Women’s Collections and Collections about Women at the Mansfield Library’s Archives and Special Collections
University of Montana-Missoula

Archives and Special Collections has many manuscript collections, oral histories, and photography collections created by or related to women in Montana. Writers, professors, politicians, wives, teachers, ranchers, doctors, conservationists, mothers, poets, students, historians, pioneers, smokejumpers, postmasters, activists, and a filmmaker are all represented in the materials. Our collections also include documents created by women’s social and civic organizations, and materials generated by various University of Montana women’s clubs as well as departments founded by or directed toward women.

Some collections are small – a single diary or scrapbook, for example. Others contain thousands of letters or boxes of records. A few of these collections are on microfilm. At this time only a tiny fraction of the collections are available online.

In an online environment, the collection titles below are links to the full archival guides to each collection. These guides are available through the Archives West website: http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org

**Personal Papers**

Personal papers is a term generally used for collections by or about individuals and families. Documents in these collections can include letters, diaries, photographs, memoirs, ephemera, as well as other materials.

*Laurence and Ella Mae Anderson reminiscence (1981), Mss 471, 0.1 linear feet*

The collection includes a short reminiscence written for the occasion of Laurence and Ella Mae Anderson's fortieth wedding anniversary. It focuses on their early lives, how they met, and their married life near Pablo and Ronan, Montana.

*Lucille Jameson Armsby papers (1908-1973), Mss 490, 0.75 linear feet*

Lucille J. Armsby was the Secretary to the President of the University of Montana from 1933 to 1965. The collection, which she appears to have compiled while she was in that office and in retirement, details aspects of University history, including consolidation, history, and the administrations of each president she served.

*Cora Averill scrapbook (1904-1907), Mss 273, 1 volume*

Scrapbook of photos and memorabilia including play programs, Theta Phi and other fraternity and sorority materials, musical recital programs, oratory programs, dance cards, and calling cards from the University of Montana between 1904 and 1907.

*Bass Family papers (1864-1959), Mss 196, 8 reels microfilm*

This collection contains the diaries of Virginia E. Bass; various legal documents and financial records for the Bass family enterprises; speeches and writings pertinent to the Stevensville, Montana area; a small collection of correspondence; newspaper clippings; and photographs.
Rosa V. Beall papers (1912-1929), Mss 300, 0.1 linear feet
This collection includes three letters by Rosa V. Beall, photographs of her and Mrs. E.L. (Lina) Houston, and ephemera, 1912-1929.

Jessie M. Bierman papers (circa 1890-1993), Mss 586, 4.25 linear feet
This collection contains the personal and professional papers of Dr. Jessie M. Bierman, a pioneer in the field of maternal and child health.

Mary Birch papers (1972-1985), Mss 574, 0.5 linear feet
This collection contains materials related to University of Montana-Missoula professor Mary Birch’s discrimination complaint filed with the Montana Human Rights Commission against the University, her colleagues' (Marlene Salway and Patricia Roesch) District Court discrimination suits, and memos and news clippings regarding gender equity at the University of Montana.

Charity Fowler Bishop memoirs (undated), Mss 202, 1 reel microfilm
Charity Fowler Bishop was an early Missoula, Montana, settler. Charity's memoirs, entitled From Oxcart to Aeroplane, focus on her family and her daily activities, along with some historical events that occurred in Montana between 1862 and 1920.

Bradley Family papers (1892-1968), Mss 291, 3 folders and 170 images
Copies of autobiographical, biographical, and genealogical information related to Alfred E. Bradley, his wife Letitia, and their daughter Harriett. Included are copies of images taken during Bradley's service at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming (1895-1898) and the U. S. Army 1st Division Hospital, Manila, Philippines (1910-1913). In particular, see folder 2 - Letitia Follett Bradley, Memoirs, 1968, and folder 3 - Reminiscences of Harriett Bradley Fitt.

Pearl Mitchell Breeden scrapbook (1921-1922), Mss 772, 1 volume
Pearl Mitchell's scrapbook of photographs, clippings, correspondence and memorabilia focuses on her 1921-1922 college experience at the State University at Missoula, Montana (now The University of Montana-Missoula).

Audra Arnold Browman papers (1908-1999), Mss 468, 21.5 linear feet
This collection primarily includes two different groups of papers, one portion related to Audra Browman’s historical research about Missoula, Montana, and northwestern Montana, and the other related to her work with the League of Women Voters of Missoula and community, city, and state political issues.

Helen Edna Buck letter (September 30, 1916), Mss 385, 1 item
This collection consists of a photocopy of Helen Edna Buck's thirty-two page, handwritten letter from September 30, 1916 detailing her family's move from Yakima, Washington, to Rhodes, Iowa, driving through Idaho, Yellowstone Park, Montana, the Dakotas, and Minnesota.

Lorena M. Burgess papers (1907-1973), Mss 566, 5.0 linear feet
The collection contains correspondence, writings, organizational materials, and publications related to the Flathead Reservation and national legislation affecting the reservation. Lorena Burgess was involved in work on federal and local issues related to the Flathead Reservation. She was a long-time resident of Hot Springs, Montana, and the first woman council member of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Hughie Call papers (1961-1968), Mss 234, 0.75 linear feet
Hughie Florence Call was an author who lived and ranched in the Madison Valley. The collection documents the development of the author in her work on The Little Kingdom from the point of the unpublished manuscript to the final
galley sheet. The Little Kingdom is the exploration of the life of her daughter, Louise, and how the two women faced life in a man's world of sheep ranching.

**Alicia Conrad Campbell letters to George Campbell** (1926-1928), Mss 808, 1 folder
This collection includes photocopies of letters written by Alicia Conrad to George Campbell prior to their marriage in February 1928. At the time of the first letter Alicia Conrad was thirty-four years old, from a well-respected Montana family, and a divorcée with a school-age daughter.

**Will Cave papers** (1892-1950), Mss 262, 4 folders and 1 scrapbook
Will Cave was an early Missoula, Montana, settler. The collection consists of writings, photographs, and artifacts reflecting Mr. Cave's family and life during Montana's frontier days. In particular, see Series II: Biographical Sketches, 1892-1920 - This series consists of biographies of Cave's parents, Alfred and Elizabeth. Both were early settlers of the Bitterroot Valley. Elizabeth Cave's is an autobiography written in 1892.

**Alice Chandler photographs** (1926), Mss 763, 60 photographs
This collection consists of photographs taken by Alice Chandler in 1926 of Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and miscellaneous photographs of Wyoming, North Dakota, and Oregon.

**Judi Chapman papers** (1963-1999), Mss 641, 12.7 linear feet
This collection consists primarily of subject and work files of Judi Chapman, assistant to US Representative Pat Williams of Montana from 1979-1991 and then lobbyist working largely with Native American tribes, including the Blackfeet and Havasupai.

