railroad Community" oral history project

*Dates: 1990-1990 | Collection #300020 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

The University of Wyoming Department of History conducted the "Laramie, A Railroad Community" oral history project in 1990. The project involved interviewing eighteen residents of Laramie, Wyoming, who worked for the Union Pacific Railroad during the twentieth century.

The collection comprises 1.00 cubic foot (1 box) containing 18 interviews. Materials include audio cassette tapes of the interviews, transcripts, interview logs, questionnaires filled out by interviewees, and a few photocopied photographs and clippings.

Oral History Details:
Eighteen interviews document the experiences of Laramie residents who worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. Interviewees include one anonymous participant (March 16, 1990), Helia C. Blair (April 3, 1990), William and Mildred Bree (March 3, 1990), Katherine Cameron (April 2, 1990), Randy Cortez (March 16, 1990), Jim Ehernberger (March 31, 1990), Albert Hall (March 19, 1990), Elizabeth Hoffman (March 20, 1990), Lala Linford and Pat Larsen (March 19, 1990), Sam Marlow (March 29, 1990), Levi Martinez (March 4, 1990), Jose Medina (March 29, 1990), Grace Pond (March 8, 1990), Consuelo 'Connie' Rocha (March 17, 1990), Amarante Sanchez (March 27, 1990), Michael Schaefer (March 20, 1990), Don Shipman (March 20, 1990), and Chet Thompson (April 3, 1990). Interviewers included Beth Albro, Brandon Case, J.J. Cromer, Don Frazier, M. Colleen Gnagy, John Herbst III, Sandra Todd, and Sue Wallis. Topics cover railroad employment, community life in Laramie, and Union Pacific Railroad operations.

Interviewees (20):
Helia C. Blair, William Bree, Mildred Bree, Katherine Cameron, Randy Cortez, James Ehrenberger, Albert Hall, Elizabeth Hoffman, Lala Linford, Pat Larsen, Sam Marlow, Levi Martinez, Jose Medina, Grace Pond, Consuelo Rocha, Amarante Sanchez, Michael Schaefer, Don Shipman, Chet Thompson, Patricia Sullivan

Topics:
railroad workers, union pacific railroad, laramie history, labor history, community life

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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University of Wyoming. Department of History records

*Dates: 1991-2005 | Collection #545017 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The University of Wyoming Department of History provided interdisciplinary teaching and research through course work, research experiences, and internships. In 1991, Dr. Phil Roberts, Associate Professor, implemented the Public History Oral History Project in which students interviewed individuals about life experiences of historic importance. The program collected oral histories for future reference.

Collection contains 0.35 cubic feet (2 boxes) and digital material. Materials include 18 interviews with 11 audio cassette recordings, accompanying transcripts and documentation by student interviewers, archived Department of History websites, and documentation of a campus visit from the Japanese Consulate General in Denver (2005).

Oral History Details:

The collection contains 18 oral history interviews with 11 audio cassette recordings conducted by students in the Public History Oral History Project (1991-1994) under Dr. Phil Roberts. Topics covered include: the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein; the Pinedale Wyoming Wagon Wheel Information Committee (Project Wagon Wheel); the life and writings of author Norman Maclean; an elementary school teacher's account in Rock Springs, Wyoming; a UFO sighting in Casper, Wyoming; the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service; Wyoming before World War II; and a firsthand report of the 1983 Richard Jahnke Jr. murder trial in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Named interviewees include Jim Barrett, Doris Burzlander, Joseph Deaderick, W.E. Hitchcock, Louise McGaw, Mr. Metchly, Lewis E. Newman, Eric Nye, Craig Pierson, Kay Pierson, Julie Rawlas, Celine Serrat, Audrey Smith, Patricia Taylor, and William C. Wilson.

Interviewees (15):

Jim Barrett, Doris Burzlander, Joseph Deaderick, W.E. Hitchcock, Louise McGaw, Mr. Metchly, Lewis E. Newman, Eric Nye, Craig Pierson, Kay Pierson, Julie Rawlas, Celine Serrat, Audrey Smith, Patricia Taylor, William C. Wilson

Topics:

oral history, wyoming history, public history, project wagon wheel, university of wyoming

Access:

No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. Multicultural Resource Center records

*Dates: 1972-2023 | Collection #541010 | Formats: Transcript, Digital**

The Ethnic Cultural Media Center was established by the University of Wyoming in 1972 as a resource for academic excellence, student leadership, inter-cultural awareness, and diversity. The name changed to the Multicultural Resource Center in 1974. The center served as a focal point for ethnically centered student organizations including the Association of Black Student Leaders (ABSL), the Asian American Student Association (AASA), and the Movimento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlan (MEChA).

Collection contains 5.33 cubic feet (7 boxes) and website materials. Materials include scrapbooks from student groups (1972-1999), 35mm slides, photographs, newsletters (1983-1997), event flyers, newspaper clippings, resource library materials, and archived websites. Series III contains two volumes of oral history transcripts from the History of Hispanics in Wyoming Project (1981-1983) in Box 5, Folders 6-7.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains two volumes of oral history transcripts from the History of Hispanics in Wyoming Project, dated 1981-1983 (Box 5, Folders 6-7). These oral histories were collected as part of a project documenting Hispanic experiences in Wyoming and were housed in the Center's resource library. No individual interviewee names are specified in the finding aid. The collection also includes informational packets from the Wind River Indians Needs Determination Survey (1998-1999).

Topics:
multicultural education, hispanic history in wyoming, minority college students, chicano movement, university of wyoming

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. School of Nursing records

*Dates: 1950-2010 | Collection #547002 | Formats: Transcript, Digital**

The University of Wyoming's involvement in nursing education began in 1918 through a partnership with Ivinson Memorial Hospital. The School of Nursing was officially established in 1951. In 2003, the school was renamed the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing following a three-million-dollar gift from Roy Whitney. The school addressed healthcare needs of Wyoming and surrounding rural areas.

Collection contains 13.50 cubic feet (30 boxes) and archived website material. Materials include correspondence, grants, history files, meeting minutes, reports, testing results, accreditation records, and documentation from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), the Western Council on Higher Education for Nursing (WCHEN), and the Wyoming Commission for Nursing and Nursing Education (WCNNE).

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history item: 'The Finn's Daughter: An Oral History Prepared for Women's Studies, Fall 1985.' This oral history was prepared as a women's studies project and is located in the History subsection of the collection. No additional details about the interviewee or content are provided in the finding aid.

Topics:
nursing education, university of wyoming, womens studies, healthcare, rural nursing

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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University of Wyoming. Wyoming Infrared Observatory records

*Dates: 1976-2004 | Collection #545019 | Formats: Video, Digital**

The Wyoming Infrared Observatory was founded in 1975 by University of Wyoming physics professors Robert Gehrz and John Hackwell. The 2.3 meter infrared telescope, completed in 1977, was the world's largest infrared telescope and the first computer-controlled telescope. The observatory was located on the summit of Jelm Mountain, approximately twenty-five miles southwest of Laramie, Wyoming.

