

Biennial Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Activities of the Montana Historical Society For Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

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The Montana Historical Society, founded in 1865 by the Montana Territorial Legislature, pursues with passion our mission to preserve Montana's past, share our stories, and inspire exploration, to provide meaning for today and vision for tomorrow. We accomplish our mission by collecting, preserving, and providing access to art, artifacts, photographs, and documents. We strive to educate Montanans and visitors through programming, publications, research collections, art and artifact collections, online resources, and exhibits.

The **Administration** program provides supervision, administration, and coordination of the agency. Activities include fundraising, membership, public information, payroll and personnel, financial reporting, business management, security and guest services, building management, information technology, and retail operations.

The **Library & Archives** develops and cares for MTHS's collection of research materials, including books, documents, newspapers, photographs, films, maps, and other materials. They assist the public in the use of the collections through reference services and reproductions, cataloging, and online databases and repositories. The program is the State Archives and provides training for like institutions.

The **Museum** preserves and manages the Society's art and artifact collections, including historic, ethnographic, and archaeological items. They catalog, apply preventative preservation procedures, and facilitate conservation projects. The program produces exhibits and manages a loan program for other museums. They provide training for like institutions, administer the Original Governor's Mansion, care for the art at the Capitol and the Capitol Complex; and provide research services.

The **Publications** program oversees the production, printing, and distribution of an award- winning quarterly journal as well as books on Montana and western history. *Montana The Magazine of Western History* showcases the people, places, and events of Montana and the West.

The **Outreach & Education** program provides educational experiences for Montanans and visitors of all ages, including conferences, workshops, tours, hands-on learning, web-based learning, and educational trunks. The Education program plans and produces curriculum materials, and instructional literature as well as provides training workshops for K-12 educators. They oversee the National Register Sign Program, the Centennial Farm and Ranch Program, and the Volunteer Program.

The **State Historic Preservation Office** (SHPO) administers the Montana Antiquities Act and Montana's involvement in the National Historic Preservation Act. The program maintains an inventory of recorded historic and archaeological sites and recommends certification of projects for federal tax credits, through the Tax Reform Act. SHPO administers the National Register of Historic Places, through the Preservation Review Board, and the federal Certified Local Government Program.



Preserve, Educate, and Connect

The art, artifacts, and archival materials collected to tell Montana's story are preserved by the Museum and

the Library & Archives programs. Art and artifacts are made accessible through long-term and temporary exhibits. Archival materials, books, maps, and newspapers are made available to the public both through our reference room and remotely. Due to construction our reference room is currently closed; however, many researchers received assistance remotely. 17,463 researchers used our collections to research books, articles, student assignments, documentaries, historic preservation and many other types of projects.



Drawing of Flathead Reservation Indian Agency, 1865, by Granville Stuart

The Museum and the Library & Archives continually acquire art, artifacts, books, maps, photographs, archival documents, state records, and many other types of materials that tell the stories of Montana's many peoples. In the most recently completed two years, MTHS acquired 28,973 items (artifacts, art, books, photographs, etc.) and 213.9 linear feet of archival materials. A complete list of the items acquired is included in the **Appendix**.

The Museum also protects and preserves the permanent artwork in the State Capitol and within the Capitol Complex by inspecting, maintaining, and arranging for conservation of the art. Four conservation projects were completed on four sculptures, and seven conservation assessments performed on murals in the Capitol complex. 1,211 condition reports and surveys were created for objects in the collection. 729 treatment proposals were generated, from which 565 objects in the collection were conserved. 38 specialty object support mounts were created by the Conservation Specialist to preserve objects.

Our collections are accessible through many online databases, including the Montana History Portal, Chronicling America, Newspapers.com, and the Museum Collections Online. In FY2023 and FY2024, our online databases saw nearly 2 million views. MTHS has digitized and made available online over 13 million pages of

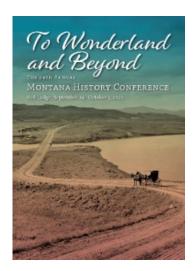
MTHS Tour Guides at the Original Governor's Mansion

historic newspapers, representing 929 different newspapers that were published in 224 towns located in all 56 counties. Many of these titles are freely available online and all will be freely available for onsite researchers.