**Lillian Christensen scrapbook** (1918-1922), Mss 664, 1 volume
Lillian Christensen's scrapbook from her college years at the State University at Missoula, Montana (now UM) from 1918 to 1920. Includes photos of Christensen and her teammates in track, basketball, and baseball.

**Joan Christopherson papers** (1933-1975), Mss 110, 0.5 linear feet
Christopherson was a professor in the University of Montana's Home Economics department. The collection consists of her letters home from Europe during high school and materials from her time at the University that document interest and activity in kindergarten and day care advocacy.

**Mary Brennan Clapp papers** (1911-1964), Mss 582, 1.25 linear feet
The collection contains research materials related to and manuscripts of Mary Brennan Clapp's history of the University of Montana, 1893-1935.

**Grace Stone Coates papers** (1930-1932), Mss 422, 0.3 linear feet
Grace Stone Coates was a Montana writer and editor. The collection contains correspondence, published versions of her poetry, and other materials.

**Roy M. Cobban correspondence** (1856-1914), Mss 335, 0.1 linear feet
Roy M. Cobban was an early Montana settler who lived in Butte and worked in lumbering, mining, and real estate. The collection consists of transcripts of family correspondence. In particular, the collection of letters in folder 1, dated 1885-1912, details a developing relationship between Roy Cobban and Alice Hardy. Roy Cobban also wrote a series of letters to his mother, dated 1880-1886, that served as a diary of his journey to Western Montana from Wisconsin and also detailed his business ventures until 1886. There are several replies from his mother.
**Conrad, Campbell, and Stanford Family papers** *(1818-1968)*, Mss 185, 147.25 linear feet and 3 reels of microfilm

The Conrad, Campbell, and Stanford families were prominent families and businessmen of north central Montana, particularly Fort Benton and Kalispell. The Conrad, Campbell, and Stanford Family Papers are an extensive collection of correspondence, business records, and objects from four generations of a very prominent family in Montana. The Conrad brothers played a vital part in the development of the West and of Montana in particular. Examples of content by or about the women in the family include:

- Series II, Subseries 4: Fannie Conrad, 1890
- Series III: Catherine E. Stanford, 1821-1914
- Series VII: Alicia D. Stanford Conrad, 1837-1965 (Alicia D. Stanford ran a school for children and young ladies in Fort Benton until her marriage to Charles E. Conrad in 1881.)
- Series VIII: Alicia Conrad Campbell, 1893-1965
- Series X: Catherine Conrad Von Duzer, 1897-1934 and undated
- Series XXXII: Alicia D. Conrad Estate, 1903 to 1928.)

**Cushman Family papers** *(1918-1985)*, Mss 673, 9.4 linear feet

This collection primarily consists of the correspondence of William and Clarice Cushman of Missoula, Montana, and their son, Roger Cushman. The bulk of the correspondence is letters to Clarice from her husband, William, when he was away from home in the U.S. Navy during WWII, in Liberia for four years, in the Warm Springs mental health facility in Montana, and in the Veterans Hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming. The letters chronicle the family’s daily lives, the centrality of religious beliefs, marital discord, and four decades of Clarice Cushman’s attempts to find medical and education assistance for their son, Roger Cushman, who had severe disabilities.

**Marcus Daly Family papers** *(1883-1996)*, Mss 619, 89.2 linear feet

The collection contains family papers and records related to the business investments of Marcus Daly of Montana, copper magnate, businessman, and politician. The collection primarily consists of family estate papers and business records of the Bitterroot Stock Farm from the 1880s to 1990s. Series IV is the Countess Margit Sigray Bessenyey Papers *(1955-1981).* In 1950, the Daly estate was passed onto the granddaughter of Marcus Daly, Countess Margit Sigray Bessenyey. She oversaw the Daly properties and investments until her death in 1984.

**Fra Broadwell Dana papers** *(1819-1947)*, Mss 096, 1.5 linear feet

The Broadwell and Dana families included an important Montana artist, Fra Dana, and a significant ranching business. This collection contains genealogical information on many branches from Fra Broadwell's family and Edwin Dana's family.

**Madeline DeFrees papers** *(1952-1975)*, Mss 599, 0.7 linear feet

This collection contains some of poet Madeline DeFrees’s correspondence and writings from 1952 to 1975.

**Emma Dickinson School Class photographs** *(1961-1998)*, Mss 615, 2.0 linear feet

Emma Dickinson Elementary School served the primary education needs of students in Missoula, Montana’s working class Orchard Homes Neighborhood from 1961 until its closure in 1999. This collection contains photographs of Emma Dickinson classes, staff and extra-curricular activities dating from 1961 to 1998, as well as a small amount of information on Emma Slack Dickinson, Missoula's first schoolteacher.
William H. H. and Emma Dickinson papers (1823-1908), Mss 255, 0.25 linear feet
William H.H. and Emma Dickinson were early settlers in Missoula, Montana. The collection contains a Dickinson family genealogy, Mr. Dickinson's Civil War diary and a later autobiographical account based on the diary, and early photographs of Missoula. Folder 4 contains Emma Dickinson’s undated reminiscences.

Dixon Family papers (1916-1942), Mss 684, 1.2 linear feet and unprocessed
The Dixon Family Papers include the diaries of Florence Dixon Leach from 1916 through 1923, a scrapbook she compiled while at the University of Montana from 1916 and 1920, and significant quantities of correspondence from Florence to and from her family, including her mother, Caroline Worden Dixon and her father, Joseph M. Dixon. It also includes correspondence between Florence’s sister, Virginia Dixon Dean, and their parents, Dean's diaries dated 1924 to 1942. A significant quantity of correspondence has been added to the collection since it was originally organized for research.

Charles J. Doherty papers (1917-1972), Mss 051, 10.5 linear feet
Charles Doherty was a newspaperman who owned and edited the Missoula County Times in Missoula, Montana. This collection contains biographical materials, correspondence files, newspaper clippings, financial and legal records, market and research reports, writings and addresses, and photographs. Series IX contains correspondence and financial records of Charles’ wife, Clara M. Doherty, dated 1947-1972.

Ruby Scofield Doyle diaries and photographs (1922-1923), Mss 855, 0.2 linear feet
This collection contains four diaries written by Ruby Scofield Doyle from January 1922 to December 1923. Doyle was living on a ranch in Clearwater, Missoula County, Montana with her parents and her husband. She writes of daily home and ranch work as well as raising her child, Dorma Ruth. The collection also includes twelve images which were found with the diaries and are very likely of the Doyle family.

