from Mariah "misc." filecd

Abbey scrapbook - GF Pioneers — GF Pub Lib

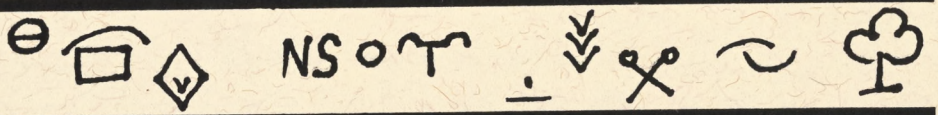
p. 19 - Robt Coburn of Coburn Cattle Co in Little Rockies shot himself, June 19, '29, in LA
- father of writer Walt Coburn

scrapbook has hundreds of obits, 1944 & earlier

p. 101 - GF sculptor Earl Heikka killed self

possible use: have a similar cattleman suicide in English Creek/GV area?


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Dear Ivan:

What a nice Christmas present arrived last week from you! I would like to thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness and attempt to reciprocate in some small way. Enclosed you will find a rough draft (very rough, I might add) of Collection 2245, the Merrill G. Burlingame papers. I am currently processing this collection and have almost completed it. What remains to be itemized are four series: newspaper clippings, personal papers, maps, and photographs. This last series includes a treasure trove of microfilmed documents pertaining to Montana that Merrill gathered from institutions all over the United States. Hopefully, by the time you plan a visit, these series will be completed as well. I hope you can make some use of this draft.

I cannot close this letter without mentioning our interest in your own papers. Have you given any thought to their disposition once you no longer need them? We would be honored to receive them and would provide a secure home for them so that researchers in the future can use them. Perhaps during your next visit you and I could discuss this matter further.

Again, thank you so much for your donation. It means a lot to the library and to me personally.

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Series 1
Boxes 1-6
Biographical files, 1872-1990

Notes, letters, printed materials, photocopied and original documents pertaining to a wide variety of historical personages, mostly connected with the development of Montana. In addition to the research notes that Burlingame created, some files contain actual manuscript materials created or collected by the biographical subject. While some of the subjects represented in this series figured prominently in the development of Gallatin County, most substantial biographical files of Gallatin County pioneers have been placed in series 2. There are also research files of a biographical nature in series 3, Montana and the Pioneer West research files. The materials in this series have been arranged alphabetically by the name of the biographical subject.

Box 1

1. Ahern, George P.
2. Allen, W.A.
3. Amadeus, Mother
4. Anceney, Charles
5. Anceney, Charles
6. Anceney, Charles (nitrate negatives)*
7. Aronson, J. Hugo
8. Ashley, Gov. James M.
9. Baker, I.G.
10. Beall, William
11. Bell, Edward J.
12. Bell, William H.
13. Blackmore, William
14. Blair, Dr. James Franklin
15. Blakeley, Charles P.
16. Blankenship, Tom
17. Bottler, Frederick
18. Bovey, Charles A.
19. Bowers, Bertha (TU Ranch)
20. Bozeman, John
21. Brackett, William S.
22. Brewer, Helen R.
23. Brown, Frank Dean "Sandbar"
24. Burnett, William
25. Calamity Jane
26. Cameron, Evelyn J.
27. Campbell, Fannie
28. Campbell, Col. Robert
29. Carnahan, J.M.
30. Carter, Thomas Henry
31. Chase, Mary Ellen
32. Chesnut, James D.
33. Christman, Charles

Box 2

1. Clagett, William H.
2. Clark, William
3. Colter, John
4. Colter, John
5. Colter, John
6. Colter, John
7. Comstock, Henry T.P.*
8. Conner, Pearl B. and Stuart
9. Cook, A.B.
10. Cooper, Gary
11. Cooper, Walter
12. Crosby, Gov. J. Schuyler
13. Culbertson, Alexander
14. Culbertson, Joseph
15. Curtis, Joseph W.
16. Custer, George A.
17. Danner, Seth Orin
18. Daugherty, John B.
19. Davidson, W.S.
20. Decker Family
21. DeLacy, W.W.
22. DeSmet, Father
23. Dimsdale, Thomas J.
24. Duncan, Lewis J.
25. Dunne, William F.

Box 3

1. Edgar, Henry F.
2. Edgerton, Gov. Sidney
3. Edwards, Caldwell
4. Fairweather, Bill
5. Fetcher, Helen
6. Finley, Francois (Benetsee)
7. Flaherty, Marie
8. Flanders, G.W.
9. Fletcher, Nellie
10. Fulton, Dan
11. Garcia, Andrew
12. George, James
13. Grant, Richard
14. Griffith, Joseph Milton
15. Grouard, Frank
16. Hartt, Rollin L.
17. Harris, Willard
18. Heath, Capt. U.H.
19. Heikkila, Frank
20. Henry, Dutch
21. Hepburn, John
22. Hosmer, Judge H.L.
23. Howard, Joseph Kinsey
24. Howard, Dr. Wade
25. Howes, Calvin C.
26. Howse, Joseph

Box 3 (cont.)

27. Hoyt, Dr. Mary Dickins
28. Hunter, Duncan
29. Jaycox, W.W.
30. Johnston, Samuel
31. Kelly, J.N.
32. King, Thomas Wylie
33. Kipp Family
34. Kirkaldie, Franklin

Box 4

1. Koch, Christian and Peter
2. Kohrs, Conrad
3. Krattcer, George Washington
4. Krieg, Fred C.
5. Laliberte, Lorraine
6. Lamme Family
7. Larrabee, Charles X.
8. Lewis, Meriwether
9. Lewis, Sam
10. Lindley, Viola
11. Long Hair, Chief
12. McGill, Dr. Caroline
13. Meagher, Thomas F.
14. Melton, Amos
15. Merrian, Harold G.
16. Monforton, Mr.
17. Monroe, Hugh
18. Montgomery, Anne
19. Moser, Dexter
20. Mushbach, J.E.
21. Neihart, Sarah
22. Nelson, "Doc" and Piersdorff, Lester
23. Nelson, Harold T.
24. Norris L. Merlin (Scrapbook)

Box 5

1. Patten, F.E.W.
2. Patten, George Y.
3. Peterson, Jacob L.
4. Phillips, Paul C.
5. Pitts Family
6. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry
7. Potts, Gov. Benjamin
8. Pryor, Nathaniel
9. Purple, Edwin R.
10. Ramsdall Journal (Do Not Reproduce)
11. Rankin, Jeannette
12. Reichman Family
13. Rich, Franklin W.
14. Roberts, William Milnor
15. Robertson, Frank C.
16. Rouse, Daniel Elliott
17. Russell, Charles M.

