

ACQUISITIONS

Material totaling approximately 810 cubic feet was received in 2001. Important new acquisitions include:

- ☛ Henry Wise Hobson (western history)
- ☛ Wyoming Home Economics Association (Wyoming history)
- ☛ J. David Love (geologist)
- ☛ Corthell Family (Laramie and Wyoming history)
- ☛ Ruth L. Finch Powers (UW history)
- ☛ Raymond and Deborah Hunkins (Edward S. Curtis prints)
- ☛ Sierra Club (Wyoming history)
- ☛ Victor Lipton (playwright)
- ☛ Wagon Wheel (Wyoming history)
- ☛ John Lord Ferguson (World War II)

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Student employees and interns are a vital part of the arrangement and description department. Student worker Laura Cowles, an anthropology major, helped organize and list the W.B.D. Gray photographs and lantern slides of early 20th century Wyoming. A survey project was undertaken to create a basic description of all collections in the AHC. American studies students Cinda Nofziger, Richard Henke, Veronica Pitt, and Shannon Bowen did most of the work of opening boxes and describing the contents. History major Sarah Payne; John Waggenger, geography; Melanie Francis, English; and Shannon Bowen, American studies, all processed one or more collections.

In addition to the collections listed here, arrangement and description staff also processed 26 small collections.

George Oates Argall, 1884-1986

George O. Argall was a mining engineer and editor of mining-related periodicals such as *World Mining* and *World Coal*. The collection contains subject files, programs and correspondence from mining symposia (1970-1984); correspondence and memoranda from mining magazines; photographs taken for *World Mining*; and some drawings and artifacts. 17 cubic feet

Bernard M. Bench Papers, 1941-1989

Bernard M. Bench was a geological engineer who specialized in coal exploration and coalbed testing. The collection includes correspondence with oil companies, reports, and publications regarding Rangely field and other areas in the Rocky Mountain region. 0.45 cubic feet

Bloch Family Papers, 1897-1989

Alexander and Blanche Bloch were musicians and composers. Alexander was a violinist; his wife Blanche was a pianist. Alexander Bloch became conductor of the Florida West Coast Symphony at the age of 75. The couple also taught and did public service work in New York and Florida. The collection contains much family correspondence including pre-WWI letters between Blanche and Alexander when one or both were studying music in Europe; letters from their son, Alan Bloch, from when he was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII; and letters from their granddaughter, Meredith Briggs, from the 1960s and 1970s, reflecting the "counter culture." There are also scrapbooks, manuscripts, photographs, and programs. 14 cubic feet



U.S. Representative from Wyoming William Henry Harrison, 1951-55, 1961-65, and 1967-69, (right), presented a Native American pipe to President Dwight Eisenhower in July 1953.

William H. Harrison Collection

Allan Harvey Brown Papers, 1950-1997

Allan Harvey Brown was a botanist who studied the effects of weightlessness on plants. The collection contains correspondence, research files, and articles relating to Brown's research. 2 cubic feet

G.E. Bruce Norfolk and Western Railroad Materials, 1872-1986

G.E. Bruce was an employee of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. He collected track charts, rule books, engineer and equipment manuals, artifacts, and other memorabilia having to do with the Norfolk and Western and other connecting lines. 1.5 cubic feet

N.E. Corthell Family Papers, ca. 1868-1960

Nellis E. Corthell (1861-1938) came to Wyoming circa 1880. He first joined the Stephen W. Downey law firm in Laramie, Wyoming, later establishing his own practice. N.E. Corthell was an authority on water rights and held business interests in several Laramie companies. He owned the Laramie *Boomerang* from 1890 to 1911. He married Eleanor (Nellie) Quackenbush in 1885, and the couple were the parents of seven children. The collection contains business records, including minutes of the Laramie Board of Trade; and manuscripts, photographs, and other documents of the Corthell family. 3.5 cubic feet

Cranch Family Papers, 1667-1946

Richard Cranch (1727-1811) married Mary Smith, a sister of Abigail Adams, in 1762. William Cranch (1769-1855) attended Harvard with his cousin John Quincy Adams and became a lawyer and judge. Christopher Pearse Cranch (1813-1892) was an author, Unitarian minister, and artist. The papers include correspondence from friends and family members, sketchbooks, scrapbooks, and photographs reflecting the lives and interests of four generations of the Cranch Family. 8 cubic feet