The Montana Historical Society strives to **connect with Montanans** and our visitors through exhibits, programming, publications, and web-based resources. MTHS hosts visitors at the Capitol and the Original Governor's Mansion. Despite exhibits and our reference room being closed, MTHS welcomed **23,426 visitors** in FY2023 and FY2024. Online engagement increased significantly with our social media audience growing to **109,540 followers** and nearly **7 million views**.

Our annual Montana History Conference and other public programs reach thousands of people every year. MTHS offers a Thursday evening lecture series, which is not only held in-person, but also live-streamed and made available on the MTHS YouTube channel. The annual Montana History Conference was held in Red Lodge in 2022 and in Helena in 2023. 284 people attended our 2022 premier event and 385 people attended our 2023 conference. In FY2023 and FY2024, 39,575 people attended MTHS programs and presentations in person.

The State Historic Preservation Office works with Montanans to **promote** the preservation of historic places, sites, and monuments. In FY2023 and FY2024, SHPO added 21 Montana properties to the National Register of Historic Places and MTHS historians wrote 83 new National Register signs that were placed in 23 counties. These properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places.



Property

Swanson Homestead Como School Morelli Bridge Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association Camp Monture Guard Station

James F. Battin Federal Building Driver's Saloon and Café

Hillcrest Cemetery

Meyers Creek Work Center Robworth Apartments Lavina School Historic District Wort Fork Panger Station

West Fork Ranger Station Wise River Ranger Station Orange Street Tunnel

Ruffatto School

Basin Creek Park Historic District

Baatz Block

Northern Montana College Girls Residence Hall

100 East Broadway

Crystal Ice & Fuel Company

Location

Superior vicinity, Mineral County Darby vicinity, Ravalli County Helena, Lewis & Clark County Red Lodge vicinity, Carbon County Ovando vicinity, Powell County Billings, Yellowstone County Anaconda, Deer Lodge County Deer Lodge, Powell County Livingston, Park County Deer Lodge, Powell County East Lavina, Golden Valley County Ravalli County **Beaverhead County** Missoula, Missoula County Brockton, Richland County Silver Bow County Great Falls, Cascade County

Havre, Hill County

Butte, Silver Bow County Billings, Yellowstone County

Grants to support local preservation activities were awarded to certified local government communities in 15 counties. They include Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Billings-Yellowstone County, Bozeman (Gallatin County), Butte-Silver Bow County, Carbon County, Columbus-Stillwater County, Deer Lodge (Powell County), Great Falls-Cascade County, Hardin-Big Horn County, Havre-Hill County, Lewis & Clark County, Lewistown (Fergus County), Livingston (Park County), Missoula (Missoula County), and Virginia City (Madison County). Additional funding totaling \$186,186 in historic preservation funds supported special projects in Billings-Yellowstone County, Bozeman, Butte-Silver Bow County, Deer Lodge, Livingston, Roundup, and Augusta.

SHPO completed several significant projects in FY2023 and FY2024.

- Successfully applied for two brick-and-mortar grants for preservation work on behalf of the Union Bethel AME Church, totaling \$697,712. The grants were from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.
- Assisted the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation on their successful application for National Park Service Historic Revitalization funds for \$747,564 for owners of historic properties in Carbon County that were impacted by the Yellowstone River flood in 2022.
- Introduced a new eConsultation system that enables consultants to upload documents via a web portal, expediting reviews and creating efficiencies.

The Publications program produces the award-winning journal *Montana The Magazine of Western History* as well as books through the MTHS Press. In fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the MTHS Press published:

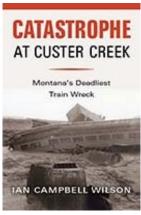
- Montana's Visionary Mayor: Willard E. Fraser by Lou Mandler
- Catastrophe at Custer Creek: Montana's Deadliest Train Wreck by Ian Campbell Wilson
- Montana: A Paper Trail by Thomas E. Minckler
- The Quest: A Montanan's Photographic Journey by Richard S. Buswell.

