

# M. Catherine White Papers, 1920-1952

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	White, M. Catherine, 1891-1986
<b>Title</b>	M. Catherine White Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1920-1952 (inclusive) 1920 1952
<b>Quantity</b>	1.5 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss 102 (collection)
<b>Summary</b>	This collection includes correspondence and research regarding White's thesis and book on David Thompson's Journals and his explorations of the West.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 <a href="mailto:library.archives@umontana.edu">library.archives@umontana.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Mary Catherine White was born September 2, 1891, in Kansas City, KS. After graduating from Montana State Normal School in Dillon, Montana, in 1914, she taught elementary school in Broadview and Billings, Montana, until 1925.

White received a certificate of librarianship from the University of Wisconsin Library School in 1926. The following year, she joined the faculty of Montana State University in Missoula. During her thirty years at the University, she worked as an instructor and assistant professor of library science, as well as reference librarian.

White received a Master in Arts degree from the University of Montana in 1940 for her thesis on David Thompson which appeared in book form in 1950 with the title *David Thompson's Journals Relating to Montana and Adjacent Regions*. David Thompson was a British explorer and geographer who has been credited with discovering the falls of the Clark Fork River (Thompson Falls) and opening the first trading post in what is now Montana.

White retired from the University in 1957. She died in July 1986.

## Content Description

This collection includes correspondence and research regarding White's thesis and book on *David Thompson's Journals* about his explorations of the West. Copies of her Thompson work in various stages and a single copy of an article drawn from the Thompson research are included as well.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright not transferred to The University of Montana.

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series:

Series I: Correspondence, 0.1 linear foot, 1942-1953

Series II: Research, 0.1 linear feet, undated

Series III: Writings, 0.3 linear feet, 1940-1950

### Acquisition Information

Gift of White's brother, Herbert M. White, 1982.

### Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 2002, the collection was re-described.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Correspondence, 1942-1953

0.1 linear feet

This series includes correspondence about the published version of *David Thompson's Journals*. These letters offer praise and suggestions or corrections. This series also includes one review of the book.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Correspondence regarding book	1942, 1952-1953
1/2	Review of <i>David Thompson's Journals</i>	1953

## Series II: Research , undated

0.1 linear feet

This series includes secondary research such as news clippings and a primary research item, a map.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/3	Columbia River Basin map	1931
1/4	Research, undated	
1/5	Newspaper clipping research	1920-1942

## Series III: Writings , 1940-1950

0.3 linear feet

This Series includes a single copy of an article, "Saleesh House," written by White and carbon copies of her thesis, a bound copy of her thesis, galley proofs of her book, an indexing copy of her book, and a "Ralph Space" corrections copy of her book.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/6	Reprint of "Saleesh House" article	July 1942
1/7	Portions of thesis manuscript	1940
1/8	Thesis on David Thompson, pages 1-125	1940
1/9	Thesis on David Thompson, pages 126-250	1940
1/10	Thesis on David Thompson, pages 251-350	1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/11	Thesis on David Thompson, pages 351-512	1940
2/1	Carbon copy of thesis on David Thompson, pages 1-141	1940
2/2	Carbon copy of thesis on David Thompson, pages 145-296	1940
2/3	Carbon copy of thesis on David Thompson, pages 297-449	1940
2/4	Carbon copy of thesis on David Thompson, pages 450-512	1940
2/5	Bound copy of thesis on David Thompson	1940
2/6	Galley proofs on <i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , p.I-CLXi	1950
3/1	Galley proofs of <i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , pages 1-130	1950
3/2	Galley proofs of <i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , pages 131-222	1950
3/3	Galley proofs of <i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , pages 226-Lxiv	1950
3/4	<i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , Indexing copy part I	1950
3/5	<i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , Indexing copy part II	1950
3/6	<i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , Ralph Space correction, part I	1950
3/7	<i>David Thompson's Journals</i> , Ralph Space correction, part II	1950

## Names and Subjects

### Personal Names :

Thompson, David, 1770-1857

### Corporate Names :

University of Montana--Missoula--Alumni and alumnae

University of Montana--Missoula--Faculty

### Geographical Names :

Montana--Discovery and exploration

### Occupations :

Women historians--Montana--Missoula

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