

## Examples of collections and resources supporting research about the Missoula area held at Archives & Special Collections at the Mansfield Library, University of Montana-Missoula

*Note: In most cases links are provided from the titles of collections to the guides to those collections. The collections themselves are not digitized and therefore are not yet available online.*

### **Papers of Individuals and Families**

#### **[Audra Arnold Browman Papers \(1908-1999\)](#), Mss 468, 21.5 linear feet**

This collection includes two different groups of papers, one portion related to noted local historian Audra Browman's research about Missoula, Montana, and northwestern Montana, and the other related to her work with the League of Women Voters of Missoula, Montana and community, city, and state political issues. A card file and subject file maintained by Browman is of particular use to researchers interested in Missoula history prior to 1900.

#### **[Donlan Family Papers \(circa 1850-1970\)](#), Mss 427, 1.0 linear foot**

The Donlan Family were early Missoula, Montana, settlers. The bulk of the collection contains materials Arthur Donlan collected about Missoula, Hellgate, and particularly Frenchtown, Montana, history from the 1850s to the 1970s.

#### **[Morton J. Elrod Papers and Photographs \(1885-1959\)](#), Mss 486, 55.5 linear feet**

Elrod was an early Montana botanist, naturalist, University of Montana professor, and photographer. Significant subjects in this collection include the flora and fauna of western Montana; Glacier National Park; the University of Montana; and Missoula, Montana. Elrod founded the University of Montana Biological Station on Flathead Lake in 1899. The Station was one of the first freshwater laboratories of its kind in the United States. He later located the site for the National Bison Range at Moise in conjunction with the American Bison Society. Following the establishment of Glacier National Park, he became the first park naturalist at Glacier. He was a noted naturalist and wrote extensively on Montana's natural history. He operated Missoula's weather station at his home from 1897 to 1935, when the National Weather Service established a station in Missoula. He also measured Western Montana stream flows for the federal government. Elrod was an accomplished and prolific photographer. He became the unofficial photographer of the campus and campus activities soon after he arrived in Missoula and also took many scenic photos of western Montana including the Mission Mountains, Glacier Park, Flathead Lake and the Bitterroot Mountains and Valley.

#### **[James R. Habeck Research Collection \(1882-2012\)](#), Mss 817, 5.1 linear feet**

Habeck, a retired botanist, ecologist and professor, conducted research and compiled primary and secondary source documents on topics including Frank Rose, an early-day range manager and conservationist in Western Montana, the Fort Missoula Timber Reserve, and Norman Maclean's research on the Mann Gulch Fire.

#### **[August Hollensteiner Papers \(1885-1940\)](#), Mss 829, 2.0 linear feet**

A German immigrant and Lolo, Montana rancher, August Hollensteiner served as a Montana State Legislator and Missoula County Commissioner in the late 1890s and early 1900s. This collection contains his personal diaries, financial records, and letters from his family members.

#### **[John P. Jacobson Weather Recordings \(1886-1969\)](#), Mss 302, 0.5 linear feet**

This collection consists of six weather diaries for Missoula, Montana. Sporadic entries begin on Dec. 27, 1933; consistent records start in January 1936 and run through 1969.

**Charles Herbert McLeod Papers (1865-1953)**, Mss 01, *43.5 linear feet*

This collection contains personal and professional papers, financial records, photographic materials, and scrapbooks generated and/or collected by Charles Herbert McLeod as an official of the Missoula Mercantile Company, investor in multiple businesses throughout western Montana, and community leader. These materials constitute one of the Pacific Northwest's most detailed assemblages of rural general merchandising operations as well as a significant contribution to studies of Missoula's development from a crossroad town into a regional economic center for western Montana and beyond.

**Walter H. McLeod Papers (1900-1963)**, Mss 02, *67.5 linear feet*

This collection contains personal and professional papers, financial records, photographic materials, and general corporate records generated and/or collected by Walter H. McLeod as an official of the Missoula Mercantile Company and regional business leader in western Montana. The collection documents the rural mercantile business, politics, and the personal business of one of western Montana's most prominent families.

**Joseph A. Mussulman Papers (1966-1992)**, Mss 652, *2.0 linear feet*

This collection contains papers from Joseph Mussulman's work with the Friends of the Rattlesnake to create the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness. An oral history interview with Mussulman is also available (OH 409).

