

# Jim Shane collection on Alta, Utah, 1948-1985

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Collector</b>	Shane, Jim
<b>Title</b>	Jim Shane collection on Alta, Utah
<b>Dates</b>	1948-1985 (inclusive) 1948 1985
<b>Quantity</b>	0.5 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	Accn1071
<b>Summary</b>	The Jim Shane collection on Alta, Utah (1948-1985) contains clippings and promotional material concerning the town of Alta, Utah. Shane is a skier and ski patrolman who built Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge in Alta, Utah.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.</a> Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library University of Utah 295 South 1500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860 Telephone: 801-581-8863 <a href="mailto:special@library.utah.edu">special@library.utah.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

Jim Shane, an avid skier and electrical engineer, was an Alta ski patrolman during World War II. Later, he became divisional chairman of the National Ski Patrol System for the intermountain area. In 1962, he built the Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge at the base of the Alta ski area to provide services for skiers who were either injured or in need of food, warmth, or repairs. The lodge was named after an infamous saloon from Alta's early mining days. Shane and his family were active in the daily management of the Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge and the Alta community.

## Content Description

The Jim Shane collection on Alta, Utah (1948-1985) contain clippings and promotional material concerning the town of Alta, Utah. Included are photocopies of news photographs and articles regarding skiing activities, as well as human interest stories on early University of Utah ski instructors, Alta history, the expansion of the Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge, and the propane explosion at the lodge in 1985.

# Use of the Collection

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## Preferred Citation

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# Administrative Information

## Acquisition Information

Donated by Jim Shane in 1989.

## Processing Note

Processed by Jane Chesley in 1997.

## Separated Materials

Photographs transferred to the Multimedia Division of Special Collections (P0416).

## Related Materials

This collection forms part of the Utah Ski Archives.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Alta's History This folder contains news clippings and a chronology.	1978
1	2	Promotional Material on Utah and Alta Skiing	1960-1983
1	3	News Articles and Photographs of Alta, Utah	1948-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	This folder contains a news photograph and photocopy of a photograph of University of Utah student ski instructors at Alta, (1948); a news photograph of Jim Shane, Alta ski-patrolman, skiing powder, (1955); a news photograph of the new upper terminal of the Germania Pass Lift at Alta (1955). An article on members of the National Ski Patrol including Jim Shane, (circa 1959); and several articles on the opening of the Alta Post Office, (1968).	
1 4	News Articles Coverage of severe snow storms and avalanches, January 1971. Interest stories of long, snowy spring weather. Report on the incorporation of Alta to a township so taxes could be collected for general town maintenance and fire and law enforcement protection.	1971
1 5	News Articles on the Expansion of the Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge, Alta, Utah The owners added a new wing, thereby tripling the size of the Lodge to 93 rooms and a restaurant, lounge, and two apartments.	1975
1 6-10	Articles on the Explosion of the Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge, Alta, Utah Articles and photos of a March 15 gas explosion in a wing of the lodge. The material covers from the day of the explosion through the weeks following the explosion, and includes human interest stories on people involved in the disaster.	1985
1 11	Miscellaneous Articles on Alta, Utah Report on the death of a woman skier who crashed into a tree, and report on warm weather conditions effecting Alta, Utah.	1970-1985

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Explosions--Utah--Alberta  
Ski resorts--Utah--Alberta--History--Sources  
Skis and skiing--Utah--History--Sources

### Corporate Names :

Gold Miner's Daughter Lodge (Alta, Utah)--History

### Geographical Names :

Alta (Utah)--History

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