Violet Dunbar manuscript (undated), Mss 337, 0.1 linear feet
The collection includes the 119-page manuscript of Violet Dunbar's unpublished book, Homesteaders in Montana. The manuscript describes her own family's arrival in Montana, descriptions of her childhood in Red Lodge, Montana, farming, community activities, town life, attending a rural school, and a 1911 trip through Yellowstone National Park. Dunbar also describes her courtship and marriage to George Dunbar, her honeymoon in Yellowstone National Park, the birth of her son, and her move to Detroit, Michigan.

Stella Louise Duncan papers (1880-1950), Mss 656, 1 linear foot
A few personal papers, photos, a scrapbook of photos and memorabilia from Stella Louise Duncan's student days at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana from 1905 to 1915, and travel diaries of 1927 trip to Europe, including England and Ireland, and 1932 trip to Russia.

C.A. Duniway correspondence (1908-1912), Mss 735, 4 reels microfilm
This collection includes microfilm copies of Clyde A. Duniway's personal and business correspondence from 1908, just before he began his tenure as the president of the University of Montana in Missoula. It continues into 1912 after his contract was not renewed by UM and Duniway is looking for a new position and then is hired as the president of the University of Wyoming in Laramie in 1912. In addition to university-related letters, the collection includes personal correspondence with his wife, Caroline Cushing Duniway. When Duniway is travelling, the couple's correspondence offers details of their respective daily experiences and discussion of future plans.

Emmert Family papers (1911-1920), Mss 437, 0.2 linear feet
Lavinia and Melvin Emmert were residents of Haugen, Montana, where they served as postmasters. The collection contains documents relating to their occupation, other family papers, and photographs of Haugen and De Borgia, Montana.
Marguerite Heinsch Ephron reminiscence (circa 1995), Mss 715, 0.1 linear feet
Ephron's “Memories” includes descriptions of growing up in Deer Lodge, Montana, attending college, meeting her husband in Chicago, and teaching at the University of Montana in Missoula from 1935-1975.

Sadie Erickson scrapbook (1917-1923), Mss 659, 1 item
This scrapbook includes photos, invitations, programs, clippings and dance cards from Erickson’s college years at the State University at Missoula, Montana (now The University of Montana-Missoula).

Florence Kerr Facey letter (January 24, 1923), Mss 425, 1 item
In this two page typed letter to her family, Florence Kerr Facey describes the 1923 Montana State Legislature, her committee appointments, introducing legislation, her seat location in the legislative chamber, and her living situation in Helena, Montana.

James Fergus Family papers (1834-1967), Mss 010, 10.6 linear feet
The collection consists of family papers and business records of James Fergus, rancher, businessman, political figure and pioneer of Arrells, Montana. The collection also contains papers of James’ wife, Pamela Dillin Fergus, and her family including the Dillin, McHose and Neil families as well as correspondence of the families of the Fergus daughters including the Gilpatrick, Hamilton and Maury families. The collection represents the social, political, and economic conditions of ranchers, families, businessmen and early pioneers of Montana from the 1850s to the 1920s. In particular, see:

- Series III, Subseries 1: Hazel Fergus Papers, 1901-1967
- Series III, Subseries 2: Pamela Fergus Papers, 1851-1889

Mary Elrod Ferguson papers (1898-1975), Mss 205, 2 linear feet
Ferguson was a University of Montana graduate, instructor, and administrator. The collection contains the personal and professional records produced and collected by Mary Elrod Ferguson during her years at the university in Missoula and in dispatching the affairs of her father, Morton Elrod.

Frieda Fligelman papers (1927-1984), Mss 184, 1 linear foot
Fligelman was a linguist, sociologist, poet and advocate for women's issues who lived in Montana. The collection includes correspondence, writings, and research dated 1801-1984. Also included are postcards, photographs and pamphlets of the same era.

Dorothy Floerchinger papers (1883-1991), Mss 342, 32.5 linear feet
Floerchinger was a Montana resident and amateur historian. This collection contains a manuscript written by Floerchinger, clippings and research materials on the Conrad family of Kalispell, Montana, and scrapbooks reflecting her personal interests into historic events throughout Montana and the rest of the United States.

Eudora Fulkerson papers (1931-1935), Mss 791, 0.2 linear feet
This collection includes memorabilia from Eudora Fulkerson's college years at The University of Montana-Missoula (then Montana State University), 1931-1935.

“Gertie” autograph book (1891-1896), Mss 180, 1 item
This collection is attributed to Marguerite Gertrude Buckhous, the University of Montana’s first professional librarian and an alumnus of the University. This collection consists of one autograph book, a bound volume of reflections and well wishes from friends. Includes several dried and pressed clover leaves.
Women's Collections at the University of Montana Archives
Last update: March 2, 2017
Contact us: library.archives@umontana.edu or (406) 243-2053

Ella Robb Glenny diploma (1898), Mss 570, 0.1 linear feet
This collection contains the diploma of Ella Robb Glenny from the University of Montana, 1898.

Patricia Goedicke and Leonard Wallace Robinson papers (1910-2006), Mss 739, 77.2 linear feet
The Patricia Goedicke and Leonard Wallace Robinson Papers primarily consist of correspondence, notebooks, and drafts of poetry and fiction by Goedicke and Robinson. Also included are lecture notes for classes taught at the University of Montana-Missoula, personal records, photographs, and audio and video recordings related to the literary work of Goedicke and Robinson. This collection documents in detail both Goedicke’s and Robinson's writing careers.

Juliet Gregory papers (1916-1991), Mss 192, 2.0 linear feet and 3 oversize boxes
Juliet Gregory was the first woman mayor of Missoula, Montana, and was also active in the Montana Republican Party. The collection consists of general correspondence between Gregory and the many organizations in which she was involved.

Thula Hardenbrook diary (1887), Mss 225, 1 folder
The diary provides an account of a trip through Yellowstone National Park in the summer of 1887.

Mary B. Healy papers (1866-1909), Mss 296, 0.2 linear feet
Mary B. Healy was a teacher in Butte, Montana. The collection contains a small sampling of her correspondence and other documents. Also included are two photograph albums.

Higgins Family papers (1883-1978), Mss 148, 2.0 linear feet
The Higgins family was a Missoula, Montana, founding family. The collection includes the personal papers of Frank and Barbara Higgins and their son, Grant Higgins. See especially Series II: Barbara Higgins, 1883-1952. Higgins was a member of the auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans and a member of the Department of Music, Missoula Woman's Club.

Helen Addison Howard papers (1927-1988), Mss 188, 2.0 linear feet
Helen Addison Howard was a Montana writer most recognized for her writings on Native Americans. The collection contains biographical material, diaries for intermittent periods, general correspondence, research files, book and article manuscripts, and photographs used in her writing.

Dorothy M. Johnson papers (1844-1984), Mss 127, 67.5 linear feet
Dorothy Johnson was a Montana writer known for her Western fiction. The collection consists of Johnson’s personal and literary collection, and has particularly complete coverage of her literary career.