Box 5 (cont)

18. Sacajawea
19. Sanders, Wilbur F.
20. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. James W.
21. Shedd, James A.
22. Simmons, Major A.J.
23. Smith, Gov. Green Clay
24. Stapleton, Judge G.W.
25. Stasso, Lasso
26. Steamboat Bill
27. Storrs, Lucius Seynour
29. Story, Nelson
30. Stuart, Granville
31. Sublette, William
32. Sutherlin, Robert H. and William H.

Box 6

1. Thomas Party - 1866
2. Thoroughman, Robert P.
3. Timmons, Mary
4. Tomlinson, Philo
5. Toole, K. Ross
6. Toponce, Alexander
7. Tracy, Mrs William H. (Sarah J.)
8. Tufts, James
9. Van Orsdel, W.W. "Brother Van"
10. Voldseth, Nels
11. Walton, Roy
12. Walsh, Senator Thomas J.
13. Wheeler, Burton K.
14. White, Benjamin F.
15. William, Captain James
16. Willson, Fred F.
17. Wilson, James S.R.
18. Winnemucca, Sarah
19. Yates, Granny

Series 2
Gallatin County research files

Box 7

1. Alderson family - diary Centennial Project Proposal
2. Alderson family - plan for publishing diary
3. Alderson family - diaries, miscellaneous notes
4. Alderson family - diaries, revisions
5. Alderson family - diary, master, pp. 1-103
6. Alderson family - diary, master, pp. 104-206
7. Alderson family - original documents, 1868-1900
8. Alderson family - transcrips of letters
9. Archaeology
10. Bader, John
11. Bates, Grace
12. Battle Ridge
13. Belgrade
14. Benepe, Frank L.
15. Benham Family
16. Big Horn Gun
17. Blacktail Mountain Caves

Box 8

1. Bozeman Academy
2. Bozeman Arbor Day
3. Bozeman Cannery Co.
4. Bozeman Cannery Co.
5. Bozeman Cannery Co.
6. Bozeman Chamber of Commerce
7. Bozeman Chamber of Commerce--1912 report
8. Bozeman Christmas
9. Bozeman churches
10. Bozeman churches (Catholic)
11. Bozeman churches (Christian)
12. Bozeman churches (Christian)
13. Bozeman churches (Christian)
14. Bozeman churches (Christian)
15. Bozeman churches (Christian) "Christian Worker"
16. Bozeman churches (Christian) "Christian Worker"
17. Bozeman churches (Christian) "Christian Worker"

Box 9

1. Bozeman City Hall
2. Bozeman City Managers
3. Bozeman CIty Managers
4. Bozeman City Managers
5. Bozeman City Planning and Preservation
6. Bozeman City Planning and Preservation
7. Bozeman Deaconess Hospital History
8. Bozeman early history
9. Bozeman First National Bank
10. Bozeman "firsts"

Box 9 (cont.)

11. Bozeman Government
12. Bozeman Government
13. Bozeman Heritage
14. Bozeman Hillcrest Resident's Childhood Memories
15. Bozeman Historic Survey
16. Bozeman Homes
17. Bozeman Incidents
18. Bozeman Kirk Historic District
19. Bozeman Newspapers
20. Bozeman Opera House Program
21. Bozeman Palace Theatre
22. Bozeman Prostitutes
23. Bozeman Schools
24. Bozeman Streets and Bulidings
25. Bozeman Sweet Pea Carnival
26. Bozeman Weather

Box 10

1. Bridger Canyon
2. Bridger Canyon Christian Church
3. Buffalo Jump (Madison)
4. Buffalo Jump (Madison)
5. Cement Plant
6. Cemeteries
7. Centennial/Territorial Preliminary Planning
8. Central Park
9. Chesnut/Chestnut
10. Churchill, MT
11. Clarkston Valley
12. Crail Ranch
13. Culver Place
14 Dry Creek Church
15. East Gallatin
16. Ebbers, Jack
17. Electric Railway
18. Escaped Prisoner
19. Fairs
20. Flanders Sawmill
21. Fort Ellis
22. Fort Ellis School
23. Fort Ellis Sundial
24. Fossils
25. Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky
26. Gallatin Canyon Indian Campground

Box 11

1. Gallatin Canyon - Levenski Case
2. Gallatin Century of Progress
3. Gallatin City
4. Gallatin City
5. Gallatin County
6. Gallatin County

Box 11 (cont.)

7. Gallatin County Government
8. Gallatin County records
9. Gallatin County High School (Programs and cards)
10. Gallatin County High School Newspaper (Sept. 1927)
11. "Gallatin County Places and Things..."
12. Gallatin Gateway (Salesville)
13. Gallatin National Forest Map
14. Gallatin Trust & Savings Bank Mural
15. Gallatin Valley

Box 12

1. Gallatin Valley
2. Gallatin Valley Female Seminary
3. Gallatin Valley Female Seminary
4. Gallatin Valley Railway
5. Gallatin Valley/West Yellowstone
6. Geisdorff, Dr. & Aimes, E.B.
7. Ghost Towns
8. Gold
9. Hamilton (3 mi. south of Manhattan)
10. Headwaters Academy
11. Headwaters Bicentennial Project
12. Headwaters Herald
13. Headwaters State Park
14. Highway Sights & Interests (Gardiner-LivingstonBozeman)
15. Horseshoe Hills
16. Hot Springs
17. Hunter, Bill
18. Hyalite Canyon
19. Indians
20. Jails & Courthouses
21. July 4 in Bozeman
22. Karst, Pete
23. Kenney/Rhoten Diary (1864-67)
24. Kent, Irving Cabin
25. Kenyon, Carlisle (interview)
26 Leverich Canyon
27 Lewis & Clark Pageant
28. Mammoth Ditch Company
29. Manhattan, MT
30. Medical Care
31. Murray Cabin
32. Nixon Bridge

Box 13

1. Pageants
2. Parks
3. Ross Peak
4. Sacajawea Hotel (Three Forks)
5. Sawmills
6. School Districts
7. Sedan

Box 13 (cont.)