Collection contains 3.83 cubic feet (5 boxes) and archived website material. Materials include logbooks with daily log entries, observations, and notes regarding temperature, wind speed, cloud cover, weather conditions, instruments, and equipment. The collection also contains photographs, slides, operation manuals, a segment from the television show '20/20,' and an oral history video by Robert Gehrz.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history video recording titled 'Oral History of the Wyoming Observatory by Robert Gehrz,' available digitally through UW Digital Collections. In this video, Robert Gehrz elaborates on the observatory's founding and construction. The recording is undated.

Interviewees (1):
Robert Gehrz

Topics:
infrared astronomy, observatory, university of wyoming, telescope, scientific research

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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UWTV records

*Dates: 1980-2017 | Collection #514003 | Formats: Video, Digital**

University of Wyoming Television (UWTV) was established to promote and market the University of Wyoming through television productions of events, lectures, projects, and programs from 1980 to 2017. In July 2017, UWTV merged with University of Wyoming Institutional Marketing.

Collection contains 75.25 cubic feet (76 boxes), 1.19 TB of digital material, and archived website content. Materials include UWTV video productions of campus speaker events, documentaries on Wyoming topics, UW Outreach School programs, Cent$ible Nutrition segments, Wyoming Signatures episodes, Saturday U programs, and stock footage. Formats include U-matic, Betacam, VHS, S-VHS, Digital Betacam, and DVD recordings.

Oral History Details:
The collection includes video recordings from the Niobrara Oil Play Oral History Project conducted by the American Heritage Center. Specific oral history items include: Interview with Than Ashenhurst (IHP-326, DVD, September 23, 2011); Niobrara Oil Play Oral History (IHP-377, DVD, 2012); UW American Heritage Center Niobrara Oil Play Oral History Project Presentation (IHP-391, DVD, June 8, 2012); and 2011-2012 AHC Oral History Project: Niobrara Oil Play (IHP-427, 15 DVDs, 2011-2012). The collection also contains interview footage related to the Black 14 (8 U-matics, September 1993), Wyoming Signatures writer interviews (Digital Betacam, 2007), UW Art Museum artist interviews (7 DVDs, July 2011-December 2012), and an interview with Scott Tilden and Antoine Predock about architecture (DVD, December 2005).

Interviewees (5):
Than Ashenhurst, Arthur McFarlane, Scott Tilden, Antoine Predock, Bently Spang

Topics:
television production, university of wyoming, niobrara oil play, wyoming energy, campus events, documentary film

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Valley of the Three Worlds Oral History Project

*Dates: 1985-1987 | Collection #11472 | Formats: Audio**

The Valley of the Three Worlds project was conceived in 1985 to research, preserve, and disseminate the history and cultural heritage of Wyoming's Wind River Valley. The project documented the histories and traditions of the Arapaho, Shoshone, and Euro-American cultures and the ways in which each perceived and influenced the other, in anticipation of Wyoming's centennial celebration in 1990.

The collection contains 3.00 cubic feet (3 boxes) organized in two series. Series I contains project files including the NEH grant application, photographs, slides, and background information on family histories and the Wind River Valley. Series II contains audiocassette tapes of oral history interviews with approximately 100 individuals.

Oral History Details:

The project recorded oral history interviews on audiocassette tape with approximately 100 Arapaho, Shoshone, and Euro-American individuals associated with the Wind River Valley. Named interviewees include: Vernon and Adeline Armour, Phillip Bear, Marie Behan, Mary K. Behan, Agnes Bell, Tony Bell, Vincent Bell, Lucy Bonatsie, Margaret Brown, Nannie Brown (Ute), Fred Bryson, Bud Burnaugh, Ester Chamberlain, Velma Chavez, Marie Washakie Chavez, Mal Cleveland, Isaac Coando, Tinnie Coando, Elizabeth W. Dewey, Scott Dewey, Mark Dewey, Estelle Dodge, Owen Dorothy, Newell Ellis, Charles Gambler, Dorothy Gambler, Ben George, Joseph Goggles Sr., Jeri Greeves, Thelma Adams Greife, Millie Guinea, Bob and Lydia Harns, Arnold Headley, Viola Hill, Burton Hutchinson Sr., Floyd Hungary, Irene Jarvis, George Jenkins, Henry Jensen, A.B. Large, James E. Large Sr., Slim Lawrence, David Love, Louise Lujan, Harriet Macintosh, Lucille McAdams, Bill Marion, Frank Meade, Paul Moss Sr., Pius Moss, Doris Oldman, Inez Oldman, John Oldman, Joseph Oldman, Thomas Oldman, Walter 'Jesse' Oldman, Chester Pingree, Irene Pingree, Mary Piper, Sonny Porttand, Ernest Posey, Edlore Quiver, Gordon Read, Burnett Hugh Ridgky, Alberta Roberts, Mary and Cyrus Roberts, Louina Robson, Paul Rulean, Mary Bean Sackett, Mr. and Mrs. Schamber, Hazel Schlensky, Blanche Schroer, Alice Shoemaker, Les Shoemaker, Harrison and Anna Shoyo, Ina Smith, Leona St. Claire, Martha Stagner, Weed Starr, Fritz and Tiny Stevens, Ernest Sunrhodes, Estelle Sunrhodes, Robert Sunrhodes, Victoria Sunrhodes, Bessie Tidzump, Ethel Tillman, Charles Thayer, Ethel Thompson, Cleon Thunder, Martha Tyler, Elizabeth Wagashoah, Sussette Wagon, Jane Warren, Janet Warren, John Warren, Daisy Watt, Ina and Herman Weed, Tom Wesaul, Blondell Whitehead, Ernest Whiteman Jr., Felix Whiteman, Mary Whiteman, Jake Whiteman, Martha Williamson, Albert Willow, Clina Willow, Hazel Winchester, Felix G. Wolf, and Mary Wolfrang. Topics include Arapaho and Shoshone traditions, reservation life, cross-cultural relations, family histories, and Euro-American settlement in the Wind River Valley. Some interviews were conducted in the Arapaho language.