Dorothy M. Johnson-Kay Burnham correspondence (1952-1977), Mss 210, 0.5 linear feet
Catherine (Kay) Burnham was a clinical psychologist and close friend of Montana writer Dorothy Johnson. This collection primarily consists of correspondence from Johnson to Burnham.

Harriet Johnston manuscript (1916-1929), Mss 713, 0.1 linear feet
This handwritten manuscript with photos is the record of Harriet Johnston's study of the climate, plants and animals of the parks, hills, rivers and streams around Missoula, Montana, between 1916 and 1929.

Hilma Hanson Kimball manuscript (1879-1933), Mss 384, 0.1 linear feet
This collection is a single copy of a manuscript that the author, Hilma Hanson Kimball, describes as a "journal of remembrances." She describes her Butte, Montana, childhood; her education and teaching career; and life in Coloma, Montana.
Dorothy Whitcomb Klimper papers (1904-1975), Mss 395, 0.3 linear feet
Klimper was a resident of Zortman, Montana. This collection includes correspondence, the manuscript, and photographs from the book *Top o’ the Mountain: Charley Whitcomb, Mining Man*, which she co-authored with Gladys Costello.

Eloise Knowles diplomas (1898-1900), Mss 528, 0.1 linear feet
Eloise Knowles’ 1898 diploma from the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana, and her diploma from the University of Chicago.

Gertrud Lackschewitz papers (1839-2008), Mss 827, 8.3 linear feet
Lackschewitz, who was born in 1923, was a professor of German Language and Literature at the University of Montana from 1960 until 1989. This collection primarily consists of research files related to her work with German immigrants and individuals of German ancestry in Montana. It also includes a memoir of her life, written in German, including her experiences in Nazi Germany, her doctoral education in Berlin, her move to the United States in the 1950s, and her work at the University.

Alice Lear autograph album (1884-1894), Mss 727, 1 item
The Alice Lear Autograph Album includes often poetic good wishes from her family and friends in Missouri and Montana, 1889-1894. It also includes a single letter, 1884.

Line Family papers (1878-1971), Mss 643, 37.0 linear feet
The Line Family papers document two generations of family life and business in a number of Montana towns, including Columbus and Missoula, through personal and professional correspondence and business records. The second generation’s college years at the University of Montana, Mount Holyoke, and Harvard, as well as their early careers outside of Montana, are evident in the materials. In particular, see:

- Series I, Subseries 2: Mary C. Line Papers, 1878-1932
- Series I, Subseries 4: Ruth Line Papers, 1907-1949
- Series I, Subseries 5: Louise Chapman Line Papers, 1898-1971 (After she moved to Missoula, Montana with her husband, Robert Line, Louise Line was active in the University Church Women, the local Cosmos Club, a theosophical study group, the Nonpartisan League, theatrical presentations, the peace movement, and initiated the development of some park systems in Missoula.)

Linebarger Family papers (1877-1945), Mss 281, 2.0 linear feet
This collection includes a broad range of correspondence and informal financial records for early Montana settler David H. Linebarger; correspondence and laundry account records for his wife, Dora Linebarger; minimal correspondence and a document for their son, Walter L. Linebarger; a recipe and general notebook for Della Meyers; W.P.A. documents and correspondence regarding Elmer C. Linebarger’s work as a farmer, commodities clerk, and finally as an employee of the War Department; and a wide range of photographs.

Maley Family papers (1880-1974), Mss 846, 10.4 linear feet
This collection consists of a wide variety of documents, photographs, scrapbooks, ephemera and other materials related to the various Maley family members’ lives. The bulk of the collection documents Frances Jean Maley, life-long resident of Missoula, Montana. Her materials range from university coursework to sympathy cards to pressed flowers to recipe books to a travel journal. Together the collection provides insight into the lives of John Maley, who was born in 1854 and moved to Missoula in the 1880s, and several of his daughters.

Hazel Marsh papers (1866-1966), Mss 152, 3.75 linear feet and 3 oversize boxes
Hazel Marsh was a resident of Missoula and Bearmouth, Montana. The collection contains records from the many Lannen family businesses in Bearmouth, Montana.
Women's Collections at the University of Montana Archives

Maury Family papers (1904-1974), Mss 122, 3.5 linear feet and 1 reel microfilm
The Maury family, originally from Virginia, were residents of Butte, Montana; H. Lowndes Maury was an attorney. This collection includes H. Lowndes Maury's correspondence with his daughter and others, copies of his court case summaries, editorials, and a few speeches, and memorabilia such as obituaries, the funeral guest book, and condolence correspondence. In particular, see:
- Series 2: Anne Maury, 1904-1966
- Series 3: Lydia Maury Skeels, 1925-1974

Angus and Catherine McDonald papers (1858-1899), Mss 344, 1 volume
Angus McDonald was an early Montana settler; his wife, Catherine, was a Nez Percé. The collection consists of a volume of stories and poems that Catherine told her children that were written down by Angus, and some later notes attributed to Winona Adams.

Walter H. McLeod papers (circa 1885, 1900-1963), Mss 002, 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. Within the collection Series II, Correspondence from 1910-1963, includes substantial correspondence from McLeod's daughters and female relatives. Of particular interest may be sequence of correspondence between Walter McLeod and doctors at the Mercywood Neuropsychiatric Hospital where Walter's wife, Olive McLeod, was admitted for a period of several months. These exchanges document specific treatment methods and standard practices at the hospital as well as lend some insight into perceptions of mental illness at mid-century.

Gertrude Hutchinson Merritt papers (1925-1971), Mss 602, 0.5 linear feet
This collection contains mostly outgoing correspondence and short stories written by Gertrude Hutchinson Merritt and a brief biography of her life written by Richard L. Merritt. The writings describe Gertrude Merritt's travels and work in New York, Europe, Latin America and San Francisco from 1925 to her death in 1971.

Doris and Kelsey C. Milner papers (1937-2007), Mss 799, 81.75 linear feet
The Doris and Kelsey Milner Papers consist of working subject files, correspondence, and speeches created by Doris Milner during her work with conservation organizations including the Save the Upper Selway Committee and the Montana Wilderness Association, Ravalli County's League of Women Voters, and other organizations in Montana. The collection also contains materials created by Kelsey C. Milner while he worked for Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana, as a microbial scientist and bacteriologist.

Album of Missoula area photographs (1906-1922), Mss 764, 1 album
This collection consists of a photograph album with photographs of activities in and around Missoula, Montana, and at The University of Montana campus in the early 1900s. Evelyn Polleys, Margaret Ronan and Anabel Ross are identified throughout. There are also photographs of Hovey Polleys, the Delta Sigma sorority sisters, and other unidentified individuals and groups.