In 2024 MTHS partnered with Project Muse, a digital platform that distributes books and periodicals, to allow digital access to *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. Digital access for institutional subscribers was launched in 2024 with a portal for members to be launched soon. The journal also received 2 awards.

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- Patrick Hoehne's article "Apostles of Disorder: Montana Merchants, Vigilantes, and the Interconnectivity of Extralegal Violence" was a finalist for the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America.
- Shane Dunning's article "The Geddes Murder Trials: Gender, Race, and Murder-for-Hire in Easten Montana's Criminal Justice System" won the 2024 Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Center.

The Outreach & Education program conducted 16 in-person and 13 online educator training courses. The in-person workshops were held in Carbon, Cascade, Dawson, Glacier, Granite, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Richland, Roosevelt, Toole, and Yellowstone Counties. A total of 623 educators from 38 counties attended these workshops.

Outreach & Education offers many additional services for educators and students. Two textbooks, *Montana: Stories of the Land* (7th grade) and *Montana: A History of Our Home* (4th grade) are available to educators and students, along with online curriculum and teachers guides. Our Hands-on History footlockers offer thematic, traveling trunks focused on a wide array of topics. Each footlocker is filled with reproduction artifacts, photographs, and documents along with a user guide and lesson plans for educators. Our footlockers covering 20 topics reached **26,450 students** in FY2023 and FY2024.



The 2009 Montana Legislature created the Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program to recognize and commemorate the agricultural traditions of Montana. Through this program, farm and ranch families who have owned or lived on their land for 100 years or more may be recognized for their contribution to Montana's history. Nine new farms and ranches located in 7 counties were recognized for this achievement during FY2023 and FY2024.

Farm or Ranch

Birkeland Farms
Inbody Farms
Lund's B Bar Angus Ranch
Luppold/Buckingham Ranch
Penniwell 4D Farms
Ryan's Hill at Indian Arrow
Sanders Ranch
T Lazy J River Ranch
Woodmansey Ranch

County

Chouteau County
Teton County
Wibaux County
Meagher County
Hill County
Yellowstone County
Granite County
Yellowstone County
Chouteau County



Goals and Strategies

The primary goal of the Montana Historical Society for the next biennium is the successful opening of the **Montana Heritage Center**. Under the direction of the Montana Architecture & Engineering Division, significant progress has been made on the project. The 66,000-square-foot addition houses collections storage

and staff offices on the lower level, and exhibits, café, retail space, and an event center on the main level. The addition is currently scheduled to be substantially complete, except for exhibits, in late fall 2024. Renovation of the existing MTHS building began in May 2023 and will be substantially complete in June 2025, except for exhibits. Progress on construction of the Montana Heritage Center can be followed on the construction livestream at montanasmuseum.org.



MTHS curators, librarians, archivists, and historians are working to create three world-class exhibits that will be features in the Montana Heritage Center: Montana Homeland, Charles M. Russell, and an exhibit in the changing gallery space. The exhibits will feature our rich art, artifact, and archival collections while using multimedia and hands-on experiences to facilitate multiple ways of learning. Exhibit installation will begin in January 2025 and will be complete in October of that year, for grand opening events to begin late that year.

The budget for construction of the Montana Heritage Center is currently \$105 million. The designers, Architecture & Engineering, the contractor, and MTHS staff are working diligently to complete construction and exhibit fabrication on schedule. To date, MTHS has raised \$58.2 million in private funds in support of the Montana Heritage Center.

The work of completing the Montana Heritage Center involves not only finishing the physical components of the building project, but also preparing our staff and programs for operating a significantly larger facility and serving an expanded audience. Work to establish hours, rental fees, tour programs, and many other operational objectives is underway.





In addition to the Montana Heritage Center, the following goals have been identified as critical areas for the Montana Historical Society for the 2027 Biennium. Strategies for achieving these goals follow.

- 1. Directly Serve our Audience
- 2. Virtually Serve Our Audience
- 3. Protect and Preserve Historical and Cultural Sites and Resources

Complete a member survey to understand current demographics and interests and create membership levels for targeted audiences to increase membership.

Integrate subscribers into the membership program for better service and increased efficiency.