Leonard Eicholtz Diaries, 1838-1910

Leonard Eicholtz was a civil engineer who helped to build the Union Pacific transcontinental line (1867-1869). He later was chief engineer for the Denver Pacific Railway

Company that built the line from Cheyenne to Denver. At the same time he oversaw the construction of a Kansas Pacific line east from Denver. The collection contains Eicholtz's diaries from the mid-1850s to 1910 that detail daily events and expenses. 2.5 cubic feet

Francis P. Garvan Papers, 1856-1976

Francis P. Garvan was a lawyer and president of the Chemical Foundation Inc., which was set up to issue licenses to United States firms to use German patents seized during the First World War. The Foundation also promoted and encouraged the U.S. chemical industry in other ways. The collection contains extensive files regarding chemicals, their use in industry and agriculture, inventions, patents, lawsuits, and promotion in the 20th century. The collection also contains some files from Garvan's legal practice, including material about the New York City Triangle Shirt Waist Factory fire. 240 cubic feet

Diana Gould Scripts, 1974-1986

Diana Gould was a television scriptwriter who worked on *Dynasty*, *The Berrengers*, and *Hamburger House*. She was executive story consultant for *Knots Landing*. The collection contains scripts for all these series. 14.5 cubic feet

W.B.D. and Annette B. Gray Papers, ca. 1860-1979

W.B.D. Gray and his wife Annette B. Gray were Congregational missionaries in Wyoming between 1900 and 1918. The couple's missionary work was supported by slide lectures given to audiences in the East. For this purpose they took many photographs of small communities and rural areas of the state. The collection contains some correspondence, scrapbooks, and printed material regarding the Congregational Church and many photographs, slides, and negatives of Wyoming communities and of their travel around the state. There are also some photographs and correspondence pertaining to the Huron, South Dakota, area, where Dr. Gray lived before moving to Wyoming. 8 cubic feet

Truman H. Kuhn Papers, 1918-1989

Truman H. Kuhn was a professor of geological engineering at the Colorado School of Mines from 1942 to 1974. He was a consultant to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Indonesia,

and other foreign governments as an expert on setting up mining and petroleum colleges. The collection includes biographical material, administrative files on foreign projects, articles, reports, notes, and speeches of Truman Kuhn, and subject files on the Colorado School of Mines. 5 cubic feet

Charles O. Locke Papers, 1917-1973

Charles Locke was a journalist, novelist, and playwright. His best-known work was *The Hell Bent Kid*. The collection includes manuscripts, personal and business correspondence, documents regarding a legal suit over literary property rights, clippings, and miscellaneous materials. 11 cubic feet

Edward Payson Mathewson Papers, 1890-1936

E.P. Mathewson (b. 1864) was a mining engineer who worked in Colorado, Montana, New Jersey, Mexico, and Chile. In 1926 he became a professor at the University of Arizona. The collection contains diaries kept by Mathewson from 1890 to 1936 and photographs, blueprints, and lecture notes from Mathewson's teaching experience at the University of Arizona. 3 cubic feet

Elwood Mead Papers, 1882-1958

Elwood Mead was Wyoming's first territorial (and later first state) engineer from 1888 to 1899. He gained a national reputation for his role in drafting water legislation, and in 1899 he left Wyoming to work for the U.S. Agriculture Department's irrigation investigations division. The collection has been revised, adding some photographs to the correspondence, clippings, publications, photo albums, and scrapbooks. 3.25 cubic feet

Edith Monroe Moe and Henry Allen Moe Papers, 1888-1988

Henry Moe was the first administrator of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, which he headed from 1925 to 1963. Edith Moe wrote books on lace and silver and an autobiography, *Witness to the Twentieth Century*. The papers reflect the couple's personal and professional lives and include correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, speeches, subject files, and scrapbooks. 37 cubic feet

Laurence Moss Papers, 1958-1981

Laurence Moss (1935-1999) was a chemical and nuclear engineer who became president of the Sierra Club (1973-74) and chairman of the Task Force on Environmental Impact. The collection contains files and research materials on all aspects of conservation and environmental pollution, including auto emissions, the Sierra Club, the National Coal Policy Project, and nuclear waste. 37 cubic feet