Interviewees (118):

Vernon Armour, Adeline Armour, Phillip Bear, Marie Behan, Mary K. Behan, Agnes Bell, Tony Bell, Vincent Bell, Lucy Bonatsie, Margaret Brown, Nannie Brown, Fred Bryson, Bud Burnaugh, Ester Chamberlain, Velma Chavez, Marie Washakie Chavez, Mal Cleveland, Isaac Coando, Tinnie Coando, Elizabeth W. Dewey, Scott Dewey, Mark Dewey, Estelle Dodge, Owen Dorothy, Newell Ellis, Charles Gambler, Dorothy Gambler, Ben George, Joseph Goggles Sr., Jeri Greeves, Thelma Adams Greife, Millie Guinea, Bob Harns, Lydia Harns, Arnold Headley, Viola Hill, Burton Hutchinson Sr., Floyd Hungary, Irene Jarvis, George Jenkins, Henry Jensen, A.B. Large, James E. Large Sr., Slim Lawrence, David Love, Louise Lujan, Harriet Macintosh, Lucille McAdams, Bill Marion, Frank Meade, Paul Moss Sr., Pius Moss, Doris Oldman, Inez Oldman, John Oldman, Joseph Oldman, Thomas Oldman, Walter Jesse Oldman, Chester Pingree, Irene Pingree, Mary Piper, Sonny Porttand, Ernest Posey, Edlore Quiver, Gordon Read, Burnett Hugh Ridgky, Alberta Roberts, Mary Roberts, Cyrus Roberts, Louina Robson, Paul Rulean, Mary Bean Sackett, Hazel Schlensky, Blanche Schroer, Alice Shoemaker, Les Shoemaker, Harrison Shoyo, Anna Shoyo, Ina Smith, Leona St. Claire, Martha Stagner, Weed Starr, Fritz Stevens, Tiny Stevens, Ernest Sunrhodes, Estelle Sunrhodes, Robert Sunrhodes, Victoria Sunrhodes, Bessie Tidzump, Ethel Tillman, Charles Thayer, Ethel Thompson, Cleon Thunder, Martha Tyler, Elizabeth Wagashoah, Sussette Wagon, Jane Warren, Janet Warren, John Warren, Daisy Watt, Ina Weed, Herman Weed, Tom Wesaul, Blondell Whitehead, Ernest

Whiteman Jr., Felix Whiteman, Mary Whiteman, Jake Whiteman, Martha Williamson, Albert Willow, Clina Willow, Hazel Winchester, Felix G. Wolf, Mary Wolfrang, Flora Dewey, Emma Goggles, Donna Boyle, Charles Bryant

Topics:

arapaho indians, shoshone indians, wind river reservation, cross-cultural history, native american oral history, wyoming centennial

Access:

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Vera Glaser papers

*Dates: 1945-1995 | Collection #09826 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Vera Glaser (born 1916 in St. Louis) was a Washington-based journalist who reported for multiple news agencies from the 1940s through the 1990s, including the North America Newspaper Alliance, Knight-Ridder, Washingtonian Magazine, and the Maturity News Service. Glaser was active in the Republican Party during the 1950s and 1960s, served on the staffs of Senators Charles Potter and Kenneth Keating, and served on the President's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities.

The collection spans 21 cubic feet (21 boxes) and contains research files and published articles and columns on American politics and women's issues, professional files related to work for Senators Potter and Keating, the Republican National Committee, presidential committees, and various women's and journalistic organizations. The collection includes an oral history transcript and audio recording, photographs, speeches, press credentials, publicity files, and invitations to political events.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history consisting of a transcript and audio recording provided by Penn State University Archives, dated 1977 (Box 1, Folder 10). The interview with Vera Glaser is available in both transcript and audio formats. A digital version is accessible via the UW Digital Collections portal. The oral history covers Glaser's career in journalism and her involvement in women's issues and American politics.

Interviewees (1):
Vera Glaser

Topics:
women journalists, american politics, feminism, republican party, women's rights

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Vicki Lindner papers

*Dates: 1906-2018 | Collection #400046 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

Vicki Lindner (1944-) was a fiction writer, essayist, journalist, and Associate Professor Emerita in the Department of English at the University of Wyoming. She directed the visiting writer program at UW and published the novel 'Outlaw Games' along with numerous essays and articles about the American West. She received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Wyoming Arts Council.

The collection comprises 9.25 cubic feet (10 boxes) plus 0.413 GB of digital content, organized in three series: Original Research, Secondary Research Materials, and Publications. Series I contains oral history audio cassette recordings, research notes, photographs, and manuscripts related to western ghost towns and the 'Ballad of Frankie Jean' manuscript.

Oral History Details:

Series I (Original Research) contains oral history audio cassette recordings from Lindner's ghost town research. Specific oral history recordings include: Atlanta, Idaho recordings (1993); Bisbee, Arizona recordings (1991); Gomie, Colorado recordings (1991); and South Pass City, Wyoming recordings (1990-1991). Transcripts from South Pass City interviews (1990) are also present. The Basin, Montana materials include audio tapes documenting research into a community of ostracized lesbians (1982-1993). The Frankie Jean Mason subseries contains interviews and correspondence related to Lindner's manuscript about a wrongful death case in Wyoming. Individual interviewee names are not specified in the finding aid.

Topics:

ghost towns, western history, south pass city, creative nonfiction, wyoming communities, lesbian history

Access:

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Vickie Goodwin Oral History Interview

*Dates: 2020-2021 | Collection #12794 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Vickie Goodwin was the wife of Larry "Sissy" Goodwin (1946-2020), a Vietnam veteran, educator, and cross-dresser from Douglas, Wyoming. Larry Goodwin gained national attention for openly wearing women's clothing and adopting the name "Sissy" to reclaim the term. His story appeared in the Casper Star Tribune, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and on NBC Dateline.

Collection contains 6 GB of digital materials including an 11-part oral history interview series with Vickie Goodwin, bibliographic information, newspaper articles, podcast interviews, and background material on Sissy and Vickie Goodwin.

Oral History Details:
Oral history interview in 11 parts conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, from October 2020 to February 2021. Vickie Goodwin discusses her husband Larry "Sissy" Goodwin, his life as a Vietnam veteran and educator in Wyoming, his decision to cross-dress openly, the media attention their family received, and the impact on their personal and public lives. Background materials supplement the interviews with newspaper coverage and podcast appearances.

Interviewees (1):
Vickie Goodwin

Topics:
cross-dressing, wyoming history, gender identity, media coverage, veterans, rural communities

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Wagon Wheel Information Committee Records

*Dates: 1960-1996 | Collection #10428 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

The Wagon Wheel Information Committee was formed in July 1971 after learning that Congress would fund El Paso Natural Gas Company's plan to detonate underground nuclear devices near Pinedale, Wyoming, to extract natural gas. The committee organized public opposition through meetings, petitions, letters, and presentations. By June 1975, the Atomic Energy Commission dropped Project Wagon Wheel.

The collection spans 8.50 cubic feet (20 boxes) and contains newspaper clippings, correspondence, interview transcripts, reports, and research materials relating to the Wagon Wheel Project and the committee's opposition efforts. Correspondence with Congressman Teno Roncalio documents the committee's Washington connection. Series V contains cassette tape interviews.