Work with tourism partnership to make the Montana Heritage Center a tourist destination and increase visitation.

Promote the Library & Archives as valuable assets to the public, K-12 and college/university educators through workshops or outreach activities highlighting use of collections.

Increase exhibit visitation by completing new interpretive experiences.

Engage with Tribal Stakeholders and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers.

Publish *Montana The Magazine of Western History,* two new MTHS Press books, and reprint MTHS Press books

Offer quality, accessible, educational tours of Society exhibits, the OGM, and the Capitol. Provide school tours to students.

Provide teacher trainings.

Promote the Preservation of Montana's agricultural heritage through listings in the Centennial Farm and Ranch program.

Circulate hands-on history footlockers to schools across the state.

Offer high quality public programs.

Promote heritage tourism and historic preservation by working with property owners to display interpretative signs at National Register listed properties.

Partner with other organizations.

Host trainings and summits and visiting events with interested parties statewide.



Goal #1



Goal #2 Strategies

Strategies

VIRTUALLY SERVE OUR AUDIENCE

MTHS serves many different audiences, including all Montanans and researchers from across the country and world. Our audience includes learners of all ages, K-12, college, and graduate students, as well as the life-long curious. We strive to engage these learners through many different forms of virtual contact.

Grow social media marketing.

Promote use of digitized collections through social media, digital advertising, and outreach.

Improve digital records and online access to collections by adding additional digital content.

Provide virtual access to Montana The Magazine of Western History

Use OPI's Teacher Hub to create an online class related to educational materials.

Increase the number of online resources and make those resources user-friendly.

PROTECT AND PRESERVE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES AND RESOURCES

MTHS acquires, preserves, and protects historical records, art, archives, museum objects, and historical places, sites, and monuments. This goal is achieved by protecting and preserving items, sites, and monuments belonging to MTHS and providing expertise and training to others that protect historic and cultural sites and resources.



Goal

#3

Complete American Alliance of Museums Reaccreditation Study.

Inventory, pack, and protect existing collections during construction of the Montana Heritage Center and ensure those collections are placed into new collections storage facilities according to best practices.

Protect and preserve the permanent artwork in the State Capitol and within the Capitol Complex by inspecting, maintaining, and arranging for conservation of the art.

Provide historical and technical resources to the public.

Provide property owners with historical and technical information essential to a property's preservation.

List eligible properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

Appendix: Collections Acquired by MTHS in FY2023 and FY2024

Art and Artifact:

- Oil on canvas landscape by Harriet Peck Fenn Sanders
- Poster, HB 251 Lower Wages and Less Jobs
- Poster, I'm Staying IBEW Strong Local 233
 Supporter
- MT FWP game warden uniforms belonging to John Ramsay
- Stan Lynde Cartoon series original art and promotional cartoon art
- Air Force uniform
- 1927 wedding dress
- ca. 1903 doll with Norwegian costume belonging to Lois Donna Hatch
- Two portraits of unidentified Hutterite people by Doris Emogene Cookson, ca. late 1970s.
- Camera used by the Helena Police Dept., ca. 1950-60.
- Granville Stuart drawing, Flathead Reservation Indian Agency, 1865
- Chinese altar cloth
- Matchbook, Lottie Barnard General Merchandise Confections and Tobacco, Augusta, MT
- Northwest Orient Airline ticket/passes
- Legion Junior Baseball Semi-Final Play-Off ticket, Laurel vs. Forsyth
- Golden Greeters patch and nametag
- Jewish hymnals
- Posters from march at MT State Capitol
- "Painters Local 975 On Strike Against Gilly-Deily Painting" sign
- Mourning Cloak butterfly specimen
- Boat anchor found in the bank along the Yellowstone River
- Hammerstones
- Tobacco can
- Robert Morgan artifacts
- Pictograph site shadow box
- Hagen site shadow box