8. Spring Hill
9. Stage Routes
10. Story Quilt
11. Street/Roads Names
12. Summit Engineering Corp.
13. Three Forks, MT
14. Three Forks
15. Three Forks Bicentennial Celebration
16. Three Forks Bicentennial Celebration
17. Timberline, MT
18. Timberline, MT
19. Toll Roads & Ferries
20. Tours
21. Trail Creek & Storrs, MT
22. Upper Gallatin Geological History
23. Willow Creek
24. Willson Company

Series 3
Biography files

Box 14

1. Acquisition List - Fall, 1964
2. Agricultural History Symposium - June, 1976
3. Agriculture
4. Agriculture in the Great Plains, 1876-1930
5. Alder Gulch Discoveries
6. "American West, Perpetual Images"
7. Americana Encyclopedia
8. Antiquity Act (MT-1974)
9. Anaconda (Education)
10. Arbor Day in Montana
11. Archaeology
12. Archaeology
13. Archaeology - Bibliography
14. Archaeology - Burial Rocks
15. Archaeology - Canada
16. Archaeology - Caves & Pictographs
17. Arsenal (Montana)
18. Ashley, Governor James
19. Aviation in Montana

Box 15

1. Barbed Wire
2. Barberry Bush Properties (Map)
3. Barns
4. Beads
5. Beidler, X
6. Bicentennial
7. Bicentennial Medal Design (1976)

Box 15 (cont.)

8. Big Hole Battlefield
9. Big Timber Woolen Mill
10. Billings Polythehnic
11. Bitterroot
12. Bond, Samuel (Journal)
13. Bonner, Gov. John W.
"Message to the thirty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana"
14. Book Reviews
15. Books & Publications
16. Bozeman Trail
17. Bradley, James H. (Memorial Fund)
18. Breweries in Montana
19. Bridger, Jim
20. "British Impressions of Early Rocky MountainTowns"
21. Broadwater & Company
22. Buffalo
23. Buffalo Jumps
24. Burlingame & Toole
25. Burlingame, J.M. & J.F.
26. Burlington Northern Railroad
27. Calfee, White
28. Callaway, L.L.
29. Camels

Box 16

1. Canada Public Archives
2 . Canadian Publications
3. Carter, Senator Thomas H.
4. Cascade & Chouteau County Historic Sites
5. Centennials
6. "Central Montana to 1871," by Clifton Boyd Worthen
7. Chico Hot Springs, MT
8. Chappel, Harry E.
9. Charbonneau, T. & Sacajawea
10. Cherry Creek Trail
11. Chinese in Montana
12. Church (misc.)
13. Church of England
14. Church (Episcopal)
15. Church (Methodist)
16. Church (Seventh-Day Adventist)
17. "The Cline House in Polson" by Gina Mahugh
18. Coal
19. College of Montana (Deer Lodge)
20. Communication in Montana (1866-1911)
21. Communism in Montana
22. Community Developent Foundation
23. "Concretions, the Study of Curved Surface Crystallography"
24. Constitution, Montana
25. Contributions of Montana

Box 16 (cont.)

26. Cook Herd
27. Copper King Mansion
28. Crow's Nest (Army)-Scout's Lookout
29. Dandelions
30. De Smet Cross
31. Diamond City, MT
32. Dillon Examiner - 1920

Box 17

1. Doane, Gustavus C. - military orders
2. Doane - GAR documents
3. Doane - divorce and obituaries
4. Doane - Society of California Pioneers
5. Doane - Mary Doane papers
6. Doane - Howgate expedition ledger
7. Doane - National Archived inventories
8. Doane - Genealogy
9. Doane - Biography draft, Exploration of the Upper Yellowstone
10. Doane - Biography draft, On the way to Yellowstone
11. Doane - Biography draft, From Gardiner to Mt. Washburn
12. Doane - Biography draft, Hot Springs along the Yellowstone River
13. Doane - Biography draft, At the Grand Canyon
14. Doane - Biography draft, Around Yellowstone Lake
15. Doane - Biography draft, In search of Truman Everts
16. Doane - Biography draft, In the Geyser Basin
17. Doane - Biography draft, The road home
18. Doane - Secretary of War report, 1875
19. Doane - edited 1876 journal
20. Doane - edited 1876 journal
21. Doane - Biography notes

Box 18

1. Doane - Howgate expedition transcript
2. Doane - 1870 Yellowstone report (working copy)
3. Doane - 1870 Yellowstone report
4. Doane - Biography draft, general
5. Doane - Biography draft, general
6. Doane - Biography draft, Introduction
7. Doane - Biography draft, The Army comes to Montana
8. Doane - Biography draft, Pursuing the Piegans
9. Doane - Biography draft, The Discovery of Yellowstone
10. Doane - Biography draft, Fostering a National Park
11. Doane - Biography draft, The Search for a new Crow Reservation
12. Doane - Biography draft, Indian Affairs in the Judith Basin
13. Doane - Biography draft, The Buffalo and the Indian
14. Doane - Biography draft, Life at Fort Ellis
15. Doane - Biography draft, Developing the Yellowstone Valley
16. Doane - Biography draft, At the Custer Battlefield

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17. Doane - Biography draft, Marching on the High Plains
18. Doane - Biography draft, Spring Campaign of 1877
19. Doane - Biography draft, Hail Storm on the High Plains
20. Doane - Biography draft, On the trail of the Nez Perce
21. Doane - Biography draft, From Africa to the Arctic
22. Doane - Biography draft, Disappearing frontier
23. Doane - Biography draft, Captain Doane of the 2nd Cavalry
24. Doane - Biography draft, bibliography
25. Doane - Biography draft, Research and publishing correspondence
26. Doane - Biography draft, Swallow Press correspondence

Box 19

1. Dowsing
2. Drannan, Wm. F.
3. Drought sale of cattle 1934-1936
4. Drouillard, George
5. "Early American Freighters" by Joseph Hartmann
6. "Early American Freighters" correspondence.
7. Early Man
8. Early Montana Men
9. Education in Montana
10. Educational Study
11. Ekalaka, MT
12. Elections in Montana
13. Elections in Montana
14. Encyclopedia Americana
15. Encyclopedia Britannica
16. "Ethnic Settlement of Montana" H.G. Merriam
17. Extension Department-University of Montana
18. Farmer Labor Party
19. Farming
20. Fergus, James
21. Film & TV Historical Project grant application
22. Finance & Government
23. Fisk Expedition
24. Flags
25. Flag and Seal - Montana

Box 20

1. Flathead Valley (Upper & Lower)
2. Flour Mills
3. Fort Buford
4. Fort Elizabeth Meagher
5. Fort Owen
6. Fort Pease
7. Fort Raymond
8. Fort Union
9. Fossils
10. French in Montana
11. Frontier Scout July 14, 1864
12. Fur Trade

Box 20 (cont.)

