

# Joseph Kinsey Howard Collection, 1937-1945

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Howard, Joseph Kinsey, 1906-1951
<b>Title</b>	Joseph Kinsey Howard Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1937-1945 (inclusive) 1937 1945
<b>Quantity</b>	1.0 linear foot
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss 236 (collection)
<b>Summary</b>	Joseph Kinsey Howard was a Montana author. The collection consists primarily of galley proofs and other materials relating to Howard's books.
<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

Joseph Kinsey Howard was born February 28, 1906, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He moved to Great Falls, Montana, in 1918 when he was 12 years old. Howard spent the rest of his life in and around Great Falls. After high school graduation, he worked for the *Great Falls Leader*, an afternoon daily newspaper. At age 20, he was promoted to copy desk editor, and he stayed in that position until he left the newspaper in 1944. In 1936, Howard led the successful effort to start the Great Falls Newspaper Guild, a union that secured higher wages and improved benefits for its members.

In the late 1930s, Howard began writing articles about Montana for *Survey Graphic* and the *Progressive*. Yale University Press noted these articles and offered him a book contract for a history of Montana. After five years of work, *Montana: High, Wide, and Handsome* was published in 1943. The book harshly criticized the Anaconda Copper Mining Company's domination of Montana, won him critical acclaim and went into ten printings.

In 1944 and 1945, Howard worked with sociologist Baker Brownell on the Montana Study, an effort to improve cultural life in Montana's rural towns. This inspired his second book, *Montana Margins: A Joseph Kinsey Howard Collection, 1937-1945*  
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*State Anthology*. He continued writing for national magazines. In 1947, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship that enabled him to write his last book, *Strange Empire: A Narrative of the Northwest*. Kinsey helped form the Montana Institute of the Arts and planned writing conferences at The University of Montana. Kinsey died of a heart attack in Choteau, Montana, at the age of 45 in 1951.

## Content Description

The collection contains materials for the works *Montana: High Wide and Handsome* (including final publishers typescript and galley proofs), *Montana Margins: A State Anthology* (publishers typescript), *What Happened in Butte* (publishers typescript), and *Crops by Campbell* (publishers typescript). It includes the publishers typescript of *Montana Twins in Trouble*, which appeared in *Harper's Magazine* in September 1944, a critical analysis of the interrelationships between the Montana Power Company and the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. There is also a copy of a statement Howard made before the subcommittee of the Senate Irrigation and Reclamation Committee on September 22, 1945. In addition, there are materials related to *Montana: High, Wide and Handsome* that were apparently used in an exhibit at The University of Montana (then Montana State University) before 1965.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series:

Series I: Manuscripts and Galley Proofs, 1943-1945

Series II: *Montana: High Wide and Handsome* Exhibit Materials, 1937-1944

### Custodial History

Howard offered the publishers typescript of *Montana Twins in Trouble* to Kathleen Campbell, librarian at Montana State University, in 1946. Much of the material in the collection appears to have been part of an exhibit, probably done by Campbell, at Montana State University before 1965. The provenance of the remainder of the collection is unknown.

### Acquisition Information

Gift, in part, of Joseph Kinsey Howard, 1946.

## Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 1997, the collection was re-described.

## Related Materials

The Montana Historical Society holds a collection of Howard materials.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Series I: Manuscripts and Galley Proofs , 1943-1945

This series consists of the publishers typescripts of *Montana: High, Wide, and Handsome*, *Montana Margins*, *What Happened in Butte*, and *Crops by Campbell*. There are also the galley proofs for *Montana: High, Wide, and Handsome*. All contain significant editorial and proofreader's marks in a number of hands.

Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	<i>Crops by Campbell</i>	undated
1/2	<i>Montana Margins</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 1-150	undated
1/3	<i>Montana Margins</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 151-301	undated
1/4	<i>Montana Margins</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 302-450	undated
1/5	<i>Montana Margins</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 451-601	undated
1/6	<i>Montana Margins</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 602-end	undated
1/7	<i>Montana Twins in Trouble</i>	undated
1/8	Statement before Senate Committee on Irrigation	1945
1/9	<i>What Happened in Butte</i>	undated

## Series II: *Montana: High Wide and Handsome* Exhibit Materials , 1937-1944

This series consists of materials and titles used in an exhibit at Montana State University before 1965. It includes the 1937 Howard article that inspired the book, his original outlines and synopses for the book,

and several pages of drafts and corrections. Exhibit titles are mixed with the Howard manuscripts and are arranged in the order in which they appeared in the exhibit.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/10	Exhibit title signs	undated
1/11	J. K. Howard, "Shutdown on the Hill." <i>Survey Graphic</i>	October 1937.
2/1	Outline for book	ca. 1935-1936
2/2	Carbon of synopsis for book	ca. 1939
2/3	Research notes	undated
2/4	Postcard, Evan W. Hall	1943
2/5	Permission to quote and check, Macmillan Company	1943
2/6	Page from rough draft	undated
2/7	Draft of p. 126	undated
2/8	Corrections	1944
2/9	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 1-100	1943
2/10	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , publishers typescript pp. 101-225	1943
2/11	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , publishers typescript, pp. 226-350	1943
2/12	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , publishers typescript, 351 - end	1943
2/13	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , galley proofs	1943
2/14	<i>Montana: High, Wide and Handsome</i> , galley proofs	1943

## Names and Subjects

**Corporate Names :**

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation

**Geographical Names :**

Montana

**Occupations :**

Authors, American--Montana--Great Falls

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