- Radiation Detection Kit
- Caird Engineering Works buttons, plaque, and stamp



Various medals from Ethel LaRock's service in the Korean War

- USS Helena bell
- Portrait of Ralph Baggeley
- "A Curious & Valuable Pocket Card" presented by the Lockey Investment Co.
- Handwritten typescript from a Virginia City newspaper, 1876
- Framed watercolor painting by Lee Rostad
- Framed watercolor paintings "West of Town" and "A Wider View" by Ben Steele
- Charles Fritz painting, "August on the Dearborn Ranch"
- Phil Santry painting, "Indian Chief"
- Richard Rhydes/Shope rifle
- Handkerchief, silk bag, handkerchief, and table runner, each with pale blue "M" embroidered on a corner.
- Etching of a landscape by Steele, glued to memory album page.
- Watercolor painting of Central Park, Helena
- Intaglio print by Marvin Messing Jr., "John R. Toole Home 32/50"
- Colored lithograph print by Bob Vine, "Marcus Daly's Hotel"

- Bird quilt
- Wedding attire worn by George and Eva Knauts, 1898
- Wedding suit worn by John Frisvold, 1920
- Three set designs from 1993 movie,
 Beethoven's 2nd Filmed in Apgar, MT
- Bells, spurs, scarves, membership card, horse contract, and card relating to Fannie Sperry Steele
- Lucky Charms box supporting Children's Miracle Network, including Shodair, Helena
- Plaster cast of C.M.Russell bust by artist John "Jack" Weaver, 1956.
- Crosscut saw
- Cant hook
- Broadaxe
- Umbilical amulet, Cheyenne or Arapaho
- Ribbons and pins used and collected by John Murray during his time as executive secretary of the Montana AFL-CIO.
- Ralph DeCamp painting of Prickly Pear Canyon
- Ethel LaRock Collection
- Paintings by Ralph DeCamp
- Paintings by Robert F. Morgan
- Sunglasses worn by Cheryl Jenni in 1980s, PATCO local 311 On Strike t-shirt and PATCO pins

- Lithographic prints from the Northern Pacific Railroad Survey of 1853-1854
- Framed oil on board painting by artist Mary Cecilia Wheeler, 1894
- Items belonging to John X. Beidler, including standard shovel stamped with X BEIDLER, sluice box shovel stamped X BEIDLER, gold pans, and steel bar custom-made for rifles in sluice box.
- Voting box console used in the Montana House of Representatives
- Capitol for a Day banner
- Martz/Ohs banner and t-shirt
- Racicot/Martz t-shirt
- Various KOA artifacts
- Paintings by Joseph Scheuerle
- "All Loyal Union Men" sign
- Antique baby doll from 1939
- Framed drawings of the life of Thomas Meagher by artist Stephen Glueckert
- Hand drum with drum stick, child sized tipi
- Small sterling silver purse with flower
- Mesh bag purse
- Judith Mining Company, Ft. Maginnis, MT. sign

Photograph and Manuscript:

- Fanny Muzetta Williams Diaries
- Office Of the Grand Lodge Of Montana And Owl Creek Coal Documents
- Stan Lynde Diary
- Fort Assinniboine Volumes
- Lincoln County Oral History Project Slide Printouts
- William Mackay Interview
- Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association Records, 2004-2018
- John W. Bonner Speech at Amvets S.E.C. Meeting Bozeman, MT 1951
- Annie Busby Papers

- Original Governor's Mansion Board Minutes
- Helena Abstract and Title Company Records
- Barbara K. Rader Papers
- Victoria Mines, Inc. Records, 1938-1947
- Montana Federation of Business & Professional Women Records
- Jim Murry Papers
- Contracted Services Task Force Records
- Boyd R. Murry Papers, 1942-1959
- Margaret Bach Papers
- F. Doug Taylor Collection
- Montana Modern Architecture Oral History Project