13. Gallatin Range (West)
14. Gass, Patrick
15. Gazetter & Catalog
16. Geology
17. German Singing Societies
18. Ghost Towns
19. Gold
20. Governors of Montana
21. Graham, Jane (book dealer)
22. Granite Mining Company
23. Grant, John
24. Great Overland Stage Route
25. Plains Talk & Great Plains Newsletter
26. Guns
27. Guthrie, A.B.
28. Hangings
29. Harvard Research
30. Hedges, Cornelius
31. Hill Foundation
32. History of Montana Project
33. History of Montana Writing
34. Horse Capture, George P.
35. Hot Springs
36. Hudson's Bay Company
37. Hughes, Barney
38. Hutterites
39. Idaho

Box 21

1. Indian Whiskey
2. Influence of the Military in the Building of Montana
3. Initial Point of Montana
4. Initiatives & referendums of Montana (1908-1939)
5. Inland Empire
6. Interviews
7. Isolationists
8. Kinney, J.L. & Rhoten, Thomas
9. Koreans in Montana
10. Land Grant College
11. Land Ownership
12. Land Surveys
13. Larrabee, C.X.
14. "Last Buffalo of the Black Hills"
15. Frank Thomson
16. Legislature (Montana)
17. Library of Congress
18. Lichens
19. Literature
20. Lewis & Clark
21. Lewis & Clark

Box 22

1. Lewis & Clark Caverns
2. Luther, Mt school alumni
3. Mackenzie River
4. Magazine articles & notes about Mt & West
5. Mageeisms
6. Makers of Montana
7. Manitoba Archives
8. Maps & decisions on geographic names in the U.S.
9. Maps (Montana)
10. "Market & Trade Center Patterns in Central Montana"
11. Masons (Montana)
12. Menard
13. Methodist Education
14. Military
15. Minerals
16. "The Mining Frontier in Montana"
17. Mission Mountains
18. Mission Valley
19. Missouri Breaks Woodchoppers
20. Missouri Historical Society
21. Montana
22. "Montana" (state song)
23. Montana Academy of Sciences
24. Montana Books
25. Montana Centennial
26. Montana Company Limited (Drum Lummon Mine)
27. Montana Constitution
28. Montana Education
29. "The Montana Face" Leslie Fiedler
30. Montana facts & figures
31. Montana Farmer's Federation
32. "Montana's First Airplane Flight"
33. "Twenty Years of 4-H Club Work in Montana"
34. "Montana Frontier" Merrill G. Burlingame
35. "Montana-A Geological Textbook" Maurice Holliday
36. Montana historic sites
37. Montana historical calendar

Box 23

1. Montana history
2. Montana newspapers
3. "Montana the Magazine of Western History"
4. Montana Personality
5. Montana Politics
6. Montana Politics
7. Montana Power Company vs. Federal Power Commission
8. Speeches
9. Montana State Parks
10. Montana Tax Laws
11. "National Archives Microfilm Publications State Department Terrirorial Papers Montana---1864-1872"
12. Montana Wesleyan University
13. Montana Wildlands Coalition

Box 23 (cont.)

14. Montana Writers
15. Montana/Wyoming Foundations
16 "The Northern Pacific Railroad and Montana's Mineral Lands" Thomas A. Clinch
17. Monuments & Statues
18. Mormons
19. Mouat Cliff Burials

Box 24

1. Natural resources (historical development
2. National Archives-Seattle branch
3. Negroes in Montana
4. Sidwell vs. New Mine Sapphire Syndicate
5. New York Public Library
6. Northern Plains Bison Kills by Merrill G. Burlingame
7. Norris, Governor Edwin L. Message to 12th Legislative
8. Villard, Henry
9. Northwest History Syllabus
10. Notes
11. "The Future of Montana" O'Connor, George W.
12. Paleontology
13. Page family "Tell It Like It Was" Don Redfield
14. Parker, Rev. Samuel
15. Patten, Frances Smith
16. Personal books of Merrill G. Burlingame
17. Peyote
18. Photography in archeology
19. Picture (Montana's oldest)
20. Picture indexing
21. Poetry & prose
22. Politics
23. Population Patterns
24. Postal research
25. "Prehistoric Man in the Yellowstone Valley"S.W. Conner
26. Progressive movements
27. Public lands
28. Publication catalogs
29. Railroads
30. Ralston, J.K. (discussion)
31. Reader's Encyclopedia of the American West
32. Recipes
33. Red Bluff (James H. Bradley Memorial Summer Fellowship) Dr. Jeffrey Safford
34. Remington, Frederic
35. Rendezvous
36. Resources (MT)

Box 25

1. Ringling Circus
2. Rockefeller Foundation
3. Rock monuments or stone cairns
4. Rocky Mountain Laboratory
5. Roe, Martha Ann Freeman (transcript of diary)

Box 25 (cont.)

6. Robison Rockshelter
7. Roosevelt, Theodore (Hunting trip to Gallatin 1886)
8. Rosebud Expedition (1874)
9. Rural Developments in Montana
10. Russell, C.M.
11. Saengerfest
12. "Saga of the Sage" Elmer Starch
13. St. Regis, MT
14. Sanders, Sarepta
15. Saskatchewan
16. School lands (MT)
17. Seward's Manifest Destiny 1860
18. Sheep
19. Sheepeater
20. Sipes, Lawson J.
21. Smallpox
22. Smith, Governor Green Clay
23. Socialist Party & Newspapers
24. "Social Security in a Frontier Mining Camp"
25. Songs of miners in Butte, MT
26. Sources
27. South Dakota maps
28. Spanish in early Montana
29. Speech materials
30. Speer, J.B. (University of Montana)
31. Stage Route (Bozeman to Helena)
32. Statehood (Montana)
33. Station names (Montana)
34. Steamboats
35. St. Vincent's Academy
36. Supreme Court (Montana)
37. Survival certificate
38. Sutherlin, Robert
39. Telephone & telegraph
40. Television project (Montana)

Box 26

1. Territorial warrant (Montana)
2. Thanksgiving
3. Theses bibliography 1942
4. Third parties in Montana
5. Toll roads
6. Toole, K. Ross
7. Tours & trivia
8. Trading posts
9. Transportation
10. Tulane
11. Turkeys
12. "The Turner Thesis-A Problem in Historiography"
13. Twain, Mark
14. "Unidentified White Men in Western Montana in and about 1810" S.W. Conner
15. U.S. Army transcripts

Box 26 (cont.)