Bessie K. Monroe papers (1982-1983), Mss 464, 0.1 linear feet
This collection includes information about Bessie K. Monroe's life in Western Montana. Her articles and poems give a history of her family's homesteading days in the late nineteenth century and of the Bitterroot Valley throughout the 20th century.
Marie Mooar papers (2001-2003), Mss 675, 1 folder
This collection contains primarily Maries Mooar’s memoir, Becoming a Mountain Woman in which she recounts her years working and living in Montana.

Suzanne Pennypacker Morris papers (1975-1983), Mss 474, 0.25 linear feet
Suzanne Pennypacker Morris is a homemaker and social activist in Missoula, Montana. The collection includes correspondence, speeches and writings, organizational literature, clippings, and photographs from Suzanne Pennypacker Morris' Republican primary campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980 and 1982.

Genevieve Frances Allen Murray papers (1926-1983), Mss 135, 0.5 linear feet
Genevieve Murray was a University of Montana graduate student who wrote a master’s thesis on the bitterroot plant in 1929. She continued to write feature stories for magazines after graduation.

Patricia O’Connell papers (1884-1972), Mss 613, 3.0 linear feet
This collection includes researcher Patricia O’Connell's notes and documents related to the arrival of Ursuline nuns, especially Mother Amadeus, in Montana in 1884 and their work at missions on the Indian reservations.

Carol Evelyn O’Donnell scrapbook (1913-1915), Mss 658, 1 volume
Scrapbook of correspondence, photos and memorabilia from Carol O’Donnell’s 1913 to 1915 college career at the State University at Missoula, Montana.

Helen Jane Olson papers (1947-1984), Mss 126, 0.75 linear feet
Olson was a Miles City, Montana, writer who concentrated on historical fiction. The collection contains correspondence, personal items, and a few unpublished literary works.

M. Margaret Owen papers (1951-1958), Mss 569, 0.5 linear feet
The collection contains clippings, writings, and photographs related to the Ground Observer Corps in Missoula, Montana, including information on Owen's time as supervisor and volunteer rosters and statistics for the latter years of the post’s operations.

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent papers (1956-1999), Mss 576, 17.5 linear feet
The collection contains manuscripts, publisher’s galleys, correspondence, research, and other materials from about one hundred of author Dorothy Hinshaw Patent’s non-fiction science and nature books for children and young adults.

Ida S. Patterson manuscript (circa 1950), Mss 226, 1 folder
This typescript and manuscript reminiscence is Ida Patterson's first-person story of Emma Magee, and is apparently based on interviews with her. Magee was born in Montana Territory near Hell Gate in 1866 to a Native American woman and a Spanish man. Magee describes many details of her youth, including home life, food, schooling, the Bison Range, and travelers and new settlers. She also describes her life as an adult.

Marion Porterfield scrapbooks (1921-1938), Mss 795, 3 scrapbooks
Marion "Minnie" Porterfield was a member of the Montana Mountaineers, a hiking club based in Missoula, Montana from 1922-1956. The scrapbooks include photographs from several hikes in the Missoula area, Glacier National Park, and Canada. The photographs include members of the club, natural and man-made landmarks, as well as glaciers in Canada and Glacier National Park.
Railsback Family correspondence (1909-1923), Mss 627, 1.0 linear foot
This collection contains early correspondence between members of the Railsback family of Montana, the personal correspondence of Edna Railsback, and miscellaneous papers, clippings, and notes from 1909-1923.

Jeanette Rankin collection (1886-2009), Mss 785, 1.0 linear feet
Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to Congress and served twice as Montana's United States House Representative from 1917-1919 and from 1941-1943. This collection consists of pamphlets and form letters related to her campaigns and positions on legislative issues, stationery and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) files on Rankin and the Jeannette Rankin Brigade.

Rankin Family papers (1888-1946), Mss 280, 3.0 linear feet
The Rankins were a Missoula, Montana, family with a mill business. The collection includes a broad range of John Rankin's financial records, 1888-1906, and information about Wellington Rankin's 1946 campaign. Series III, Jeannette Rankin, includes a speech made by Jeannette Rankin on women's suffrage, excerpts from other Rankin speeches, a radio address on Women and Democracy by Rankin, and miscellaneous material relating to Jeannette Rankin's 1940 congressional run.

Edith Reneau diary (1917) Mss 617, 0.1 linear feet
According to second-hand donor information, this diary was written by Edith Reneau when she was in her early twenties. The diary, dated 1917, documents her life on a homestead located in Big Hole in Beaverhead County in Southwest Montana.

Rhoda Richardson papers (1908), Mss 466, 0.2 linear feet
Rhoda Richardson was a resident of Lothrop and Missoula, Montana. The collection consists of her memories and photographs of the 1908 flood in western Montana.

Mary O'Keeffe Ross reminiscence (circa 1915), Mss 158, 1 item and 1 reel of microfilm
The collection contains a typescript and microfilm copy of Ross's reminiscences of the O'Keeffe family in Montana.

Diane Sands papers (1892-2000), Mss 505, 10.0 linear feet
The collection primarily contains the papers of women’s organizations and women’s movements that Diane Sands, an activist in Montana, was associated with from the 1970s to the 1990s. The collection includes papers of the Women’s Resource Center, the Missoula Chapter of the National Organization for Women, the Montana Pro-Choice Coalition, and the Women’s Lobbyist Fund as well as papers related to the development and history of the Women’s Studies department at the University of Montana. The collection also contains materials related to the women’s liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s. The papers of the Montana Women’s History Project papers are also included in the collection and contain transcripts of oral histories with Montana women as well as records of the Illegal Abortion in Montana Oral History Project including interviews, correspondence, research notes and publications.

Mary Shallenberger papers (1961-1993), Mss 174, 0.5 linear feet
Mary Shallenberger is a University of Montana graduate with an interest in Indonesia. The collection includes correspondence, photographs, and memorabilia regarding that interest.

Elizabeth Reitell Smith papers (1953-1987), Mss 623, 19.5 linear feet
This collection contains materials relevant to Smith’s work as a Montana wilderness and environmental activist. The bulk of the materials include research, newsletters, drafts of speeches, position papers and correspondence between 1965 and 1980.
Beverly Snodgrass papers (1967-1968), Mss 341, 0.1 linear feet
This collection contains correspondence and a report from an investigation that Beverly Snodgrass, a well-known madam in Butte, Montana, initiated into the excessive payoffs or bribes she was required to make in order to continue operating houses of prostitution. The papers provide a detailed report of the investigation and offer some details of Snodgrass's personal history.

Lucile Speer papers (1911-1972), Mss 585, 3.75 linear feet
The collection contains materials from Lucile Speer’s career at the University of Montana, and her involvement in the Montana Farmer-Labor Institute, the Eugene McCarthy Campaign, and the Montana Constitutional Convention of 1972.