- William F. Wheeler Letter, 1874
- A. C. Mccomb Wanted Notice, 1916
- Virigina City Players Promotional Flyer
- Ione Robins Papers
- Elsie P. Johnston Collection
- Montana State University Midwifery Oral History Project Interviews, 2012-2014
- Kamhoot Family Research Collection
- Norma Ashby Papers, 1988-1990
- Rosalie Mae Carlson and Gayle Hageman Letters, 1953-1957
- Robert F. Morgan Papers
- Bair Family Museum Papers
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, From the Ground Up Oral History Project Records, 2012-2018
- Albert F. Longeway Papers, 1886-1933
- Richard Hanners Manuscript, 2020
- Rocky Fork and Cooke City Railway Company Records, 1874-1890
- Butte Brass and Controls Company Stock Certificates, 1959-1960
- University Of Montana-Helena Interviews
- Missoula-Mineral Counties Chapter of The American Red Cross Correspondence School Essay Book, 1946-1947
- Hedges Family Papers, 1902-1925
- Montana Pioneers Series and Pioneer
 Women of Montana Radio Scripts, 1944
- Lincoln County Oral History Project
- Scobey Project Oral Histories
- Richard Buswell Papers
- Community Coordinated Child Care Records
- Mayor Kathleen Ramey Records
- U.S. Indian Police Service, Fort Peck Indian Agency Record Book, 1878-1887
- Northern Pacific Railway Company,
 Industrial Development Program Records
- Joe Sample Interview, 2009
- Montana State Library Records, 1958-2014
- Western Federation of Miners, Union Local 117, Membership Card, 1907-1911
- Hefferlin Business Records
- Liven A. Peterson Papers, 1941-1956
- Eric Feaver Papers, 1970-2020

- Montana Chapter of National Museum of Women in the Arts Records
- Mares Family Papers
- Governor Brian Schweitzer Records
- City Of Helena Records
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board Records
- Greater Montana Foundation Legacy Project DVDs
- Ringling Family Papers
- William L. Lang Oral Histories
- Big Horn Historical Society Oral Histories
- Montana Stockgrowers Oral History Project
- General Office of The Alice Gold and Silver Mining Co. Correspondence (1884)
- Territory Of Montana Warrant (1884)
- Leviathan Gold Mining Company Records (1899-1913)
- Montana Legislative Council Records



Montana Chamber of Commerce Negatives: 16,677 black and white 35mm negatives, ca. 1950s-1960s

- Basin, Montana Mining Ledger (1904)
- Montana Department of Health and Environmental Science, WIC Program
- Montana Office of Budget and Program Planning Records

- Anaconda Mining Company Records (ca.1900-1949)
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Coal Task Force Records
- State Librarian's Roundtable Records
- Montana Department of Transportation
 Safety Management Section Records
- Sander's County Creditors Claim Volumes
- Bertha Muzzy Bower Papers
- Montana State Highway Commission Correspondence
- Fergus County and Miles City, Montana Letters, 1898-1950
- Joseph Christian Schroeder Reminiscence
- Montana State Prison Records
- Montana Department of Revenue Legal Service Records
- Montana Centennial Memory Records
- African American Heritage Resource Oral History Project (2016)
- Red Worlich and Margaret Hibbard Interviews
- Arlyne Reichert Interview (2020)
- Ron Marcoux Interview (June-July 2016)
- Wilbur Rehmann Interview (2019)
- Sidney Armstrong Interview (2009)
- Sheena Wilson Interview (2012)
- Ruth Mundy Driver and Felix Driver Interview (2009)
- Sun River Irrigation Project Drawings and Washing Water Power Company, Noxon Rapids Plans
- Thomas L. Judge Memoir
- Dorothy Eck Papers
- Ed Craney Recordings
- Poulos Family Research Collection
- Unidentified Customer Ledgers, 1921-1948
- Montana Department of Institutions, State Industrial School Records
- Ancient Order of United Workmen, List Of Members In Good Standing
- Montana Adjutant General's Office Records of the 163rd Battalion
- Montana Federation of Historical Society Workers Records, 1973-2004
- Harold Ruth Papers