Oral History Details:
Series V (Cassette Tape Interviews, 1994-1996) contains oral history interviews with key participants in the Wagon Wheel opposition effort: Kenneth Perry (1994), John Perry and Miriam Barlow (1994), Floyd Bousman (1994), Doris Burzlander (1994), Sally Hill Mackey and Daphne Platts (1994), Mary Ann Steele (1994), and Teno Roncalio interviewed by Barbara Allen Bogart (1994). Two Wagon Wheel Committee Reunion tapes (1996) are also included. Series III (Subject Files) contains transcripts of these interviews. A transcription of Senator Clifford Hansen meeting with the Wagon Wheel Information Committee (1972) and transcripts from the Wyoming Energy Symposium in Rock Springs (1973) are in Series I.

Interviewees (9):
Kenneth Perry, John Perry Barlow, Miriam Barlow, Floyd Bousman, Doris Burzlander, Sally Hill Mackey, Daphne Platts, Mary Ann Steele, Teno Roncalio

Topics:
nuclear testing, environmental activism, natural gas, wyoming politics, anti-nuclear movement, oral history

Access:
No access restrictions for research purposes. The oral history interviews (Series V) may not be used for profit unless permission is granted by the donor, C.L. Rawlins.

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Walter S. Owens papers

*Dates: 1951-1976 | Collection #06127 | Formats: Audio**

Walter S. Owens was a resident of Cody, Wyoming. He had personal recollections of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the famed western showman and founder of the town of Cody.

Collection contains 0.03 cubic feet (1 item) consisting of a reel-to-reel tape recording and a photograph of Owens.

Oral History Details:
The collection consists of a reel-to-reel tape recording of an interview with Walter S. Owens conducted by Vivian Stockwell in Cody, Wyoming, in 1951. In the interview, Owens shares his personal recollections of Buffalo Bill Cody. The recording is the primary item in this small collection. The material was received from Mrs. Robert Frisby in April 1976.

Interviewees (1):
Walter S. Owens

Topics:
buffalo bill cody, cody wyoming, western history, oral history interview

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Warm Valley Historical Project Records

*Dates: 1961-2001 | Collection #11457 | Formats: Audio, Transcript**

The Warm Valley Historical Project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was conducted in coordination with the Shoshone Episcopal Mission. The project collected oral histories regarding Wind River Indian Reservation life during the early 1900s. Dr. Sharon M. Kahin and Dr. Anne Slater directed the project, which also indexed material from the earlier Valley of Three Worlds Project.

The collection contains 2.38 cubic feet (2 record boxes and 1 F17 box), organized in five series: Administrative Records, Interview Transcripts, Exhibit Catalogs, Interviews on Cassette Tapes, and Valley of Three Worlds Project materials. Materials include the NEH grant application, correspondence, cassette tapes of interviews, transcripts, biographical notes on interviewees, exhibit catalogs for two traveling photo exhibits, and slides.

Oral History Details:
The project recorded oral history interviews primarily with Eastern Shoshone and Arapaho tribal members residing on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Interviews conducted in 1990-1991 include: Lucy Bonatsie (Shoshone, b. ca. 1911), Tommy Brown (Arapaho, b. 1908), Josie Calhoun (Shoshone, b. ca. 1906), Pete and Mrs. Davis (Chippewa), Eva Enos (Arapaho, b. ca. 1915), Frank Enos, Sidney and Alice Freese (non-Indian), Ben Friday Sr. (Arapaho, b. ca. 1904), Chris and Caroline Goggles (Arapaho), Vida Haukaas (Shoshone, b. 1929), Arnold and Margaret Headley (Arapaho), Lillian Hereford (Shoshone, b. 1924), Lou Meeks, Val Norman, Lizzie Panzetanga (Shoshone, b. 1923), Dorothy Peche and Zedora Enos (Shoshone), Alberta Roberts (Shoshone, b. 1929), Dolly Rowan (Shoshone, b. ca. 1910), Hazel and Joe Sage (Arapaho), Julia Smith (Shoshone), Bea Snyder (Shoshone, b. 1939), Daisy St. Clair, Darwin St. Clair (Shoshone, b. 1933), Edgar and Pansy St. Clair (Shoshone), Winnie St. Clair (Arapaho), Marjorie Tillman (Shoshone, b. 1920), Verna and Bill Thunder (Arapaho), Orlean Ute (Shoshone), Angeline Wagon (Shoshone), Nellie Washakie, Marie Washakie (Shoshone, b. 1910), Star Weed (Shoshone, b. 1919), Herman and Ina Weed, Ethel Tillman, Suzette Wagon, and Paul Moss. Topics include reservation life in the early 1900s, the Great Depression on the reservation, boarding schools, traditional crafts and therapies, employment, ranching, dude ranching, farming, and language use. The project also indexed interviews from the earlier Valley of Three Worlds Project (1986-1987), conducted by Susan Crazy Thunder and others. Two traveling photo exhibits were produced, with exhibit catalogs included.

Interviewees (44):
Lucy Bonatsie, Tommy Brown, Josie Calhoun, Pete Davis, Eva Enos, Frank Enos, Sidney Freese, Alice Freese, Ben Friday Sr., Chris Goggles, Caroline Goggles, Vida Haukaas, Arnold Headley, Margaret Headley, Lillian Hereford, Lou Meeks, Val Norman, Lizzie Panzetanga, Dorothy Peche, Zedora Enos, Alberta Roberts, Dolly Rowan, Hazel Sage, Joe Sage, Julia Smith, Bea Snyder, Daisy St. Clair, Darwin St. Clair, Edgar St. Clair, Pansy St. Clair, Winnie St. Clair, Marjorie Tillman, Verna Thunder, Bill Thunder, Orlean Ute, Angeline Wagon, Nellie Washakie, Marie Washakie, Star Weed, Herman Weed, Ina Weed, Ethel Tillman, Suzette Wagon, Paul Moss

Topics:
wind river reservation, eastern shoshone, arapaho indians, boarding schools, reservation life, native american history, indigenous oral histo

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William U. Hill oral history

*Dates: 2022-2022 | Collection #12898 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

William U. Hill served as U.S. Attorney for Wyoming, Assistant Attorney General of Wyoming, and as a justice on the Wyoming Supreme Court. He received his B.A. from the University of Wyoming in 1970 and his law degree from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1974. Hill was appointed to the Wyoming Supreme Court in 1998 by Governor Jim Geringer and retired from the bench on February 16, 2018.

Collection contains 7.00 GB of digital materials consisting of an oral history interview and transcript of former Wyoming Supreme Court Justice William U. Hill.