Jo Stepanoff poems (1958-1962), Mss 472, 11 items
Eleven poems written by Jo Stepanoff.

Marguerite O. Stevens photograph album (circa 1900), Mss 554, 1 album
This album contains photos of family and friends; Native Americans and buffalo on the Flathead Reservation in Montana; Trout Creek, Montana; the first “flying machine” in Butte, Montana; and Yellowstone National Park, all from approximately 1900.

Templeton Family papers (1886-2004), Mss 701, 3.8 linear feet
The collection contains correspondence, speeches and writings, scrapbooks of Payne Templeton pertaining to his years as an educator and his service in World War II and during the German occupation. The collection also contains a small amount of Templeton family history, including two scrapbooks by Payne's daughter, Patricia, and three diaries written by Payne's wife, Gladys.

Journals of Students at the University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology (2010), Mss 759, 1.0 linear foot
This collection includes students' personal journals written to fulfill a requirement in Mark Matthews' Developmental Writing (WRIT 095) course at the University of Montana--Missoula's College of Technology during Spring Semester 2010. (Some of the diaries are closed until a future date.)

Kay M. Thompson papers (1969-1972), Mss 852, 0.75 linear feet
Campaign correspondence, news releases and campaign materials for Missoula, Montana, resident Kay Thompson's primary campaign for the United States House of Representatives, 1972. Drafts and copies of her publication “Never write your Congressman – send Him a check” make up a large portion of the collection.

Anna McCarthy Veuve's widow's pension papers (1916-1927), Mss 405, 0.1 linear feet
The collection includes eight items pertaining to Missoula, Montana, resident Anna Veuve’s widow's pension application to the U.S. Army.

Alida Swenson Vine papers (1975-1976), Mss 370, 0.1 linear feet and 1 reel microfilm
Alida Vine was a teacher and resident of Poplar, Montana. This collection contains Vine’s memoirs documenting her experiences as a schoolteacher and homesteader in Eastern Montana.

Carrie May Warren papers (1950-1961), Mss 269, 1 partial reel of microfilm
The Carrie May Warren Papers include her obituary and a handwritten three page memoir. The memoir describes a few of the customs and beliefs of the Flathead Indians including totem animals and New Year’s Day customs. The events described probably took place in the 1870s or 1880s.
**M. Catherine White papers (1920-1952), Mss 102, 1.5 linear feet**

This collection includes correspondence and research regarding White's thesis and book on David Thompson's Journals and his explorations of the West.

**Kim Williams papers (1940-1986), Mss 218, 12.75 linear feet**

Kim Williams was a writer, naturalist, teacher, and radio commentator. She was born in 1923 and attended Cornell University where she received a degree in human ecology with a minor in botany in 1944. She married Mel Williams in 1951. His career as a mining engineer took them to Santiago, Chile, where they lived for 20 years. While in Chile, Kim wrote and published two books, including *High Heels in the Andes*. In 1971 they settled in Missoula, where she published two more books including *Eating Wild Plants*. She served for over 10 years as a commentator on NPR. The collection includes material related to living and traveling in South America and Europe, women, nutrition, botany and environmental issues.

**Elizabeth Willis papers (1940-1953), Mss 284, 0.1 linear feet**

Elizabeth Willis was a Noxon, Montana writer. This collection consists of one typeset manuscript, a short essay, five clipped newspaper articles, and two photographs. All written materials are creative non-fiction accounts reflecting upon small town life in the Pacific Northwest, western Montana in particular, during the early years of the 20th Century.

**Kathy Witkowsky "Bella Vista " collection (1936-1945, 1994-1995), Mss 247, 0.5 linear feet and 26 videotapes**

Kathy Witkowsky is a Missoula, Montana, documentary maker and journalist. This collection consists of the tape logs, interview transcripts, and raw interview footage produced by Kathy Witkowsky for her documentary *Bella Vista: An Unseen View of World War II*, and associated newspapers.

**Papers of Politicians**

Archives and Special Collections also houses the papers of state and national politicians and diplomats. These records contain correspondence from women, correspondence concerning women’s issues, correspondence and materials from women’s clubs and records about pieces of legislation. While these materials are not as evident as they are in other collections, they add important aspects to the historical narrative. Several examples of materials relating to women in the collections are provided below.

**Mike Mansfield papers (1903-1990), Mss 065, 2450 linear ft. manuscripts, 322 scrapbooks, 132 pieces film and video, 7500 photographs, and 600+ art objects.**

Mike Mansfield served Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives (1943-1952), the U.S. Senate (1953-1977), and as the Ambassador to Japan (1977-1988). The collection consists of his congressional and unofficial ambassadorial papers. Examples of relevant files include:

- Series 2 - Box 56 Rights for women, H.J.Res. 68, 1950
- Series 9 – Box 42 Judiciary Committee: S.J. Res. 80 "Equal Rights for Women" to amend U.S. Constitution
- Series 12 – Box 330 Organizations - Women's National Press Club
- Series 14 – Box 52 Organizations - Republican - Montana Federation of GOP Women's Clubs, 1962
- Series 21, Box 39 Campaign Conference for Democratic Women, 1958 Apr. 2

The Mike Mansfield papers also contain a great deal of correspondence with constituents throughout his political career. Many women wrote to Mansfield concerning state, national, and international issues.
John Melcher papers (1969-1988), Mss 231, approximately 700 linear feet
John Melcher served Montana in the U. S. House (1969-1977) and Senate (1977-1988). Materials include bills introduced by Melcher; speeches, writings and press releases; constituent correspondence, photographs, and other documents. Examples of relevant files include:

- Box 83/Folder 8 General - League of Women Voters, 1969
- Box 342/Folder 19 HJR 1212 Equal rights for men and women.

James E. Murray papers (1934-1961), Mss 091, 483 linear feet
James E. Murray was a Montana Democrat who served in the U. S. Senate from 1934 to 1960. The collection contains the senatorial papers of Murray from 1934 until his retirement from office. The collection consists of general correspondence, legislative materials, speeches and writings, clippings, film, and photographs. Relevant file examples include:

- Box 192/Folder 4 Democratic Committee Women - MT., 1940
- Box 327/Folder 16 League of Women Voters, 1960
- Box 415/Folder 13 Legislation - Women, Mobilization, 1942
- Box 877/Folder 24 S.R. 1430 - 81st Congress, Discrimination against women, 1949-1951
- Box 885/Folder 16 S.R. 1374 - 82nd Congress, Equal pay for equal work for women, 1951-1952

Steve Waldron papers (1976-1985), Mss 186, 12 linear feet
Steve Waldron was a member of the Montana House of Representatives from 1977 to 1985, representing Missoula. He focused on issues related to women, workers, and education. Series III, Research Files, includes folders titled Women’s Corrections and Women’s Rights.