**George Van Buren Diary (1898)**, Mss 451, *1 item*

The typed diary transcription describes the life of Gillette Ernest Van Buren (commonly known as George Van Buren) with his family in the Rattlesnake Valley and Missoula, Montana including the weather, daily work, interactions with neighbors, and the status of Rattlesnake Creek.

**Francis Lyman Worden Papers 1852-1940**, Mss 21, *19.25 linear feet*

Francis Lyman Worden was a founder and prominent businessman of Missoula, Montana. This collection includes personal, biographical, correspondence, financial, and legal records generated or collected by Francis L. Worden, Worden family and friends, employees of Worden and Company, and associates of Worden family businesses prior to 1900.

## **Records of Government**

**City of Missoula Records (1884-2009)**, Mss 216, *87.0 linear feet*

This collection includes records from various agencies within the Missoula city government. Although the collection is not comprehensive for the city it includes: Assessment Books, Cash Receipts Journal, City Clerk's Annual Financial Statement, City Civil Docket, Ordinances, Record of Communicable Diseases, City of Missoula Resolutions, Collections and Distributions Journal, Court Fine Records, Microfilm, Record Book of Road Poll Tax, Register of Prisoners, Register of Warrants and Bonds Issued, Scrapbooks, Special Improvement District Assessments, State Docket, Town Council Meeting Minutes, Traffic Docket, and Treasurer's Financial Records. These records are also available on microfilm from the City.

**Missoula County Records (1871-1963)**, Mss 310, *100.0 linear feet*

This collection includes records from various divisions within the county: Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, County Commissioners, Court Cases. It also includes general correspondence of District Judge Cloyde E. Comer. Microfilm and original records from Missoula County are available from the County records office.

## **Records of Businesses and Organizations**

### **Concerned Citizens for Quality Environment Records (1968-1976), Mss 194, 1.5 linear feet**

The collection contains general correspondence, research materials, and writings created and/or collected by Concerned Citizens for Quality Environment chairman Gail L. Owen, who was concerned about the proposed expansion of the Hoerner-Waldorf kraft paper mill outside Frenchtown, Montana. Archives & Special Collections also holds some related personal papers and writings of [Gail Owen](#).

### **First National Bank of Missoula Records (1866-1965), Mss 107, 28.0 linear feet**

The First National Bank was organized in 1873 in Missoula, Montana, under the name Missoula National Bank. The bank was one of the first businesses in Missoula, and one of the first banks in Montana Territory. This collection contains financial, organizational, correspondence, promotional, and reference materials generated by the First National Bank of Missoula and a small sample of financial records from the Missoula Trust and Savings Bank. Collection materials significantly document Missoula's early economic history, the town's foundational business relationships, the ebb and flow of western Montana economic development from the late nineteenth century through the early twentieth century, the impacts of national procedural/regulatory changes upon rural banks, and daily operations at the Missoula institution.

### **GASP (Gals Against Smog and Pollution) (1958-1970), Mss 43, 3.5 linear feet**

GASP was a grassroots air quality organization active in Missoula, Montana, in the late 1960s. The collection details the organization and history of GASP and documents general air and water pollution conditions in Montana and in the United States.

### **Gibson, Kirkemo and Bakke Architectural Drawings (1890-1971), Mss 20, 428 items**

Gibson, Kirkemo, and Bakke were Missoula, Montana, residential and commercial architects. This collection of original architectural drawings and blueprints include the plans for most of the prominent historical buildings in western Montana and parts of northern Idaho.

### **League of Women Voters of Missoula Records (1946-1998), Mss 632, 7.2 linear feet**

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan research group. The Missoula chapter was established in 1952 and is still active. The goal of the League of Women Voters of Missoula is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It focuses on informing the local community and League members of environmental, social and political issues using local studies, group discussions and publications. This collection consists primarily of minutes, research and study files, newsletters, and scrapbooks.

### **Missoula Brewing Company Records (1899-1967), Mss 62, 6.1 linear feet**

This collection consists of administrative and financial records of the Garden City Brewing Company, Sick's Missoula Brewery, and Missoula Brewing Company. Also included are plat maps and plans of the brewery and correspondence and financial records related to other businesses of the directors and officers of the Missoula Brewing Company as well as some of their personal family correspondence. Missoula Brewing Company manufactured Highlander Beer which was marketed throughout the northwest.