Oral History Details:
One oral history interview with William "Bill" U. Hill conducted by Leslie Waggener, Archivist at the American Heritage Center, on May 13, 2022. The interview includes a transcript. Hill discusses his life history from boyhood through his legal career and retirement from the Wyoming Supreme Court in 2018, including his service as U.S. Attorney for Wyoming, work as chief of staff and chief counsel for U.S. Senator Malcolm Wallop, his appointment as Attorney General of Wyoming in 1995, and his tenure on the Wyoming Supreme Court from 1998 to 2018.

Interviewees (1):
William U. Hill

Topics:
wyoming judiciary, legal history, wyoming politics, supreme court, law, public service

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Women's March, Wyoming (2017) Collection

*Dates: 2017-2018 | Collection #12666 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Women's March was a worldwide protest on January 21, 2017, organized to highlight women's issues and advocate for human rights, including women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, and racial equality. Marches took place across Wyoming in Cheyenne, Casper, Cody, Jackson, and Laramie.

The collection comprises 3.82 cubic feet (5 boxes) plus 1.121 GB of digital content. Materials include protest posters and banners, digital photographs, ephemera, and one oral history interview with audio recording, transcript, and supporting documents.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains one oral history interview with June Glasson conducted on March 30, 2018, regarding the Wyoming Women's March and the Wyoming Art Party. The interview includes an audio recording, transcript, supporting documents, and photographs. Glasson discusses the organization and execution of Women's March events in Wyoming and the role of the Wyoming Art Party in creating protest art and posters for the marches. Photographs from Scott Henkel, Peter A. Parolin, and the Wyoming Art Party document the 2017 marches.

Interviewees (1):
June Glasson

Topics:
women's march, social movements, feminism, political activism, wyoming politics

Access:
Materials donated by June Glasson do not allow for duplication without contacting the donor. This restriction lasts for the donor's lifetime.

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Wright-Ingraham Institute Records

*Dates: 1900-2010 | Collection #04969 | Formats: Audio**

The Wright-Ingraham Institute was a private, non-profit educational and research institution founded in 1970 in Colorado by Elizabeth Wright Ingraham, architect and granddaughter of Frank Lloyd Wright. The Institute promoted conservation, preservation, and wise use of human and natural resources at its 640-acre field campus between Denver and Colorado Springs. It operated during the 1970s and 1980s, offering coursework in physical, earth, and life sciences along with seminars, workshops, and research projects.

The collection (75.15 cubic feet, 149 boxes) documents the Institute's organization, development, finances, research, and course offerings. Administrative correspondence, special events documentation, student and staff records, research data, special project files, seminar and workshop records, reference files, financial records, photographs, and publications are included. Audio materials include Frontiers of Medicine Symposium cassette tapes (1983), studio slides and cassettes, and miscellaneous cassettes. An oral history is also referenced.

Oral History Details:

The collection contains oral history material within the Institute records, though the finding aid provides limited detail about the specific oral history content. Cassette tapes from the Frontiers of Medicine Symposium (1983) document presentations on medical topics. Additional miscellaneous cassettes and audiotapes are present. The exact interviewees and oral history topics are not enumerated in the available finding aid description.

Topics:

environmental education, conservation, research institutes, colorado history, frank lloyd wright

Access:

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Wyoming Equality, Laramie PrideFest oral history interviews

*Dates: 2017-2017 | Collection #300042 | Formats: Audio, Digital**

Laramie PrideFest was an annual festival that celebrated and supported Wyoming's LGBTQ community. Wyoming Equality, a state organization formed to enhance the lives of LGBTQ people in Wyoming, sponsored the first Laramie PrideFest on June 23-24, 2017 in Laramie, Wyoming.

The collection comprises 0.10 cubic feet (1 box) plus 68.1 MB of digital content. Materials include 43 digital audio oral history interviews and legal release forms. All interviews were conducted on June 23-24, 2017.

Oral History Details:

Irlanda Jacinto, University Archivist for the American Heritage Center, conducted 43 interviews at the first annual Laramie PrideFest on June 23-24, 2017. Individual interviewee names are not specified in the finding aid. The interviews document experiences and perspectives of participants at the LGBTQ pride celebration. All interviews are available in digital audio format.

Topics:

lgbtq history, pride celebrations, social movements, wyoming equality, laramie history

Access:

No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Wyoming Folklife Archive

*Dates: 1926-2020 | Collection #545018 | Formats: Audio, Video, Digital**

The Wyoming Folklife Archive was created by folklife coordinators and specialists at the University of Wyoming's American Studies program. The program worked closely with the Wyoming Arts Council and Wyoming Humanities Council to conduct oral histories and interviews with Wyoming's folk artists, create recordings of folk music, and photograph folk art, artists, and folklife communities in Wyoming.

Collection contains 21.30 cubic feet (35 boxes) and 2.411 TB of digital material. Materials include office files, audio and video tapes, photographs, slides, tape logs, field notes, and documentation of folklife and folk arts in Wyoming. The collection documents the Wyoming Fiddle Project, Art of the Hunt Project, Star Valley Wyoming Project, and Dutch Hop Polka Documentation Project. Contains over 150 individual folk artist interview files with photographs, field notes, and recordings.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains extensive oral history materials across multiple series. The Wyoming Arts Council (WAC) 2013 Oral History Interviews by Georgia Wier include: Jerry and Marlene Bowen, Carol Eckhardt, Curt Aurtery, Jarvis Windom, Linda Holst, Mary Lou and Louis Montoya, Nedalyn and Tony Testolin, Wade Stoll, and Newton and Wendy Russell (all on CD). Additional recorded interviews include: Danelle Fernandez and Fresquez (DVD, 2009); Georgie Sicking (CD, 2008); Paul Moss interviewed by Alonzo Moss (4 tapes, circa 1994); Torrington Interview (CD, 2007); Helen Hart (2 CDs, 2006); Eva McAdams on beadwork (DVD, 2008); Melvin Arlo Deines (DVD, 2012); Ashley Rooney interviewing Dewey Gallegos on the West Side of Laramie; and Lauren Brautner interview. The collection also contains a Folklife Oral History Project Guidelines document (1988), Jews of Wyoming Oral History materials (1991), a Laramie Railroad Oral History (CD), and a WAC Grant Oral History Spreadsheet. Over 150 individual folk artist files contain interview recordings covering crafts including woodworking, quilting, fly tying, leatherwork, gunsmithing, fiddle playing, knife making, furniture making, weaving, and other traditional arts across Wyoming counties.