Records of Organizations

Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Chapter (Missoula, Montana) records (1960-1980), Mss 589, 2.0 linear feet
The collection contains meeting minutes, yearbooks, photographs, artifacts, scrapbooks, writings, and other materials related to the Beta Chapter of Montana’s Alpha Delta Kappa society.

American Association of University Women. Missoula Branch records (1906-2005), Mss 162, 13.5 linear feet
The Missoula branch of the AAUW has included women staff, faculty, and graduates since its inception in about 1903. The collection contains such items as original minutes, scrapbooks and the personal correspondence of past presidents.

Daughters of the American Revolution. Bitter Root Chapter records (1880-2011), Mss 013, 8.5 linear feet
The Bitter Root Chapter of the DAR was organized in 1919. The collection includes meeting minutes, clippings about chapter activities, scrapbooks, and historical records relating to Montana and the Bitter Root Valley.

Delta Delta Delta. Theta Rho Chapter (University of Montana) collection (1920-2009), Mss 677, 14.5 linear feet
This collection contains administrative records, artifacts, and scrapbooks created by the Theta Rho chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority at the University of Montana-Missoula, records of the Theta Rho Home Association, and artifacts and other materials associated with members of Theta Rho.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Eta Chapter (Missoula, Montana) records (1944-1996), Mss 601, 4.5 linear feet
The collection contains minutes of meetings, membership information, yearbooks, financial records, photographs, writings, scrapbooks, and materials from projects undertaken by the Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, including the restoration of the Hellgate Trading Post and the Grant Creek One-Room Schoolhouse now at Fort Missoula.
Women's Collections at the University of Montana Archives

Last update: March 2, 2017
Contact us: library.archives@umontana.edu or (406) 243-2053

**GASP (Missoula, Mont.) records** (1958-1970), Mss 043, 3.5 linear feet
Gals against Smog and Pollution (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.

**Kappa Omicron Phi, Alpha Psi Chapter (The University of Montana) records** (1953-1989), Mss 595, 0.75 linear feet
The collection contains minutes, correspondence, clippings, and photographs from The University of Montana Alpha Psi Chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi, a home economics honorary society.

**League of Women Voters of Missoula records** (1946-1998), Mss 632, 7.2 linear feet
The League of Women Voters of Missoula is a non-partisan research group established in 1952 and still active. Its goal is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League focuses on informing the local community and League members of community environmental, social and political issues using local studies, group discussions and publications.

**Maurine Clow’s Miss Montana Pageant papers** (1947-1968), Mss 592, 2.75 linear feet
The collection contains photographs, correspondence, clippings and miscellaneous materials related to the Miss Montana and Miss Montana State University (now called the University of Montana) pageants.

**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. In particular, see:
- Series 2: Orchard Homes Country Life Women’s Club, 1926-1994

**Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board records** (1904-1949), Mss 669, 4 volumes
This collection contains minutes and scrapbooks from the Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Montana in Missoula.

**Sacajawea Club records** (1938-1980), Mss 182, 1.5 linear feet
The collection contains ten scrapbooks that document the work of the Sacajawea Club in Missoula and Mineral counties from 1938 to the 1980s.

**Tanan of Spur photograph albums** (1992-2003), Mss 775, 1.0 linear foot
This collection includes two photograph albums documenting activities of the sophomore men's and women's honorary service organization, Tanan of Spur, at the University of Montana-Missoula from 1992-2003. Also included in the albums are lists of officers for some years and some reminiscence paragraphs from earlier members.

**University of Montana Department of Home Economics records** (1921-1988), RG 029, 2.75 linear feet
The collection contains scrapbooks, photographs, writings, and other materials from The University of Montana’s Department of Home Economics, 1921-1988.

**University of Montana Department of Women’s Studies records** (1971-2003), RG 087, 9.2 linear feet
The collection contains correspondence, notes, newsletters and committee information regarding the administration and development of the Women’s Studies program at The University of Montana-Missoula.
University of Montana Histories collection (1895-1990), Mss 605, 1.0 linear foot
The collection contains an assortment of histories, in the form of writings and newspaper clippings, about The University of Montana. It appears that some of the histories were written by students in Dean A. L. Stone’s journalism classes during the 1920s. The materials include general historical information about the University of Montana, information about faculty members, presidents, students, student traditions and organizations, departments and schools, buildings, campus landmarks, finances, athletics, and more.

University of Montana Student Organizations collection (1895-1961), Mss 604, 1.0 linear foot
This is an artificial collection of records from some of the earliest student organizations at The University of Montana.

University of Montana Women’s Club records (1917-1978), Mss 597, 1.0 linear foot
The collection contains constitutions, minutes, clippings, correspondence, financial records, and other materials from The University of Montana Women’s Club, formerly the Faculty Women’s Club.

Women's Relief Corps (U.S.). Fred Winthrop Relief Corps, No. 7 records (1904-1954), Mss 125, 0.25 linear feet
The Women’s Relief Corps No. 7 of Missoula, Montana, was founded in 1903 as a Civil War relief organization.

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.

Zonta Club of Missoula records (1961-1991), Mss 583, 2.5 linear feet
The collection contains five scrapbooks from the Zonta Club of Missoula, Montana (1961-1987). Zonta is a global service organization of executive and professional women.

Research Files
Several archival collections consist entirely or partially of research files gathered by the creator or collector around a particular theme, topic or individual.

"We Are Missoula" publication records (1994-1995), Mss 631, 1.0 linear foot
This collection contains the materials Sara Bruya and others utilized and produced during the creation of the “We Are Missoula: Thoughts on Change in a Growing Environment” book. The focus of the interviews was to examine the role of the individual in the larger community and the reciprocal relationship of the community and the individual.

James R. Habeck research collection (1882-2012), Mss 817, 5.6 linear feet
The James R. Habeck Research Collection includes eight research groups. Series 7 is about Mary Hesse Hartwick, a writer and Swan Valley, Montana resident. The materials gathered include information about her biographical background, the Hartwick Homestead in the Swan Valley of Montana, her troubled marriages with Robert Hartwick, her prize winning short story and other writings.

Maggie Smith Hathaway collection (1893-1954), Mss 224, 1.0 linear foot
Maggie Smith Hathaway was one of the first two women to serve in the Montana legislature and worked in education and child welfare in Montana. The collection contains scrapbooks and the manuscript for a book, Maggie and Montana, written by Harold Tascher.
Missoula Women for Peace research files (2000), Mss 580, 1.0 linear feet
This collection contains research materials related to the Missoula Women for Peace Oral History Project conducted by Dawn Walsh in 2000 as part of an internship with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center and in conjunction with the Women’s Studies Department at The University of Montana.