16. U.S. Army transcripts
17. U.S.-Canada boundary treaty centennial 1946
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22. O'Neill, Thomas (Tip)
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24. Osgood, Ernest S.
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7. "Montana Names" (1942) Scott Daniel
8. "Montana Place Names" - Federal Writers Project (WPA)
9. "The Origin of Some Montana Place Names" - Montana Writer's Project (1940) Mabel C. Olson (worker)
10. "How the State of Montana Was Named" (various photocopies
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6. Blackfeet
7. Blackfeet/Blackfoot? letter from John Ewers
8. Blackfeet-Student Papers
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8. Crow/Blackfeet battle 1834
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4. Garraghan's Indian collection
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10. Interagency Task Force report
11. Kalispel Tribe
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8. "Montana Indian Affairs" C.S. Kenyon
9. National Defense
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7. "MSU and the small high school in Montana"
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14 September 1995

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17021 Tenth Ave. NW
Seattle, WA 98177

Dear Ivan,

Thank you for your recent letter, and congratulations on finishing the Fort Peck book! I'm certainly looking forward to reading it.

The Burlingame papers are in the final stages of being sorted and organized, and will be usable by January, 1996. The initial sort has been done into roughly 8 groups, covering Montana and the pioneer West, biography, Gallatin County, Indians, and Burlingame's personal papers. There is 25 linear feet of material. The collection also includes some primary source material (Lt. Doane and Mr. Alderson) and scrapbooks of clippings. My colleague, Kim Allen Scott, will be doing the final arrangement and finding aid for the material, but either of us will be able to assist you when you visit.

On another note, when you visit in 1996 you might be interested in a second look at the WPA collection. The more I organize it, the more I uncover new and interesting things, often put in a wrong folder or mislabelled, so overlooked. I am still hoping to finish in early 1996, and have the guide done by May or June. I am organizing it by the project name WPA gave them, and from the background correspondence and research files filling in the history of each project.

So far I have identified 14 distinct WPA projects, many of which were never published:
America Eats, Directory of Churches and Religious Organizations, Encyclopedia (State Factbook), Indian books, Inventory of County Archives, Inventory of Vital Statistics, Livestock & Grazing History, Men at Work, pictures, School Pamphlets, Social & Ethnic Studies, State Guidebook, Story of the Buffalo, and U.S. Picture Book. I've finished the first three completely, but have a bit of an idea what's in the others. Naturally, some are more interesting than others. E.g., much of the Encyclopedia is just retyped information from "Who's Who" for Montana personages, or repeats what was in the state Guidebook. But there is a unique part of it

broken down by a questionnaire for each county. I've enclosed that form to give you an idea of the information obtained. Unfortunately, some counties are missing and some WPA writers were more diligent in completing their work than others!

I meant to ask you something the last time you visited us, but then thought it best to put into writing and let you think about it. If you have not yet decided on a place to deposit your research papers and manuscripts, I hope that you would consider our Special Collections. As you know, we house materials in a climate controlled, secure facility, but yet one that is open to the public. I think having your papers would fit in very well with our other Montana materials, as well as the WPA collection which you have used in your work. I know that future historians and writers would be interested in using them.

I am enclosing a copy of the kind of complete inventory and finding aid we are now doing to assist patrons in using our manuscript collections. I hope that you will consider using Montana State University's library as a repository for your personal manuscripts. Please let me know if you wish to discuss this further or have any questions.

We're looking forward to your next visit. In the meantime, if you have other things you need researched, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine

Elaine Peterson
Special Collections Librarian

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MONTANA WRITERS' PROJECT

American Encyclopedia Series

1940

TOPIC: County

COUNTY:

WORKER: DATE:

1. Annual events. List events giving date, location and brief sketch describing event if needed.

2. Education. Give number of schools (a) rural (indicate number of one-room and two-room, (b) grade, public and parochial, (c) secondary or high schools, (d) school census (give last year available), (e) private schools as, commercial, music, kindergartein, etc.

3. History. Give chronological sketch from date of formation of the county as it is now to the present time.

4. Industry. Name and locate all important industries and give a brief historical sketch of each.

5. Institutions other than State or Federal. List all local institutions such as hospitals, etc. Give location and describe the purpose which it serves in the community.

6. Natural resources. Name them and give a brief description of each.

7. The Press. Give name and address of all publications in the county including daily reminder sheets, school papers, etc. Indicate if daily, weekly, monthly, etc.

8. Points of Interest. List them and give the location of each one with directions for reaching it. Also give a brief sketch of each and include historical data.

9. Recreational facilities. Name, give location and brief description of each.

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c. Co-operatives as the Farmers' Union, marketing associations, etc.

d. Educational as, M.E.A. (Montana Educational Association), P.T.A. (Parent-Teacher Association, 4-H Clubs, Home Demonstration Clubs, F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America), etc.

e. Foreign groups as Scandinavian societies, Italian, Finnish, Greek societies, etc.

f. Fraternal as B.P.O.E. (Elks), I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows, F.O.E. (Eagles), etc.

g. Professional as, legal, medical, nurses societies, etc.

h. Patriotic as, American Legion, W.R.C. (Women's Relief Corps), D.A.R., (Daughters of American Revolution), Boy and Girl Scouts, Pioneer Societies, etc.

Groups NOT to be included in above lists are: Church, social, political, sport, labor and R.R. Brotherhoods and their auxiliaries, Townsend clubs, etc. These will be covered under other assignments.

12. Transportation. Name the facilities serving the area.

13. Sports. (a) List major sports played in area. (b) List sport organizations and give the headquarters, teams, etc.

14. Sources. This section MUST give complete information identifying the sources contacted with the data given. Use capital letters in parentheses; as,

(A) For information on question No. 1 you may have consulted your local newspaper and civic organizations. Under this section give the name and address of the persons and groups consulted, the name and location of documents or records, etc.

(B) For question No. 2 you probably consulted your County Superintendent of schools. Give the County Superintendent's name and address, or other sources.

(C) Give your authority for all statements made such as histories, county records, etc.

Note. Throughout the encyclopedia greatest stress will be placed on items that portray differences rather than similarity, that describe activities, customs, groups, resources peculiar to Montana. A brief sketch describing such "differences" should be added whenever necessary. Record data on separate sheets using numbers corresponding with the number of the question answered. Number the pages of your report consecutively. Use the heading shown on the questionnaire on first page of your report only.

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May 5, 1995

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Seattle, WA 98177

Dear Ivan:

I have received confirmation from the Montana Cultural Trust that my grant application for processing the Montana WPA papers has been funded. I will begin planning for the project this summer and anticipate having the entire collection refoldered and reboxed, along with a detailed finding aid and printed guide completed by June 1996.