Interviewees (18):
Jerry and Marlene Bowen, Carol Eckhardt, Curt Aurtery, Jarvis Windom, Linda Holst, Mary Lou and Louis Montoya, Nedalyn and Tony Testolin, Wade Stoll, Newton and Wendy Russell, Danelle Fernandez, Georgie Sicking, Paul Moss, Helen Hart, Eva McAdams, Melvin Arlo Deines, Dewey Gallegos, Lauren Brautner, Christie Wildcat

Topics:
folk art, folklife, folk music, wyoming culture, traditional crafts, oral history, native american art

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Wyoming Geological Association Records

*Dates: 2012-2012 | Collection #12609 | Formats: Video, Digital**

The Wyoming Geological Association (WGA) promotes and supports geology in the state through weekly meetings, field conferences, publications, and scholarship funds. The WGA is known for its guidebooks and symposium publications dating to the 1940s. The organization holds annual events including a field conference, spring dance, golf tournament, and holiday party.

The collection contains 3.03 GB of digital content consisting of one DVD recording of the "2012 50 and 60 Year Pioneers Luncheon Program" held on February 23, 2012.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains a DVD of the "2012 50 & 60 Year Pioneers Luncheon Program," recorded on February 23, 2012. The DVD consists of oral history video recordings of WGA pioneer members who had been members for 50 or 60 years. Specific interviewee names are not enumerated in the finding aid. The recordings document the experiences of long-standing members of the Wyoming geological community.

Topics:
geology, wyoming geology, professional associations, pioneer geologists

Access:
No restrictions noted. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Wyoming Heritage and Contemporary Values Project Records

*Dates: 1977-1979 | Collection #11694 | Formats: Transcript**

The Wyoming Heritage and Contemporary Values Project collected oral histories from women in southeastern Wyoming to document women's lives and attitudes in the 20th century. The Wyoming Council for the Humanities funded the project, which was administered by the University of Wyoming's Department of Sociology. Interviewers included Patricia Hale, Melanie Gustafson, and Phil Roberts.

The collection contains 0.7 cubic feet (2 boxes). Materials consist of transcripts of oral history interviews conducted in 1979, an interview index, and an article on women's oral history by Sherna Gluck (1977).

Oral History Details:
The project conducted oral history interviews in 1979 with 27 women living in southeastern Wyoming communities including Laramie, Cheyenne, Wheatland, Burns, Chugwater, Glendo, Newcastle, and Torrington. Interviewees represent diverse backgrounds including professional women, ranch women, an African-American woman, and a Hispanic woman. Named interviewees include: Leah Marsh Bain (September 9 and 23, 1979), Irene Brown (November 8, 1979), Mabel Edwards Brown (May 8, 1979), Agnes Burns (October 11, 1979), Clarissa Corbett (November 13, 1979), Myrtle Cundall (September 30 and October 25, 1979), Myrtle Davis (September 29, 1979), Olive B. Deahl (October 13, 1979), Helen Dunnewald (September 7 and 19, 1979), Lillian Hohnholz Hein (August 29, 1979), Agnes Henberg (September 6 and October 30, 1979), Florence Hughes (September 30 and October 25, 1979), Regina Hutchison (October 27, 1979), Ruth Miller (September 29 and October 25, 1979), Beatrice Moran (September 30, 1979), Ruby Preuit (September 29 and October 25, 1979), Sudie Rhone (November 8, 1979), Grace Ries (September 9 and 23, 1979), Consuelo Rocha (September 19 and October 30, 1979), Muriel B. Scott (October 13, 1979), Elizabeth Smith (September 29, 1979), Madge Yoder Smith (October 13, 1979), Virginia Cole Trenholm (September 15 and October 2, 1979), Hattie Utter (October 2, 1979), Lela Youtz (September 22, 1979), and a group interview with Lillie Goodrich, Wauneta Terry, and Hattie Utter (September 29, 1979). Topics include women's attitudes about birth control, ranching, life in rural Wyoming, and personal life histories.

Interviewees (27):
Leah Marsh Bain, Irene Brown, Mabel Edwards Brown, Agnes Burns, Clarissa Corbett, Myrtle Cundall, Myrtle Davis, Olive B. Deahl, Helen Dunnewald, Lillian Hohnholz Hein, Agnes Henberg, Florence Hughes, Regina Hutchison, Ruth Miller, Beatrice Moran, Ruby Preuit, Sudie Rhone, Grace Ries, Consuelo Rocha, Muriel B. Scott, Elizabeth Smith, Madge Yoder Smith, Virginia Cole Trenholm, Hattie Utter, Lela Youtz, Lillie Goodrich, Wauneta Terry

Topics:
women's history, ranching, rural life, wyoming history, social attitudes, oral history

Access:
There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public.

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Wyoming Humanities Council records

*Dates: 1970-2020 | Collection #09894 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Council for the Humanities (WCH) was one of the first independent state humanities councils created in 1970 to receive and distribute funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The WCH offered six grant categories supporting humanities projects in Wyoming, including public humanities programs, heritage grants, and fellowships for independent study.

The collection spans 107.70 cubic feet (178 boxes) plus 252.26 GB of digital materials. It includes regrant files, correspondence, manuscripts, news clippings, and audio/visual materials. The regrant files (Series I) constitute the majority of the collection and document funded projects throughout Wyoming.

Oral History Details:
The collection documents numerous oral history projects funded by the WCH across Wyoming. Grant-funded projects include: '090-87 WOHFA Oral History Conference' (1987); '135-88 5th Annual Wyoming Oral History/Folklore' (1988); '403-88 Jews of Cheyenne: An Oral History' by Mark and Marie Still Elliot (1988, denied); '023-90 Oral History of Southeastern Uinta County' (1990, denied); '130-93 Recording the Oral History of the Northern Arapaho' by Buckman/Arapaho Elders (1993); '109-11 Laramie Railroad Oral History' by Ostresh/Laramie Railroad Depot Association (2011); 'WTP-007-09 WY Governors Oral History' by Castaneda/Wyoming State Archives (2009); and 'Sublette County Schoolteachers: An Oral History Unit for Secondary Schools' by Karen Winkler Moulton. Manuscripts include 'Spoken Words of Four Ranchwomen' by Carol Rankin (1979), 'Stories from Yellowcalf' by Frances M. Goggles, and 'Visions of the Past' (1985) with associated audio cassettes. The collection provides extensive documentation of humanities-based oral history practice across Wyoming communities.

Topics:
humanities funding, wyoming history, oral history projects, native american history, rural communities, cultural preservation

Access:
No restrictions noted. Contact the American Heritage Center for access.

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Wyoming Pioneers Oral History project

*Dates: 1947-1956 | Collection #300018 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Pioneers Oral History project conducted interviews with early Wyoming residents between 1947 and 1956. American Heritage Center employees carried out the project, documenting the recollections of individuals who experienced life in Wyoming from the mid-nineteenth century onward. Topics addressed include frontier settlement, ranching, politics, crime, mining, Native American life, and events such as the Johnson County War.

The collection comprises 1.35 cubic feet (3 boxes) plus 552 KB of digital content. Materials include audio recordings and transcripts of interviews with approximately 50 Wyoming residents. Digital reproductions of select interviews are available online. Transcripts were completed between 2014 and 2016.