- Evelyn Tuss Papers (1946)
- James C. Maccalman Ledger, 1915-1927
- Report of the Grand Jury of the US District Court for the Second District of Montana Territory
- Bill Huber Letters
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Water Resources Division Records
- Professional Air Traffic Controllers
 Organization Local No. 311 Records
- Stahl Family Papers
- Archaeological Society of Montana Records
- John L. Clarke Papers
- Diane Sands Papers
- Callaway Family Papers
- Frank Wegner Papers
- Department of Environmental Quality
 Enforcement Program Complaint Records
- Glasgow Air Force Base Records
- Original Governor's Mansion Master Plan for Restoration Maps
- Midland Coal And Lumber Company Ledger
- Robert Iverson Interview
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Minutes
- Beauchamp Family Collection
- Helena Commercial Club Bulletin
- The Sapphire and Ruby Company Of Montana, Limited Records
- Dorothy Eck Papers
- Ellen Baumler Research Collection
- Montana Department of Corrections
 Probation and Parol Tracking Cards
- Alyce Reed Autographs Book
- Montana Logging and Ballet Co. Records
- Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building Addition Blueprints
- Con Robinson Papers
- MT AFL-CIO Legislative Voting Records and By-Laws
- Civilian Conservation Corps Company Publications
- W.S. Harris Cattle Company Ledgers
- MT Department of Health and Human Services, Veterans' Homes Records

- Stan Lynde Photographic Prints
- Helena And Butte, Montana Real Photo Postcards
- Montana Real Photo and Photomechanical Postcards
- Gunn Family and L. A. Huffman Photographs
- Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Album
- Dillon Photographs
- Old Legion Club Biffie Photograph
- Bertha E. Reich Photographs
- Portraits of Montana Families Album
- Sunday School Convention, Minnesota, Montana Photograph.
- Veterans Hospital Photograph
- Hatch Family Photographs
- Apollo 11 Lunar Capsule Exhibit Photographs
- Libby, Glacier National Park, and Sidney, Montana, Photomechanical Post Cards
- Klieger Family Photographs
- Webster Family Photographs
- Montana Division of Water and Sewage Photographs
- J. S. Mclain, Co. C 1st Montana Volunteer Infantry Photograph
- Bitterroot Photograph
- The Sweet Grass Hills Photograph
- Crow Fair, Tipi & Rocky Boy Pow Wow Photographs
- Tipi Ring Photograph
- Norma Ashby Interviews
- Cornelius Hedges Portrait
- Engine 662 in Front of Helena, Montana Depot Photograph
- Columbia Elevator Co. Photograph
- Montana Volunteer Infantry in Camp Robert B. Smith Photograph
- John West Brown Photographs
- Lee Metcalf Films
- Norma Ashby Smith Recordings
- Glacier National Park Home Movies
- Canyon Ferry, Montana Film
- Caird Engineering Works Photograph

- Cooke City Area Aerial Photographs
- Native American Indian Photographs
- Temple Beth Aaron Photographs and Negatives
- Montana Department of Highways, FAP 233
 Cyr Bridge Photographs.
- Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education - Commissioner And Board Of Regents Photographs
- Robert F. Morgan Photographs
- Mary Elizabeth Sheffels Stevens College, Missouri Album
- East Helena Fire Department Films
- Montana Home Movies
- Montana Chamber of Commerce Negatives
- Steve Shirley Photographs
- Helena, Montana Postcards and Fort Logan Photograph
- Lieutenant James G. Sturgis Photograph
- N.A. Forsyth Stereographs
- Rock Garden Near Ekalaka, Montana Real Photo Postcard
- Otten Family Photograph Album
- Kohrs Family Photographs
- Hill 57 Photographs and Negatives
- Montana Mining Town Photographs
- Candice Griffith Photographs
- Lincoln County Photographs, Pamphlets, and Biography
- Stanley J. Morrow Stereographs
- Rose and Taylor Gordon Photographs
- Dr. Fritz W. Vennemann Photograph
- Native American Man and Child Photograph
- Building, Roundup, Montana Photograph
- Roy, Montana Photograph
- Harrison Family Photographs
- Coffee Creek, Montana Photograph and Stanford, Montana Photocopy.
- Rocky Point, Anderson Ranch, and Powers-Norris Ranch Photographs
- Deer Lodge Christian Church Sunday School Photographs
- Joyce Larsen Photographs
- Warren Brewster Ranch Photographs