Thank you again for your wonderful letter of support. In the committee's testimony to the Montana Legislature, the "impressive letters of support" were especially noted. I hope that the next time you visit Special Collections and use the WPA collection it will be in a more usable condition.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine

Elaine Peterson
Special Collections

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1 Sept. '95

Dear Elaine--

Considerably belated, but congratulations on persevering your way to the grant for the WPA files. Those of us who know 'em and love 'em really appreciate your project.

I'm just emerging from finishing the manuscript of my Fort Peck fiction, and while I'll be rewriting and polishing until the end of this year, I am starting to think ahead to next books. Just as a kind of general cast into the Special Collections fishing hole, are Merrill Burlingame's files catalogued and any kind of a guide written for them yet? I may be misremembering a long-ago conversation with Merrill, but it's been my impression that he had a collection of Montana material, clippings, anecdotes, the kind of packrat trove a writer like me is always on the lookout for. So, anything you can tell me about the status, extent and general character of Merrill's papers would be mucho appreciated.

I hope you're thriving. Carol and I are just now leaving on a 2-week trip which will end us up in Montana, but only at Missoula; blessings on the MCH, they're recognizing such things as my pawing around in the WPA files by giving me the Governor's Humanities Award for scholarship.

Be seeing you, I hope, in '96. Best,

Ivan

3 April '85

Dear Merrill--

I trust that by now you've seen the latest issue of the Montana Magazine of History and the mention I was able to make of you and the tale of the WPA Writers Project files. Posterity has been notified, if only via a footnote.

Re-reading that piece and spending some time with Bill Lang on a recent Helena trip reminded me of something else I've intended to ask you. I'm at work now on my homesteader novel, which will be a chronological precursor of English Creek, but am trying to think ahead to the third novel of the trilogy, which I intend to set during Montana's centennial celebrations in 1989. I want in that centennial novel to mention some of Montana's smaller but pungent historical distinctions. The white crosses that mark highway fatalities, for instance. Perhaps the pickups and cars parked at roadheads where kids have come from the ranches to catch the schoolbus. The number of bars named The Stockman or The Mint. The propensity for North Dakota jokes. In short, little cultural and historical glitters that catch the eye and tell a person, yeah, you're in Montana now. What I've wanted to ask you is any candidates you might have for this "little dabs of history" list; any distinctions, oddities, quirks, habits that seem particularly Montanan to you. I guess I'm trying to find a modern equivalent of the wonderful bits of detail in the WPA files; and I figure I better do it myself, the government isn't going to do it again.

So if you can think of anything, I'd much appreciate hearing from you. I think Carol and I can make it to Bozeman in late June, so I hope to see you then. All is well here; English Creek has just won the Western Heritage Award as best work of fiction in 1984, from the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

best wishes

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Then she told us that in an early stage of closing the records she had sent a portion of these records to the Montana Historical Society, which was the approved depository. There, numerous writers of sorts, largely of the newspaper variety seemingly, had used generous portions of the materials without giving WPA the least credit. She didn't approve of that, and she would make sure that the Society did not get another folder.

We assured the good lady that nothing of that kind would happen at Montana State, and that we would take special care that WPA did get credit. It was getting late in the afternoon, and about 4:30 we got her permission to take them, but we were sure that speed was of the essence. Since we would need transportation for the water study files, and the Writers' files would complete a solid load, we telephoned the College Physical Plant office, and pressured them to provide a truck and driver to arrive in Butte as early as possible the following morning. Mr. Lyman and I then set out for Bozeman, I made contact with the driver, and at an early hour came with him to Butte. Sorry, but I have no recollection of what I did with classes, for we had classes every day including Saturdays in those days.

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Dear Ivan,

It would seem that we are in a one-on-one ESP relationship. I went up to Special Collections a few weeks ago to see if they had your address, and Ilah opened the door with your card in hand. She was in the process of writing you concerning Minnie's retirement dinner. Your letter was just right. At said dinner I w as asked to say "a few words," and I chose to spin a yarn or two or three concerning the "help" many of us had given her in the form of extremely dusty collections from what Ross Toole called the ABC's of History - attics, barns and cellars. I mentioned at some length the WPA collection.

My reason for thinking of writing you was that we had a rumor that one of what we hope are numerous projects you have in mind, involved the Manhattan community here in the Gallatin Valley. The Community is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and several people have been collecting. A good friend here at Hillcrest Retirement grew up in the place and I have been working with him on his findings for several years. In addition to the agricultural background of which he was a part, his stuff includes characters, murders, earthquakes, and gossip of various sorts which in deft hands could be used for color. He has some 200 pages. I tell him that it sounds like the description of a good movie by one of the early producers, "start with an earthquake and build up to a climax." When I suggested writing to you just in case the rumor was true, he hesitated, saying that he would like to be sure of using the material here first. The celebration is set for September, but it will take much much longer to get his material in shape, so didn't write at the time.

Now to the point of this letter. Minnie called, then sent your letter of May 22 concerning the WPA Federal Writers' Project - we have called it the Montana Writers' Project. The yarn as I remember it after forty years runs like this:

I came to Montana State in the particularly happy month of Septmber 1929. But the stock market crash came the next month, and things havn't been the same since. R. R. Renne came in Agricultural Economics in 1930. We were in a small faculty bachelors club for a year, and have always tossed things back and forth. Through him I knew something of the M. L. Wilson--Montana State "think-tank" operation leading into the Roosevelt Revolution. When the WPA days came he was given some duties in cooperation and supervision with WPA, and in some way which I have forgotten I became involved in a spare time, no compensation relationship with a county records survey. Through this I knew something of some of the other projects, such as the writers' project.

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found room, we hurried the beloved files there. They were the least dusty of the various items we secured for Special Collections, but after some ten years in our attic, they needed some attention also. I have been pleased with the number of our newer breed of "social historians" who have used the materials.

I would question the mention of this episode. It was simply a case of being there at a crucial time. How could we have done otherwise??

