

# Lewis and Clark National Forest Passport in Time oral history project, 1997

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Lewis and Clark National Forest (Mont.)
<b>Title</b>	Lewis and Clark National Forest Passport in Time oral history project
<b>Dates</b>	1997 (inclusive) 1997 1997
<b>Quantity</b>	15 interviews
<b>Collection Number</b>	OH 365
<b>Summary</b>	The Passport in Time interviews were part of a heritage research project of the region done by United States Forest Service employees and regional volunteers. The fifteen interviewees, recorded for the Lewis and Clark National Forest Passport in Time Oral History Project by staff and volunteers in 1997, describe growing up on Montana ranches, sheep ranching, grazing in national forests the Crazy Mountains, and other areas and towns in or near the National Forest from about 1930 to 1950.
<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.

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## Historical Note

The Lewis and Clark National Forest was named for the leaders of the 1804 Corps of Discovery, Captain Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. It is located east of Helena, Montana and southeast of Great Falls, Montana. The Crazy Mountains are at the southern end. On a map this National Forest appears to be a large island with several smaller islands nearby. Those "islands" are actually mountain ranges.

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## Use of the Collection

### Alternative Forms Available

The Lewis and Clark National Forest Ranger's Office holds a copy of the audio cassettes and transcripts.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Created and held by the Lewis and Clark National Forest office before donation.

### Acquisition Information

Donated to Archives & Special Collections, 1998

### Processing Note

Staff and volunteers at the Lewis and Clark National Forest recorded and transcribed these interviews.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

Description	Dates
OH 365-001: Interview with Roy Brewington Sound Recording, audio cassette Transcript, 23 leaves Roy Brewington recalls his family history in various Montana towns including Swimming Woman and Judith Gap, dealings with Indians, shared telephone lines, going to dances, and logging in isolated areas during the 1930s. He gives	11 September 1997

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descriptions of various trails before they were roads such as the Buffalo Trail that mostly became Highway 191.	
<p>OH 365-002: Interview with Wayne Carpenter  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 25 leaves  Carpenter recalls his step-father's (Jess Sterling) involvement in making moonshine during Prohibition, horse rustling, and various cattle operations. He provides an account of the execution of Lee Simpson, the last public hanging in Montana.</p>	11 September 1997
<p>OH 365-003: Interview with Emmet Tieg and Elsie Tieg  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 14 leaves  The Tiegs recall how they came to be working the home ranch, grazing on Forest Service land with a permit, care and use of the trails on that land, and logging. They describe encounters with hobos, fighting fires, sparse wildlife in the Crazy Mountains, and shepherding in central Montana.</p>	9 September 1997
<p>OH 36-005: Interview with Joe Morse and Diane Morse  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 22 leaves  The Morses discuss their family's history of running sheep and cattle in the Lewis and Clark National Forest around Two Dot, Montana. They describe their relationship with the Forest Service, based on the need for grazing permits. They mention other families in the region, including the Magers, Martins, Cosgriffes, Brannins, Wards, Arthurs, Muirs, Cass, Sedgewicks, and Glens. They explain the Elk Horn Ranch history, the Elk Lake area of Yellowstone National Park, specifically the Elk Lake area, the Crazy Mountains and Musselshell River areas, and Bozeman, Montana.</p>	10 September 1997
<p>OH 365-006: Interview with Lew Miller  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 11 leaves  Lew Miller describes his early childhood, including his move from Kansas to Montana with his family. He discusses the Snowy Mountains including his first job herding sheep in the "Big Snowies." He mentions Careless Creek and Swimming Woman Creek, hunting, forest fire fighting, and moonshining in the area. Miller describes an incident with summer tourists and speculates on the scattered history of mining in the area.</p>	11 September 1997
<p>OH 365-007: Interview with Byron Berg and Laretta Berg  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 32 leaves  Byron describes his father growing up in Castle, Montana, and attending school in Ringling, Montana. Laretta recalls her history with Martinsdale, Montana, and her family's logging background in Washington state. Byron discusses the jail in Martinsdale, coal camps and mining in the mountains, and prospectors</p>	11 September 1997