Books and Publications

- Better Home Cooking
- 50th Anniversary Cookbook, Montana Seed Show
- Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1 Organization Announcements
- What's the Score? 25 Years of Teaching Women's Sports History
- Bodmer: Travels on the Upper Missouri 1833-1834. Part II
- Willard E. Fraser: Montana's Visionary Mayor
- First Ladies Cookbook (signed)
- Spotlight Brady Yearbook (2)
- Bulldog Brady High School Yearbook (3)
- After Populism: The Agrarian Left on the Northern Plains 1900-1960
- Cowgirls Cook for the Great Outdoors: More than 90 Delicious Recipes for Picnics, Potlucks, and Pack Lunches
- Wicked Bozeman
- In Celebration
- Waiting for the Revolution: A Montana Memoir
- ShadowMan: An Elusive Psycho Killer and the Birth of FBI Profiling
- The Earth is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation
- The Art of Monte Dolack: Vision, Myth, Mystery
- Great Northern Menus for Montana State Fair
- Tuesday Music Club yearbook
- Great Falls Kiwanis Club Officers and Directors Members
- From Cross to Crown: A Cantata program
- Pony, Montana: Her Story
- Cattle Kingdom: The Hidden History of the Cowboy West
- Ranching and the American West: A History in Documents
- 75th Anniversary Recipes: Brady United Community Methodist Church
- Dinner Theatre Recipes

- Telephone Directories (80 from across the State and covering various years)
- Farm and Ranch Directory 1952 Park County 1953: Listing of all Farmers and Ranchers in Park County. Their Post Office Addresses and Legal Description and Lands. Also, Section, Township and Range County Map
- Farm & Ranch Directory for Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Madison, Powell, Jefferson and Granite Counties, Montana
- Chouteau County Farm & Ranch Directory
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- Gallatin & Madison Counties Directory
- Farm & Ranch Directory: A Listing of Farmers in Yellowstone, Golden Valley, Wheatland. Musselshell, Stillwater, Big Horn, Carbon, Treasure and Sweetgrass Counties - Their Post Office Addresses and Legal Description of Lands
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- Taft: The Story of the St. Paul Pass Tunnel and America's Wickedest City: Building the Hiawatha Trail
- Glacier National Park, Montana St. Mary Lodge and Resort
- Glacier National Park, 1987 Room Rates and Transportation Rates
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- Post Route Map of the State of Montana
- Havens of Peace and Beauty Yellowstone
- Commemorative Stamp Ceremonies Ephemera
- Sophie Morigeau: Free Trader, Free Woman, Nineteenth Century Indian Entrepreneur
- Montana State AFL-CIO 34th Annual Convention Yearbook, Great Falls, August 16-18, 1990
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- Meanings in the Mountains: Place Names in the Absaroka-Beartooths & Crazies
- Crow Dictionary: Apsaalooke English
- Czechs in the Northwest: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington
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- Crossed Arrows the US Indian Scouts 1866-1947
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- Inventing Idaho: The Gem State's Eccentric Shape
- The Montana Stranglers in Dakota Territory
- Profile of a Con-Artist
- Facts Concerning the Norwegian Mining and Developing Company
- Weekly Price List J. E. Oppenheimer Jobber in Produce, Fruits and Cigars
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- Warrior Athletes: Some Salish and Kootenai Indian Sports Stars
- Dissenting Conservationist: Elers Koch and His Legacy
- Montana: A Paper Trail
- Cook Book: Thrift and Millionaire Recipes by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church
- Northeastern Asia and the Northern Rockies
- The Unknown Life of Anna Lozing
- The Call of Yellowstone
- History of the Big Hole Valley (2 volumes)
- Green Meadow Study
- Montana Federation of Negro Women's Clubs Cook Book
- Recollections of Blarney Castle Ranch
- Salish and Kootenai Indian Chiefs Speak for Their People and Land
- The Range Country
- Valier Irrigation Project
- Walkin' Down the Middle
- The Story of the Fort Peck Dam
- An Interpretive Biography of K. Ross Toole
- The Train Runs Both Ways
- Roberts All-School Centennial 2023
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- CMR Clerical Cookbook
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- Community Digest, VFW
- That Cookbook, That Club Extension
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- Shields River Luther Church Women Cookbook
- Recipes from Grace, Grace Baptist Church
- Recipes from the Heart, Livingston Bible Church
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- Yummy in Your Tummy
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- Try it, You'll Like it, Bozeman Adult Ed
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