Oral History Details:

Interviews cover Wyoming life from the 1830s through the 1940s. Interviewees include John D. Alsop (St. George, Utah), Mary Bellamy (Laramie), Herbert Brink (Ten Sleep Raid), Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Brown (Boone, Iowa), Mrs. H.R. Butler (Laramie), T. Joe Cahill (Cheyenne), Camp Fire Girls (Laramie), Bill Carlisle (Laramie), Milinda C. Catron (Sheridan), Governor Fenimore Chatterton (Arvada, Colorado), Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Condit (Laramie), Evelyn Corthell-Hill (Laramie), Clayton Danks, Jimmy Danks, Frank DeFrance (Gordon, Nebraska), Charles Dunn (Tacoma, Washington), Rose Ecoffey/Princess Blue Water (Pine Ridge, South Dakota), Charles Farthing (Iron Mountains), George Flagg, John E. Field (Denver), E.O. Fuller (Laramie), A.S. 'Bud' Gillespie, Mrs. William Graham, Grant Harnden (Laramie), Phil Hausseaux (Douglas), Mary Hawkins (Laramie), Mary Ellen Hodgson (Hanna), A.D. 'Tom' Hoskins (Kemmerer), Native Americans at Fort Washakie, H.W. Keeline (Gillette), Herbert J. King (Laramie/Rock River), Frank 'Booker' Lacey (Sheridan), Jack Ledbetter (Saratoga), Mrs. I.M. Lee (Price, Utah), Nettie LeFors (Buffalo), Wallis Link (Fort Collins), Elmer Lovejoy (Laramie), Judge Percy W. Metz (Basin), R.B. Miller (Burwell, Nebraska), Mrs. Hugh Moreland (Laramie), Mable Cheney Moudy (Laramie), W.H. McDonald (North Platte), Dr. Aven Nelson (Laramie), Dr. Harriett Knight Orr (Laramie), Axel Palmer (Laramie), Eli Peterson (Douglas), H. Pollard and Clay Shaw (Douglas), Mr. Radcliff (Ogallala), Mrs. Roan (Kaycee), Mrs. Benjamin Robbins (Rushville), Andy Ross (Pierce, Colorado), Mrs. Charles H. Sanger (Laramie), Mike G. Shonsey, Mrs. Clyde Stanley, Ed 'Boots' Smith (Laramie), Russell Thorp (Cheyenne), O. Wallis (Laramie), Janet Mercer Webb (Buffalo), C.W. Webber (Fort Collins), C. Wilson (Chadron), and Mabel Buell Winninger (Cody). Topics discussed include life in Laramie, Hanna, Douglas, and other Wyoming towns; politics and government; ranching and cowboys; Camp Fire Girls; crime; Yellowstone Park; Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show; the University of Wyoming; Tom Horn; a World War II war bride; mining; the Johnson County War; and Shoshone and Oglala peoples.

Interviewees (61):

John D. Alsop, Mary Bellamy, Herbert Brink, B.E. Brown, Mrs. H.R. Butler, T. Joe Cahill, Bill Carlisle, Milinda C. Catron, Fenimore Chatterton, E.W. Condit, Evelyn Corthell-Hill, Clayton Danks, Jimmy Danks, Frank DeFrance, Charles Dunn, Rose Ecoffey, Charles Farthing, George Flagg, John E. Field, E.O. Fuller, A.S. Gillespie, Mrs. William Graham, Grant Harnden, Phil Hausseaux, Mary Hawkins, Mary Ellen Hodgson, A.D. Hoskins, H.W. Keeline, Herbert J. King, Herbert King, Frank Lacey, Jack Ledbetter, Mrs. I.M. Lee, Nettie LeFors, Wallis Link, Elmer Lovejoy, Percy W. Metz, R.B. Miller, Mrs. Hugh Moreland, Mable Cheney Moudy, W.H. McDonald, Aven Nelson, Harriett Knight Orr, Axel Palmer, Eli Peterson, H. Pollard, Clay Shaw, Mr. Radcliff, Mrs. Roan, Mrs. Benjamin Robbins, Andy Ross, Mrs. Charles H. Sanger, Mike G. Shonsey, Mrs. Clyde Stanley, Ed Smith, Russell Thorp, O. Wallis, Janet Mercer Webb, C.W. Webber, C. Wilson, Mabel Buell Winninger

Topics:

wyoming pioneers, frontier settlement, ranching, johnson county war, native americans, mining, wyoming politics

Access:

No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Wyoming State Historical Society records

*Dates: 1873-2022 | Collection #10504 | Formats: Transcript, Digital**

The current Wyoming State Historical Society was founded in 1953, succeeding earlier organizations dating to 1895. The society encouraged membership, published the Annals of Wyoming journal, organized annual treks along historic trails, and administered awards programs. The WSHS also promoted History Day, encouraging students to use primary research sources.

The collection spans 144.84 cubic feet (119 boxes plus audio-visual materials) plus 27.00 GB of digital materials. It includes David Paulley oil paintings, correspondence beginning in 1953 regarding meetings, membership, treks, awards, History Day, and county chapters. Transcripts of executive meetings, constitutional revisions, publication files for Annals of Wyoming and Wyoming History News, and maps used in planning historic trail treks are included.

Oral History Details:
The collection contains oral history documentation transcripts from 1980 (Box 17, Folder 9). The WSHS promoted oral history as part of its educational mission, encouraging students participating in History Day to use primary research sources including archives, museums, and oral history. The organizational records document the society's role in promoting oral history practice across Wyoming's county chapters and historical community.

Topics:
wyoming history, historical society, historic preservation, history education, oral history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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Wyoming Territorial Park Oral History Project records

*Dates: 1983-2009 | Collection #300031 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Territorial Park Oral History Project was undertaken in 2009 by a University of Wyoming Public History class instructed by Rick Ewig. The project preserved memories of the conversion of the former Wyoming Territorial Penitentiary in Laramie into a historical park, which opened in 1990.

The collection comprises 0.55 cubic feet (2 boxes) plus 9.98 KB of digital content. Materials include CDs of oral history interviews, transcripts, the class syllabus, session laws, historic structure reports, a scrapbook of photographs and clippings, and documents about the park's creation and opening. Fifteen interviews were conducted.

Oral History Details:
Fifteen oral history interviews document the history and development of the Wyoming Territorial Park. Interviewees include Vince Bath (November 19, 2009), Richard 'Rick' Ewig (December 2, 2009), Matilda Hansen, Jeff Hauff (November 20, 2009), Ollie Hill (November 18, 2009), David Kathka (November 22, 2009), Conrad 'Connie' Kercher (November 19, 2009), Tom Lindmier (November 20, 2009), Michael 'Mike' Massie (November 23, 2009), Phil Roberts (November 30, 2009), Teresa Sherwood (November 19, 2009), Milward Simpson (November 20, 2009), Carol Waller (December 8, 2009), Pam (Malone) Walker (November 24, 2009), and Kaye Willis (November 20, 2009). Topics include the conversion of the former territorial prison into a heritage tourism site, legislative actions creating the park, and community involvement in the project. Several transcripts are available digitally.