### **Missoula City Local Government Study Commission Records (1995-2006), Mss 671, 2.0 linear feet**

The Montana Constitution requires that counties and incorporated cities poll their citizens every ten years asking if citizens would like to review their form of government. The purpose of a Study Commission, as defined in state law, is "to study the existing form and powers of a local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and to compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state." This collection contains reports, meeting minutes, research files, public comment documents, and maps created by or compiled by the Missoula LGSC during their work from 2004-2006.

**Missoula Farmers' Market Records (1972-2010), Mss 788, 2.6 linear feet**

The Missoula Farmers' Market was established in 1972 by Mavis McKelvey and Chinwon Reinhardt. The Market has promoted locally grown produce and serves as a social venue for its clients. This collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, Market policies and bylaws, and photographic materials.

**Orchard Homes Country Life Club Records (1906-1994), Mss 801, 8.2 linear feet**

The Orchard Homes Country Life Club in Missoula, Montana was founded in 1911 as a social outlet for residents and as an advocacy group for a better rural community. This collection consists of the club's records that include financial ledgers and meeting minutes, as well as scrapbooks of activities and programs.

**Missoula Community Theater Collection (1951-2009), Mss 737, 1.5 linear feet**

This collection includes articles and clippings about the volunteer civic group as well as clippings, programs, posters and congratulatory correspondence for individual productions. The collection was compiled by Shirley Smuin.

**The University of Montana-Missoula**

An extensive quantity of materials, including oral histories, photographs, student organization papers, faculty papers and department records documenting The University of Montana are held by A&SC and are noted in their own collection list.

**YWCA of Missoula Records (1911-2003), Mss 783, 28.0 linear feet**

This collection consists of the records of the YWCA of Missoula which was chartered in April of 1911. Since its inception, YWCA of Missoula has offered educational programs and social support for women in Missoula, Montana. The YWCA continues to operate from its headquarters in Missoula, Montana.

**Oral History Collections**

**Milltown Oral History Project, OH 419, 8 interviews**

The eight interviewees, recorded for the Milltown Oral History Project by interviewers Caitlin DeSilvey and Minie Smith in 2006 and 2007, describe working at the Milltown Dam, the Anaconda Mill, the Champion Mill and the Clark Mill as well as living in Bonner and Milltown, Montana, from as early as the 1920s into the 2000s.

**Northside Oral History Project (2007), OH 414, 5 interviews**

In 2007 Whitney Gaskill, then a student at The University of Montana-Missoula, conducted five interviews with residents of the northside or north hills of Missoula, Montana. The interviewees recall their early lives in the hills as well as family stories of earlier times.

**Photograph Collections**

**John E Dunn Photographs (1900-1919), Mss 361, 1.0 linear foot**

This collection consists of photographic images of Missoula and other western Montana locations from 1900 through 1919. These images capture the Dunn family and friends; Missoula homes, businesses, and neighborhoods; as well as a few images of western Montana landscapes and towns.

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**Stan Healy Photographs (1891-1977), Mss 430, approximately 2700 images**

Healy's photographs document Missoula, Montana, mostly in the 1940s through the 1970s. As a news photographer, he tended to document local news events, including automobile and railroad accidents, fires, and other tragedies. He also photographed changes in Missoula's built environment, including building construction and demolition and street work. Other favored subjects are parades, law enforcement, fire protection personnel, and the University of Montana. Several sweeping views and aerials of Missoula document the change and growth of the city.

**William A. Hoblitzell Photographs (1886-1901), Mss 489, 292 images**

Hoblitzell was an amateur photographer from Maryland who worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Montana. The collection consists of his photographs of Missoula, Montana, while he lived there.

**Rollin H. McKay Photographs (1880-1965), Mss 249, 5059 images**

Rollin H. McKay was a Missoula, Montana, photographer during the first half of the twentieth century. His extensive collection of images documents western Montana at this time, especially Missoula, the University of Montana, and numerous other towns and recreational areas. Because of the extent and focus of his photographs, the McKay images provide good information about land use over time.