Much more fun - and these off the record - were some expeditions for the Historical Society, such as the journey of the Librarian, Rita McDonald, who had formerly been here at State - and I to the Black Pine mine west of Drummond, which had been abandoned for at least 40 years. The business papers were still securely - very securely - contained in a well constructed wall case with many metal file compartments, all well locked. All the windows and doors had been missing for years in what had originally been a hastily constructed little office building, but the papers appeared to be relatively intact. This was a case of breaking and entering if you ever saw one. It required all the car repair equipment, and camping gear--hammers, screw drivers, hatchets, shovels, etc., and we were not happy with the operation, but we obtained the documents. In coming down the steep steep hill to the mine office, in the middle of a dark forest, the car gave notice that it would not look with favor on trying to climb the hill, so we followed the dimmest of trails at water level, crossing the creek numerous times, and the thought crossed our minds that we might at any moment become high centered with our loot at least fifteen miles from human habitation, the highway and Drummond. But we made it without incident.

This succeeded so well that Rita obtained permission to "check on" documents at the exceptionally profitable silver mine of Granite, high on a mountain shelf above Philipsburg. With an aging friend we went to check. Here the small office walls had been made of poured cement some six feet high, but the wooden upper structure and roof had been gone for many years. The papers seemed to have all been pulled down to the floor, perhaps to keep them from blowing all over the abandoned camp. We found ourselves wading into loose papers, file folders, record books, etc., fully knee high. They had been there so long they were musty and mouldy, but surprisingly legible. Then a brisk sprinkle came up for a half hour period.

We found at once that chunks of records seemed to offer considerable continuity, so we felt that we should do more than merely "check" on them. So we left a few hours later with the back of the car and the car trunk loaded with loot. The highly indifferent "caretaker" had promised to come up. We hoped we would not meet him, and we didn't.

This mining company was one of only a few which had a social conscience, and when it was forced to close rather suddenly in the silver crash of 1893, it helped its men secure positions. For those who were unable to do this quickly, they continued operations at a loss for several months until almost all of the men had promises of jobs. The story has only been mentioned, and we hoped we had documentation for it. I have never had time to investigate.

On the way back to Bozeman we stopped for a quick lunch of the late evening variety, at the only place convenient, a pleasant night club-- The Red Rooster, with a considerable reputation. We knew we didn't smell so sweet after mucking knee deep in wet dusty, musty is better, papers. But we were hardly prepared for the reaction of the waitress who visibly and audibly sniffed us and hurried us off to a far corner. When the records reached the Historical Society, they were spread out on the floor in what was a largely unfinished lower level. For days, according to reports, the staff and patrons had the feeling that while history might be bunk - or - junk - but why did it need to have such an odor.

This started out as a crisp one-page letter, one paragraph at a time as a change of pace while I read proof on A History of the Cooperative Extension Service, which a friend and I did some ten years, and has suddenly come to life. Going over this brings to mind other experiences, those in which right in the midst of depression, drought and war, we made striking advances in cultural matters: those that were a spin-off from the striking contribution of the College to the New Deal Agricultural program; Joseph Kinsey Howard's Montana, High, Wide and Handsome (1943); the Montana Study, 1944-1946; the Montana Institute of the Arts, 1948; the Rockefeller Fundation sponsored conferences on the northern Great Plains; the new Montana Historical Society and its magazine, 1951. Minnie says that perhaps what we need is more and longer periods of depression, drought and war. They have certainly lent interest to history, but there must be more constructive ways of getting things done.

We have an invitation to the honors night dinner, indicating that you will be the speaker, and the next mail has the good news that you will be receiving an honorary degree. This is delightful. The University had tried to keep a balanced perspective in recognizing accomplishment, but this is not always easy. I found this broad interest when I came. An early surprise, I recall, was M. L. Wilson's second collection of Lincoln materials - his middle name was Lincoln. He had lost a first collection in a homestead fire.

You are likely to be on your way before this arrives, but just in case I had better cease and desist, or you will not have time to pack your handkerchiefs.

If there are odd bits and pieces of Montaniana which I might help pick up for you, let me know. If you are writing something involving Manhattan, let me know. We shall be looking forward to English Creek, and the Montana magazine article, and to your being here shortly.

Cordially yours,

Merrill G. Burlingame

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14 April 1985

Dear Ivan,

I was glad to have your letter of the 3rd. A day or two later I received a flyer indicating that the beloved History of the Montana Extension Service was ready for circulation. I have been wanting to send you one, since I think it will give you some helpful items. I have a deep respect for novelists who root their themes in the good earth, since the research for the right illustrations is of awesome proportions, I am sure.

Here is the volume. I grew up driving my grandfather to Iowa State College at Ames, only ten or twelve miles away where he got advice on his famous corn and hogs. He didn't always accept the advice the visiting agents gave him. They always told him he was feeding his hogs far too much corn. But he liked to feed them, and continued to do so. A full fifty years after the good man died his still numerous grandchildren were getting bits and pieces from his estate.

Perhaps out of this background I continued to be impressed with the work of the Experiment Station and the Montana Extension Service, and in some odd manner I have known most of the idea men rather well, and was somewhat aware of their work. I tossed in just a brief chapter in the little history of the University which I did in ahurry in 1968 for the 75th anniversary. I felt the urgency of getting more of the story in some kind of form while many of the leaders were still around.

M. L. Wilson is our patron saint; his chapter IV, and that of "Ideas and Men" IX -- it seems we changed that to "People" largely due to a close friend, Harriette Cushman--will be the most useful sections for you, I think. The Extension Service spearheaded the revolutionary change in the farm home in a single generation, however, so take a quick look at VII.

We will be delighted to have you "back home" come summer. A lot of people need talking about. We'll have you out to Hillcrest to take a look at your far away future in Montana. Mrs. Doig will like it particulaly, at least Mrs. B. does. We are very comfortable, and with benefit of a hide out I have been able to complete three projects in our year and a half here.

I was on the way to voice approval of your address at last spring's dinner, when I came upon a former favorite student, Justice John Harrison. He gave me the news of the serious illness of his wife - also a favorite, she died about a month later - and after some time we wound up at a far door. We had the last handkerchief packed for the annual Historical Society clambake in Lewistown, when the weather man insistently reminded us of some experiences on the Big Timber-Judith Basin road, and we did not go.

Concerning digging up suitable gossip for the 1989 volume. It is ironical, indeed, that we must have a depression before we find time to gather up loose ends. Just now we don't even have a PEOPLE'S VOICE, in which Harry and Gretchen protested with vigor many of the inequities Joe Howard had been concerned about. And we have lost Ross Toole, who continued the crusade in an eloquent way. Our Mike Malone and Richard Roeder are leading idea men at the moment, with Harry Fritz on the Missoula campus trying to keep the peace.

