

Frank L. Worden Papers, 1903-1925

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Worden, Frank L., 1875-1927
Title	Frank L. Worden Papers
Dates	1903-1925 (inclusive) 1903 1925
Quantity	0.5 linear feet, (1 box)
Collection Number	Mss 382
Summary	Frank L. Worden was a Missoula, Montana, businessman. The collection consists of financial records from two of Frank Worden's businesses: his general merchandise store at Ravalli, Montana, and the Bus State Depot in Missoula, Montana. There are also financial records from a livery stable that operated in Ravalli and Kalispell, Montana.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections 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 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	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.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Frank L. Worden, the fifth child of Francis and Lucretia Worden, was born in Missoula in 1875 and attended Missoula schools. He graduated from the Shattuck Military Academy in Fairbault, Minnesota, and worked for a time in Washington, DC, before returning to Missoula. He started a store at Frenchtown, Montana, which he sold out, then started a general merchandise store at Ravalli, Montana, which he operated for ten years. He farmed in Saunders County until 1924, when ill health sent him back to Missoula. He was the state deputy humane officer under Governor Joseph Dixon until 1925, and operated the Bus State Depot in Missoula in 1925. He died in 1927.

Content Description

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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 three series:

Series I: Ravalli store, 2 volumes and 1 folder, 1906-1918

Series II: Bus State Depot, 2 volumes, 1925

Series III: John Weightman Stable and Stage, 3 volumes, 1903-1915

Custodial History

The materials were in the possession of the Worden family until donation to the archives.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Jane Worden Muchmore McAlear, 1987.

Processing Note

The collection was originally processed as LC 211. In 2004, the collection was reprocessed and numbered Mss 382.

Separated Materials

One ledger from Worden and Company, Francis L. Worden's business, was moved to collection Mss 021.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Ravalli store, 1906-1918

2 volumes and 1 folder

This series consists of financial records from Worden's general merchandise store in Ravalli, Montana. The store sold groceries, dry goods, and boots and shoes. The general journal details transactions with the store's suppliers, and the sales record contains names and purchases of individual customers.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Folder		
1	Receipt book (blank)	undated
Volume		
1	General journal	1906-1918
2	Sales record Pages 150-151 only	1917-1918

Series II: Bus State Depot, 1925

2 volumes

This series consists of financial records from the Bus State Depot, which Worden operated in Missoula, Montana, in 1925. The first ledger, which also contains materials in Series II, contains lists of magazines purchased for the depot from a broker in Spokane, Washington. The second volume is a check register for the depot from Missoula Trust and Savings Bank, which documents individual purchases.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
2	Magazines bought for bus depot	1925
3	Checkbook	1925

Series III: John Weightman Stable and Stage, 1903-1915

3 folders

This series consists of financial materials from the John Weightman Stable and Stage, a livery business in Kalispell and Ravalli, Montana. The business does not appear in city directories after 1917. Connection, if any, with Worden is unknown. The ledgers from the Kalispell stable document the livery orders of area residents, including prominent families like the Conrads.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
5	Inventory, cash receipts, ledger and bills payable, Ravalli stable	1908
6	Ledger, Kalispell stable	1903-1906
7	Ledger, Kalispell stable	1915-1915

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Bus terminals--Montana--Missoula
General stores--Montana--Ravalli
Stables--Montana--Kalispell
Stables--Montana--Ravalli

Form or Genre Terms :

Business records--Montana--Kalispell
Business records--Montana--Missoula
Business records--Montana--Ravalli

Occupations :

Businessmen--Montana--Missoula
Businessmen--Montana--Ravalli

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Bus State Depot (Missoula, Mont.)
John Weightman Stable and Stage

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