Evelyn Rhoden's Works Progress Administration papers (1935-1942), Mss 622, 1.25 linear feet
This collection consists of Evelyn Rhoden’s notes about the history of Musselshell, Golden Valley, and Meagher Counties in central Montana. The notes, which are especially rich in the ranching history, were gathered when Rhoden was employed by the Federal Writer’s Project of the Works Project Administration during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Oral Histories
Archives and Special Collections has thousands of oral history interviews. Most of our audio interviews are still on cassette tape, but some are now available online via the Oral History Collection page in ScholarWorks - http://scholarworks.umt.edu/oral_histories/ Many of the oral histories, both online and on cassette, have full transcriptions. Some oral history collections have online guides available through Archives West, but most do not. Most individual oral history interviews do have records available via the Mansfield Library’s catalog.

The following are examples of oral history collections and individual interviews which include aspects of women’s lives:

Bob Brown oral history project (2005-2013), OH 396, 70+ interviews
Former Montana congressman Bob Brown conducted oral history interviews with a variety of political figures in Montana ranging from state legislators, lobbyists, attorneys and journalists, to Montana Constitutional Convention delegates and officials in administrative and financial branches of the Montana State government. Interview topics include Montana and the Anaconda Company, the recurring sales tax referendum, mining, elections, deregulation, and the legislative process over time. Full audio and transcripts are online here: http://scholarworks.umt.edu/brown/
  • OH 396-029: Interview with Antoinette Fraser Rosell, 6 July 2005
  • OH 396-050: Interview with Dorothy Eck, 22 May 2007
  • OH 396-054: Interview with Judy Paynter, 1 August 2008
  • OH 396-062: Interview with Dorothy Bradley, 29 September 2009
  • OH 396-069: Interview with Elin G. Parks, 4 September 2010

Education in Montana oral history project (1987-1990), OH 211, 48 interviews
Interviews with men and women who taught in Montana and their life experiences.

Garnet Preservation Association oral history project (1999-2002), OH 379, 10 interviews
The ten interviewees, recorded for the Garnet Preservation Association Oral History Project in 1999-2003 by interviewers Darla Bruner, Dick Fichtler, and Valerie Schafer, describe growing up in Garnet, Montana, and mines in the area. Four of the interviews are with women.

Illegal Abortion in Montana oral history project (1981), OH 164, 11 interviews
Interviews with doctors, nurses, and women who shared their experiences.

Mary Murphy’s Butte oral history project (1980-1981), OH 098, 24 interviews
From 1980-1981, Mary Murphy, working with Helen Bresler, conducted a series of labor history interviews with a variety of Butte, Montana, working-class residents. The interviewees ranged from miners, grocers, waitresses, boarding house keepers to a blacksmith, union agent and nurse. Thirteen of the interviews were with women.
Milltown Dam oral history project (2009-2011), OH 428, 8 interviews
The eight interviews recorded by David Brooks for this project between 2009-2011 describe the removal and remediation processes for the Milltown Dam located near Missoula in northwestern Montana. The discussion also includes community interests, environmental concerns and activism, as well as EPA perspectives and ARCO's involvement. Two of the interviews are with women.

Milltown oral history project (2006-2007), 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. Two of the interviews are with women.

Missoula New Party oral history project (2006), OH 400, 4 interviews
New Party in Missoula, Montana began around 1991 as membership political organization with membership rolls. It ended in early 2002, outlasting many other New Party chapters in the United States by four years. While the New Party self-described as a "small-d democrat" and "progressive" party, detractors argued that the New Party was little more than a pressure group. This collection includes an interview with Judy Smith in 2006.

Missoula Women for Peace oral history project (2000), OH 389, 12 interviews
The activist group Missoula Women for Peace (MWP) was formed in 1970 by a group of Missoula, Montana, mothers and other community members concerned with the escalating American military presence in Vietnam. MWP continued to be an active voice for peace and social justice in Missoula throughout the 1980s. The individuals interviewed describe their own backgrounds, events and personal philosophies that led to their participation in Missoula Women for Peace, and often, participation in other civic activism.

Montana Feminist History oral history project (2000-2004), OH 378, 55 interviews
The Montana Feminist History Project was a collaborative project designed to collect and interpret the history of the second wave of feminism in Montana, beginning roughly in 1968. While many interview participants describe themselves as feminist, others may not. Some women participate on a local level and others on national and international levels. Some are formally educated and other self-taught. All share dreams of improving lives for women and families. The interviews cover a broad range of women's and families' lives in Montana, including politics, birth, family aid, family violence, law, and feminism from multiple perspectives.

Montana Women oral history project (1977-1980), OH 49, 69 interviews
Conversations exploring the attitudes and life styles of the women who came to Montana as dependents, spouses or homesteaders themselves during the early 20th Century.

Montana Women Pilots oral history project (1991), OH 262, 14 interviews
This collection includes fourteen interviews detailing the history of women pilots in Montana. The interviews were conducted in 1991 by Eloise Sagmiller. The interviewees discuss their respective reasoning for becoming pilots, the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, the Powder Puff Derby, now called the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race, and their experiences with flying.

Ninemile Remount Depot oral history project (1977), OH 086, 14 interviews
The fourteen interviews recorded for Jane Reed Benson's 1977 oral history project describe the Ninemile Remount Depot in western Montana from the 1930s through the 1960s. These descriptions include daily activities and responsibility for personnel and animals, procedures for training and moving supplies to remote areas, the history of the
facility itself and seasonal changes, and the position the Depot held in the Forest Service. Two of the interviews are with women.

**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. Three of the interviews are with women.

**Nurses in Montana oral history project (1991),** OH 259, 26 interviews
Interviews with active and retired nurses about their training and work in various Montana areas and hospitals

**Lucille Speer oral history interviews (1981),** OH 46, 11 interviews
Speer, a retired University of Montana librarian, talks about the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention, the University Teachers Union, the Farmers Union, her University career, and the American Federation of Teachers.

**Star Quilts oral history project (1992),** OH 285, 7 interviews
These seven interviews, conducted by Kim Taylor in July 1992, describe the history and tradition of quilting among Native American women and its role as a traditional art form. The interviews were conducted by Kim Taylor in the July of 1992. The interviewees discuss how quilts are used in honoring ceremonies of Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. They also describe the different kinds of fabrics, colors and stitching that are used for quilts.

**University of Montana-Missoula oral histories**
Several oral history projects have been conducted with employees and some students of the university. A series of 69 interviews were done in 1991 in anticipation of the university’s centennial. Twenty-five interviews were recorded between 2006 and 2008. Twenty-one interviews about the history of the university’s Mathematical Sciences department were conducted in 1999-2000. Individual interviews have also been conducted with UM employees about their own experiences or about their department.