Nguyaaen Cao Kay Materials, 1965-1987

Nguyaaen Cao Kay was a South Vietnamese defense minister and air force commander during the 1960s and early 1970s. His friendship with U.S. Air Force Colonel George Budway led to a collaboration between the two men and journalist Charles J.V. Murphy to produce a book, which was never finished. The collection contains taped interviews with Nguyaaen Cao Kay, Budway, and Murphy; transcripts of speeches; and some printed material and photographs that were to be used for the book. 1.4 cubic feet

William B. Peters Papers, 1927-1984

William B. Peters was a soil scientist for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for more than 30 years. After retiring from the Bureau he worked as a soil specialist for the World Bank between 1977 and 1984. His work took him from Wyoming to Mexico, the Philippines, South America, Africa, East Asia, Yemen, and Yugoslavia. The collection contains files on drainage, irrigation, land classification, rice production, salinity, soil testing, tropical agriculture, and water resources. 21 cubic feet

Richards Family Papers, 1800-1982

The Richards Family occupied a notable and sometimes controversial place in the history of New England, the American South, and the American West. William Jarvis (1770-1859) served as U.S. consul to Portugal under Presidents Jefferson and Madison. Jonas DeForest Richards (1809-1872) moved from Vermont to Alabama in 1865 to operate a cotton plantation and was in the state's Reconstruction legislature. DeForest Richards (1846-1903) and Bartlett Richards (1862-1911) were

cattle ranchers in Nebraska and Wyoming, and DeForest Richards was governor of Wyoming (1898-1903). The collection contains correspondence (1800-1982), diaries of DeForest Richards (1897-1902), photographs, as well as documents, research files, and drafts of Bartlett Richards Jr., who published a biography of his father, Bartlett Richards. 5 cubic feet

Arthur G. Rippey Papers, 1918-1995

Arthur Gordon Rippey Jr. was a prominent Denver, Colorado, businessman. In addition to his work in advertising, he was actively involved in collecting antique cars and books. He was particularly interested in the works of 18th century British authors Samuel Johnson and James Boswell. The collection contains files on Rippey's life, business, and political interests, as well as files regarding his automobile and book collections. 17 cubic feet

Frank Robbins Papers, 1946-1995

Frank Robbins was a Wyoming rancher who captured and tamed many of his horses from the wild herds of the Red Desert. He defended the wild herds from removal by those who wished to use their grazing land and developed a breed of his own called the Robbins roans. The collection includes a book about Frank Robbins, prints and photocopies of photographs, and a film documenting Robbins' annual horse roundup. 0.5 cubic feet

Milward L. Simpson Papers, Series I. Law Office Files, 1887-1959

Milward Simpson (1897-1993) was a lawyer, legislator, and governor of Wyoming. He became governor in 1955 and served until 1959. From 1962 to 1967 he was a U.S. senator from Wyoming. The Simpson Papers are being processed in stages. The first portion, Law Office Files, contains case files and correspondence from Simpson's private law practice. Also included are some personal and family papers, material from Simpson's years on the University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees, and some political and campaign materials. 70 cubic feet

United Air Lines Flight 409 Crash Collection, 1939-2001

On the morning of October 6, 1955, a United Air Lines DC-4 en route from New York City to San Francisco crashed into a ridge of Medicine Bow Peak killing all 66 passengers and crew members. The crash was the worst civil air disaster in U.S. history to that date. The collection documents recovery and cleanup efforts on the crash site and includes photographs, news clippings, oral histories, reports, and other material. 0.5 cubic feet

University of Montana, Indian Pride on the Move Traveling Exhibit Materials, 1974-1978

Indian Pride on the Move was a traveling exhibit that featured Native American artifacts and images from the David T. Vernon Collection. It was curated by University of Montana professor Joel H. Bernstein and toured the United States in 1976-77. The materials include tour management files and site planning files, planning reports, evaluation reports, and some publicity. 2 cubic feet

Willis Van Devanter Papers, 1879-1966

Willis Van Devanter was Wyoming's first state Supreme Court justice and eventually came to be an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The papers include photographs of Van Devanter and of his staff and colleagues, a legal fees book from the 1880s, biographical material, transcripts of some personal correspondence, printed material, and artifacts. 1 cubic feet