The current counterpart of the WPA files is the Oral History Project. Just in case you did not receive the recent DIRECTORY TO MONTANA'S ORAL HISTORY RESOURCES, I am asking Dianne Sands to send one along. This project is still somewhat unorganized, and you will need until 2089 to gather what you want. If you can find a way around the numerous hurdles, the tapes will be useful. Except for certain counties which you wish to point toward, the collections at the University in Missoula, at the Historical Society in Helena, and here in Bozeman will provide the larger sources. The Bozeman collection is rather more in the hands of the school system than the University. We are trying in the County Historical Society to get copies together, but this will take time.

Yes, I did note with interest the reference to our thwarting Mabel Laraway's intention of doing away with the WPA materials. You make a good press agent. Thanks. I am sure I had you in mind when I promised seven times that the materials would only be used by those who would use the information well, and would give proper credit. Thanks again for helping me keep a somewhat undertain promise.

Congratulations on the Western Heritage Award. Here we have been fearful of the time when Bud Guthrie would lay down his - typewriter (doesn't have the same ring as "pen" does it?). Now here you come along with a much higher level contribution. A former student of some 40-years ago, came along recently for some reason with a resounding, "God bless you real good." I'll pass it along since I tend to be protective of anyone who has an important enterprise in progress. Keep up the good work - and work as if the devil were pursuing you until you finish the trilogy, and the numerous successors thereof.

Cordially yours,

Merrill Burlingame

Dear Merrill--

19 April '85

By gosh, we shall look forward to seeing both of you come summer or before. We have just gone through the air and connect people up. Today, hours before I give a speech to the Washington Library Association and among other things tell them the heroic tale of Merrill Burlingame rescuing the WPA files, here in the mail is the package from Merrill B. Thanks greatly for the Extension history, I do look forward to it. And to connecting with you in Bozeman, likely the very end end of June or earliest July. Will be in touch.

Hastily--I'm about to head for Oklahoma City for the Western Heritage award and tell 'em I'm actually the son of a Montana sheepherder--but with all best wishes,

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Montana Oral History Association
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Gentlemen:

I am finding your 1985 edition of THE DIRECTORY TO MONTANA ORAL HISTORY RESOURCES highly useful in answering the inquiries which come.

I would greatly appreciate having a personal copy - to the above address - if enough copies are available.

More importantly. Will you check your mailing list - did you send a copy to Dr. Ivan Doig, 17021 - 10th Avenue N. W., Seattle, Washington, 98177. He will find these resources useful as he continues his writing on Montana, following his THIS HOUSE OF SKY, ENGLISH CREEK, etc. If he did not receive a copy will you send one to him, please.

With best wishes for the splendid work which you are doing with this project.

Very truly yours,

Merrill G. Burlingame

cc: Dr. Doig

18 June '84

Dear Merrill--

I came home from Bozeman, freshly doctored, to confront the galley proofs of English Creek. This is my first morning out from under them, so I can respond to your letter of the 2nd.

It is a dandy, exactly what I wanted about the details of securing the WPA stuff. I've boiled it down to a footnote about you talking the administrator out of the files and trucking them to Bozeman, just the basics of the situation. Bill Lang will run this article of mine in his winter '85 issue.

I wish we had managed to coincide after the Honors Banquet. I didn't manage to spot you until about halfway through the dinner, and then you must have scooted out afterward. (I don't blame you--I would have too, if possible!) Anyway, I'll take the chance now to explain about Manhattan and me, which is kind of hilarious. How my purported interest in "Manhattan" got started was when Penguin brought out the paperback of my novel The Sea Runners, and in copying the jacket note off the hardback that said "Ivan Doig is working on a novel set in Montana," the New York typist saw the M and the n's and a's of the word and automatically wrote Manhattan, as in the island of. So there it stands, and I've been hearing from New York friends wondering what I know about their urban scene, and now Montana friends curious about my interest in their Gallatin town. Anyway, Merrill, no, my next two books will be focused up in the Choteau-Dupuyer country--I seem to be writing a trilogy, of which English Creek is the first--and so I have to disavow any chance to use any of Manhattan's history, piquant though it undoubtedly is.

I do note your history of the cooperative extension service, though. Do you have material which goes back to about 1910-16, or is it Depression-era? I'd be interested to know the whereabouts of anything having to do with the influx of homesteaders into the Valier area (or other north-central Montana places) just before WWI.

I hope Carol and I will make it back to Bozeman around Labor Day. And I'll be through town selling English Creek in late Oct. One way or the other, we should be able to catch up with you then. Thanks greatly for the letter; it's a service to history, and not nearly your first.

all best

Bozeman, Montana
May 15, 1984

Dear Ivan,

I hope I may call you Ivan ("Ivan & Ilah" sounds like a title on a Russian novel - doesn't it?) Mr. Doig sounds so formal.

I just wanted to thank you so much for your quick response to my request. Minnie is going to be so pleased. Your letter was very nice and complimentary.

CONGRATULATIONS on your upcoming honorary degree - it couldn't happen to a nicer writer and researcher.

I usually make it to Seattle (which I love) each year, but this spring I took a trip to Washington, D.C. Had a wonderful time - my first visit there. I thought I was looking at Cherry blossoms but they turned out to be Magnolia trees!! They were still very beautiful.

Give my regards to your wife Carol. Again thank you so much for being so thoughtful.

Hoping to see you in '84

Ilah

P.S. Minnie is working in the mornings through June.

22 May '84

Dear Ilah (and Minnie?)--

If I'd had my wits together, I could have included this in the chain of correspondence we've been having. (I hope the retirement party was a gala success.) I'm writing an article for Montana The Magazine of Western History--Bill Lang is having various writers write about Montana's influence on them--and in it I have brief section about what seems to me the wealth of historical holdings within the state. I specifically wanted to recognize the foresight of Merrill Burlingame in rescuing the Federal Writers Project material I've made so much of in this upcoming book, English Creek; it also seemed to me an ideal chance to cite, for history, the circumstances of how Merrill did it. He once told me the story, but except for my recollection that he literally intercepted the files at the Butte dump, I've let the details get away from me. So, could you either have Merrill write me a few paragraphs, if he would be game, or if you or Minnie know the fullystory I'd appreciate hearing it from you. Specifically I'm interested in knowing:

--the year Merrill saved the files
--the government agency that was going to dump them
--the circumstances of Merrill getting them: how he heard about their imminent fate, whether he rented a truck or what, what he did with them once he got them back to MSU.

This will be mostly a footnote in the Montana article, but I thinkkm it's a worthwhile one.

I hope all is well at Special Collections. Carol tells me this is the time of year when everyone on every campus is ready for summer.

best