Interviewees (15):
Vince Bath, Richard Ewig, Matilda Hansen, Jeff Hauff, Ollie Hill, David Kathka, Conrad Kercher, Tom Lindmier, Michael Massie, Phil Roberts, Teresa Sherwood, Milward Simpson, Carol Waller, Pam Walker, Kaye Willis

Topics:
heritage tourism, historic preservation, wyoming territorial penitentiary, public history, laramie history

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Wyoming Veterans Oral History Project interviews

*Dates: 2008-2008 | Collection #300039 | Formats: Audio, Video, Transcript, Digital**

The Wyoming Veterans Oral History Project was a University of Wyoming History Department project that provided students the opportunity to conduct oral histories of Wyoming veterans in September and October 2008. The interviews were subsequently submitted to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, established by Congress in 2000.

The collection comprises 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) plus 11.482 GB of digital content. Materials include digital video and audio oral histories, transcripts, and biographical data forms for 10 Wyoming veterans. Each interview includes a transcript, biographical data form, and video/audio recording on CD or DV cassette.

Oral History Details:
Ten oral history interviews document the military service experiences of Wyoming veterans. Interviewees include Keith Birks, Loren Broad, John Edward Doerges, George Emory Fox, Jose Gallegos, David James, Calvin Mallory, John Munsinger, Oren Dale St. John, and Alexander Frank Wagner. Each interview includes a transcript, biographical data form, and video/audio CD. John Munsinger's interview was recorded on DV cassette. The interviews were conducted by University of Wyoming history students and cover service experiences across multiple conflicts. All interviews are available digitally.

Interviewees (10):
Keith Birks, Loren Broad, John Edward Doerges, George Emory Fox, Jose Gallegos, David James, Calvin Mallory, John Munsinger, Oren Dale St. John, Alexander Frank Wagner

Topics:
veterans, military service, oral history, wyoming history, veterans history project

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Wyoming Women's History: Choices and Changes Oral History Project

*Dates: 2017-2022 | Collection #12882 | Formats: Audio, Transcript, Digital**

The "Wyoming Women's History: Choices and Changes Oral History Project" was conducted by Susan McKay from 2017 to 2022. The project captured the experiences of women born between 1939 and 1946 who lived in Wyoming for all or most of their lives. Over fifty women were interviewed throughout the state of Wyoming during the project period.

Collection contains 0.25 cubic feet (1 box) plus 56.72 GB of digital materials. Materials include audio oral history interviews, transcripts, images, a map of interview locations, and project documentation. The collection documents over 50 interviews conducted across Wyoming from 2017 to 2022.

Oral History Details:
Over fifty oral history interviews conducted by Susan McKay across Wyoming from 2017 to 2022. Interviewees include Betty Lou Auld (Rock Springs), Gail Aldred (Rock Springs), Betty Astle (Afton), Frances M. Audier (Cody), Maxine S. Chisholm (Laramie), Cheryll Christianson (Lusk), Connie Coca (Laramie), Dona C. Copeland (Cody), Toni David (Big Piney), JoAnn Barba Davis (Laramie), Shirley R. De Lambert (Eden), Irene K. Devin (Laramie), Joyce Bayne Diedtrich (Newcastle), Bettye Dominick (Cody), Joan Welch Dunlap (Casper), Nancy Espenscheid (Big Piney), Sharon Lass Field (Cheyenne), Kit Firestone (Granite Springs), Mary Budd Flitner (Greybull), Julie M. Frausto (Laramie), Patricia Frolander (Sundance), Karen Marie Gabriel (Laramie), Laureen Welton Grubb (Saratoga), Sylvia Nelson Hansen (Laramie), Janice Harris (Jackson), Dolores J. Haslam (Lander), Marcia Hensley (Laramie), Karen Herold (Saratoga), Sarah Holberg (Cody), Isabel Marie Milberger Hoy (Torrington), Lorna Johnson, Eleanor Stepp Johnston (La Barge), Kathleen Karpan (Cheyenne), Sandra Ksir (Laramie), Nimi Nirmala McConigley (Casper), Susan McKay (Laramie), Linda Canfield Moberg (Sundance), Janet Montgomery (Pinedale), Patricia Nagel (Casper), Barbara Niner (Big Horn), Connie Owen (Jackson), Annette Pape (Pinedale), A. Kayne Pyatt (Evanston), Barbara Irane Ross (Thermopolis), Donna Ruffing (Lusk), Sally Sarvey (Casper), Myrna Saunders (Sheridan), Eileen Watt Schiller (Upton), Joyce Surdam (Jackson), Mary Kay Turner (Jackson), Sharon Flork Utter (Wheatland), Marilyn Wartig (Wilson), Rita E. Watson (Cheyenne), and Anne N. Young (Cody). Interviews address topics such as education, employment, ranching, voluntarism, gender roles, feminism, and the impact of societal change on women in Wyoming.

Interviewees (54):
Betty Lou Auld, Gail Aldred, Betty Astle, Frances M. Audier, Maxine S. Chisholm, Cheryll Christianson, Connie Coca, Dona C. Copeland, Toni David, JoAnn Barba Davis, Shirley R. De Lambert, Irene K. Devin, Joyce Bayne Diedtrich, Bettye Dominick, Joan Welch Dunlap, Nancy Espenscheid, Sharon Lass Field, Kit Firestone, Mary Budd Flitner, Julie M. Frausto, Patricia Frolander, Karen Marie Gabriel, Laureen Welton Grubb, Sylvia Nelson Hansen, Janice Harris, Dolores J. Haslam, Marcia Hensley, Karen Herold, Sarah Holberg, Isabel Marie Milberger Hoy, Lorna Johnson, Eleanor Stepp Johnston, Kathleen Karpan, Sandra Ksir, Nimi Nirmala McConigley, Susan McKay, Linda Canfield Moberg, Janet Montgomery, Patricia Nagel, Barbara Niner, Connie Owen, Annette Pape, A. Kayne Pyatt, Barbara Irane Ross, Donna Ruffing, Sally Sarvey, Myrna Saunders, Eileen Watt Schiller, Joyce Surdam, Mary Kay Turner, Sharon Flork Utter, Marilyn Wartig, Rita E. Watson, Anne N. Young

Topics:
women's history, wyoming women, gender roles, ranching, education, feminism, rural life

Access:
No restrictions. Collection is open to the public for research purposes.

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