Owen Wister Papers, ca. 1866-1982

Owen Wister was a prominent American writer of the late 1800s and early 1900s. He is best known as the author of the prototypical western novel *The Virginian*, but he wrote many other articles, short stories, and novels as well. He was also a talented musician and a photographer. The collection contains diaries that Wister kept and photographs that he took during his travels in the West. Wister often used these words and images as source material for his writing. The collection also includes some manuscripts and published versions of his shorter works and a small amount of correspondence. 5.5 cubic feet

Wyoming State Historical Society Records, 1873-1999

The Wyoming State Historical Society was founded in 1953. Its first major project was the placement of an Esther Hobart Morris statue in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. Other activities included contests, awards, historical treks, and publications. The collection includes organizational records, membership ledgers, maps, and audio-visual materials related to the society and its activities. 25 cubic feet

Wyoming Stock Growers Association History Materials, 1873-1980

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association History Materials consist of correspondence, manuscripts, news clippings, pamphlets, etc. containing reminiscences of and about residents and conditions in Wyoming and the West primarily before the turn of the 20th century. 1 cubic feet

Wyoming Stock Growers Association Photographs, 1868-1964

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association Photographs consist of photographs that were collected by the WSGA office for their historic value. Included are portraits of

association employees and officials, photographs of conventions and dedications, of cowboys, ranches, and roundups, of famous people and early residents of Wyoming, as well as collections of early photographers' work. 2 cubic feet

John I. Yellott Papers, ca. 1900-1986

John I. Yellott was best known for his 30 years of work related to solar energy. The papers contain correspondence, manuscripts and publications, and patent materials relating to Yellott's solar energy research and other aspects of his engineering career including development of a gas turbine locomotive. Also included are clippings of letters published in the *Baltimore Sun* containing a debate between H. L. Mencken and Yellott's father, a minister. 8 cubic feet

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS PROGRAM

The following offices, departments, and colleges had their records (more than 350 cubic feet) examined, inventoried, and analyzed. More than 120 records retention schedules were created to help facilitate the dissemination, use, organization, retrieval, retention, and eventual disposition of these records.

- ☛ Associated Students of UW (3 records retention schedules)
- ☛ College of Law (64 records retention schedules)
- ☛ Faculty Senate (10 records retention schedules)
- ☛ Office of Student Life (3 records retention schedules)
- ☛ Political Science (15 records retention schedules)
- ☛ Social Work (3 records retention schedules)
- ☛ State Veterinary Laboratory (11 records retention schedules)
- ☛ University Counseling Center (2 records retention schedules)
- ☛ University Libraries (8 records retention schedules)

Ten collections, totaling 77 cubic feet have been processed and made available for research use by student assistants art major Tania Flores and history major Jennifer Praeuner.

American College Quill Club, Thorn Rune Records, 1915-1952

The American College Quill Club was an organization established in American colleges to encourage literary effort and criticism. Tryouts for membership were based on the merit of an original manuscript submitted by potential members. The collection consists of numerous short stories and poetry manuscripts used as tryout material for membership, including announcements, correspondence, membership information, minutes, photographs, poetry, publications, and short stories. 2.1 cubic feet

Sigma Alpha Iota, Sigma Kappa Chapter Records, 1903-1942

A professional musical sorority, the UW chapter was organized in 1925. Among their activities were weekly musicals, hosting featured performers, and sponsoring National Music Week. The collection includes correspondence, financial information, history, initiation, installation and membership information, newspaper clippings, photographs, a pledge record, president's reports, programs, songbooks, yearbooks, and scrapbooks. 2.6 cubic feet

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, University of Wyoming Chapter Records, 1914-1918

The society of Sigma Xi was established to encourage and promote research in the fields of pure and applied science. The collection contains various materials relating to the UW chapter including bulletins, the society's constitution, correspondence, history, minutes, nominations, and reports. 0.7 cubic feet

Ronald C. Surdam Papers, Papers, 1965-1986

The collection contains research materials relating to UW geology professor Ronald C. Surdam's work in Green River, Wyoming, and on Vancouver Island dealing with petroleum geology and basin analysis. The collection contains manuscripts, core sample photographs, and correspondence. 4.25 cubic feet