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<p>during and after the Depression era, particularly Bill LaClair. The Bergs offer anecdotes on the changing wildlife population in the area, both prey and predators, particularly ungulates, mountain lion and wolves.</p>	
<p>OH 365-008: Interview with Dennis Tanberg            Sound Recording, audio cassette            Transcript, 26 leaves            Dennis Tanberg of Harlowtown, Montana, describes the geography of the Crazy Mountains, particularly the Loco Peak area. He describes some practical details of mountain sheepherding, such as food caching and trail traversing. He discusses Forest Service grazing allotments, the Billings remount station, and other ranchers.</p>	<p>12 September            1997</p>
<p>OH 365-009: Interview with Glenn Lillegard            Sound Recording, audio cassette            Transcript, 36 leaves            Glenn Lillegard recalls his childhood and early career in carpentry, horseherding and sheepherding. He discusses his family's ranch, their daily routine and business of running a ranch. He describes the effects of forest fires on the ranching practices and run-ins with rangers over out-of-season hunting. He gives his opinion on modern Forest Service policies, and recalls the relationship of the Hutterite community with other area residents.</p>	<p>16 September            1997</p>
<p>OH 365-010: Interview with Ruth Hardenbrook            Sound Recording, audio cassette            Transcript, 28 leaves            Ruth Hardenbrook provides stories from her childhood, including those of her parent's involvement with JB Long Company at Long Ranch, Montana. She discusses packstrings, moonshining, the Blue Dick mine and mining in general in the mountains. She mentions specific Forest Rangers, describes WPA and CCC projects in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and offers memories of fire lookouts.</p>	<p>16 September            1997</p>
<p>OH 365-011: Interview with George Cameron            Sound Recording, audio cassette            Transcript, 24 leaves            George Cameron describes his childhood, sheepherding, mines and fire lookouts in the Crazy Mountains in Montana. Cameron details his school years, his career with the Forest Service, and the introduction of the telephone to the area. He explains his relationship with traveling laborers who came to his ranch, especially after WWII. He discusses the CCC, particularly the workers' camps and their work and living routines. Cameron describes some specific ranger stations around Montana, as well as the individuals who manned them. He mentions Fort Howe.</p>	<p>17 September            1997</p>
<p>OH 365-013: Interview with Ernie Jellison            Sound Recording, audio cassette            Transcript, 26 leaves</p>	<p>17 September            1997</p>

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<p>Ernie Jellison describes the construction and layout of his family's cabin, homesteads and other buildings in Two Dot and Harlowton, Montana. He recalls sheepherding and ranch work as well as his father and grandfather's sawmill and ranching activities.</p>	
<p>OH 365-014: Interview with Jim McDonald and Jackie McDonald  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 21 leaves  Jim McDonald begins with his grandparents' move to Montana and his father's ranch work. The McDonalds explain their relationship with the Forest Service as it pertains to Block Management for allowing the public to hunt elk on their ranchland and rotation grazing. The McDonalds offer childhood memories and detail some of the livestock problems with the wolves' return, as well as conflicts with other predators.</p>	18 September 1997
<p>OH 365-015: Interview with Grant Canoy and Herb Sherburne  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 34 leaves  Canoy discusses mining in the Little Belt Mountains of Montana, specifically the Yogo Peak district. He recalls old prospectors including Paul Vdovic. He describes homesteading, farming and sheepherding in the area, including Basque sheepherders. He returns to mining in discussing false mining rush at Alton about 1892, near Glacier National Park, and the consequences of that rush on the Blackfeet nation. Grant and Sherburne discuss assessment work, "gold witching," claim jumping, and sniping.</p>	19 September 1997
<p>OH 365-016: Interview with Irwin Allen  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 31 leaves  Allen describes working with the Forest Service for his grazing allotments. He discusses his sheepherding days, and briefly, mining. Allen moves on to his schoolboy days, and his intermittent summer employment and firefighting with the Forest Service. He relates his experiences with individual rangers, such as John Inman and David Lake.</p>	11 September 1997
<p>OH 365-017: Interview with Ruth Cameron and Ray Blaquiére  Sound Recording, audio cassette  Transcript, 29 leaves  Ruth Cameron recounts her childhood in Harlowtown, Montana, and her experience with the Forest Service through her husband's career. She discusses their residences at several Forest Service ranger stations. She details her married activities, such as cooking and hiring transient help for her family's ranch. Cameron recounts some local history of the railroad, and finishes with commentary on the relationship between the Forest Service and the community.</p>	12 September 1997

# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

Animals--Montana  
Distilling, Illicit--Montana  
Education--Montana  
Fire extinction--Montana  
Fire lookouts--Montana  
Forest fires--Montana  
Frontier and pioneer life. Montana  
Hunting--Montana  
Land use--Montana  
Logging  
Men--Montana--Interviews  
Mineral industries--Montana  
Mines and mineral resources--Montana  
Ranching--Montana  
Shepherding--Montana  
Women--Montana--Interviews.

## **Personal Names :**

Allen, Irwin, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Berg, Byron, 1935- , interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Berg, Lauretta, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Blaquiere, Ray, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Brewington, Roy, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Cameron, George, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Cameron, Ruth, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Canoy, Grant, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Carpenter, Wayne, 1922- , interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Hardenbrook, Ruth Hazel, 1922-2010, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Jellison, Ernie, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Lillegard, Glenn, 1917- , interviewee  
(interviewee)  
McDonald, Jackie, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
McDonald, Jim, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Miller, Lew, interviewee

(interviewee)  
Morse, Diane, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Morse, Joe, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Sherburne, Herb, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Tanberg, Dennis, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Tieg, Elsie, interviewee  
(interviewee)  
Tieg, Emmet, interviewee  
(interviewee)

**Corporate Names :**

JB Long Company  
Blue Dick Mine  
Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)--Montana--History

**Geographical Names :**

Castle Town (Mont.)--History  
Crazy Mountains (Mont.)--Geography  
Fergus County (Mont.)  
Harlowton (Mont.)--History  
Long Ranch (Mont.)--History  
Martinsdale (Mont.)--History  
Montana--History  
Ringling (Mont.)--History  
Stanford (Mont.)--History  
Twodot (Mont.)--History

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Interviews--Montana  
Oral histories--Montana  
Sound recording

**Other Creators :**

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