

Herbert M. Peet Research Collection, 1833-1958

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Peet, Herbert M. (Herbert Marlin), 1892-1959
Title	Herbert M. Peet Research Collection
Dates	1833-1958 (inclusive) 1833 1958
Quantity	8 linear feet of shelf space
Collection Number	MC 89 (collection)
Summary	Herbert Peet (1892-1959) was a Great Falls, Montana, newspaperman and amateur historian. Collection consists of research notes on Montana history copied from various sources; clippings; history articles; and Peet's writings, including a manuscript on Governor Samuel T. Hauser and a day-to-day chronicle of Hauser's career.
Repository	Montana Historical Society, Research Center Archives Montana Historical Society Research Center Archives 225 North Roberts PO Box 201201 Helena MT 59620-1201 Telephone: 406-444-2681 Fax: 406-444-5297 mhslibrary@mt.gov
Access Restrictions	Collection open for research.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Herbert M. Peet was born April 22, 1892, in Wellsville, New York. He came to Montana in 1916, as editor of the Equity News in Great Falls. During World War I he served in the U.S. Army, and upon his discharge purchased the Harlowton Press, which he published for several years before returning to Great Falls to join the editorial staff of the Great Falls Tribune. In March 1931, Peet resigned at the Tribune to become co-publisher of the Everett Morning News in Everett, Washington. While he lived in Washington, Herbert Peet served as the state's rural relief director and assistant regional director for the Farm Security Administration headquartered in Portland, Oregon. During World War II he again returned to the Great Falls Tribune to supervise the state news and special features. Leaving the Tribune a few years later, he worked for the federal government, and finally completed his newspaper career in Seattle, retiring in 1953. Peet died in Vancouver, British Columbia, on December 15, 1959. As an amateur historian Peet had intended to publish a book on Montana's territorial period and spent many years researching his subject. However, business conflicts and the lack of publishing house encouragement prevented the book's completion. The most thorough research was the work Peet did

on the life of Helena banker and governor, Samuel T. Hauser. Herbert Peet published some of his work in historical quarterlies, as well as in the Tribune's Sunday tabloid section.

Content Description

This collection consists primarily of research notes on Montana history copied from a wide variety of published materials. The majority of these notes are contained in looseleaf notebooks #1-35. Also included in collection are newspaper clippings, history articles, and research data and writings. In addition to the numbered notebooks, Peet also maintained other notebooks containing biographies, chronologies of events, and miscellaneous topics. The best organized material is the Samuel T. Hauser research subgroup, which includes Peet's unpublished manuscript and meticulous notes on every facet of Hauser's life.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged by subgroup and series

Location of Collection

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Acquisition Information

Acquisition information available upon request

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection

Research Files

Container(s)	Description	Dates
General Correspondence		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1 / 1	Philip R. Barbour	1940-1941
1 / 2	Llewellan L. Callaway	1937-1939
1 / 3	Ann McDonnell, Montana Historical Society Library	1936-1948, 1955-1956
1 / 4	K. Ross Toole (re William A. Clark / Marcus Daly feud)	1948-1949
1 / 5	Miscellaneous (re Samuel T. Hauser genealogy)	1952, 1955-1957
1 / 6	Miscellaneous	1937-1956
Research Notes		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1 / 7	Notebook 1: Charles A. Broadwater	undated
2 / 1	Notebook 2: Charles A. Broadwater	undated
2 / 2-3	Notebook 3-4: William Andrews Clark	undated
2 / 4-5	Notebook 5-6: Marcus Daly	undated
2 / 6	Notebook 7: Samuel T. Hauser	undated
2 / 7	Notebook 8: Martin Maginnis	undated
3 / 1	Notebook 9: Joseph K. Toole	undated
3 / 2	Notebook 10: Paris Gibson; James J. Hill	undated
3 / 3	Notebook 11: E.L. Bonner; A.B. Hammond; Montana Improvement Company; timber cutting	undated
3 / 4	Notebook 12: B.P. Carpenter; John S. Crosby; Lee Mantle; Granville Stuart	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3 / 5	Notebook 13: Thomas H. Carter; Thomas C. Power	undated
3 / 6	Notebook 14: James B. Haggin; George B. Hearst; French copper	undated
3 / 7	Notebook 15: Benjamin Harrison; Russell B. Harrison	undated
3 / 8	Notebook 16: John X. Beidler; Indian problems; Indian reservations	undated
4 / 1	Notebook 17: irrigation; ballot reform	undated
4 / 2	Notebook 18: mineral lands; public lands	undated
4 / 3-4	Notebook 19-20: railroads	undated
4 / 5	Notebook 21: cattle	undated
4 / 6	Notebook 22: Anaconda; Butte; Fort Benton; Great Falls; Helena; Neihart	undated
5 / 1	Notebook 23: frontier; Montana early history; pioneers	undated
5 / 2	Notebook 24: Missouri; Harkness diary; Yellowstone Expedition	undated
5 / 3	Notebook 25: constitutions; organized government	undated
5 / 4-5	Notebook 26-27: Montana's fight for statehood; constitutional conventions	undated
5 / 6	Notebook 28: politics; campaign of 1888	undated
5 / 7	Notebook 29: campaign of 1889; precinct 34; senatorial fight; first State Legislature	undated
5 / 8	Notebook 30: mining	undated
6 / 1	Notebook 31: mining (governmental and private reports)	1865-1870
6 / 2	Notebook 32: mining (Engineering and Mining Journal)	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6 / 3	Notebook 33: miscellaneous (includes Carrie Adell Strahorn; bison; labor; Salvation Army; weather; Deer Lodge; Virginia City; Yellowstone Park)	undated
6 / 4	Notebook 34: biography, A-N (primarily national figures, but includes Henry N. Blake, Bishop John B. Brondel, H.W. Child, Walter B. Dance, Walter W. De Lacy, Sidney Edgerton, Robert Fisher, Fisk Brothers, P.H. Kelly, Conrad Kohrs, Edgar G. Maclay, Robert L. McCulloh, Isaac D. McCutcheon, Samuel McLean, Thomas Francis Meagher)	undated
6 / 5	Notebook 35: biography, O-Z (primarily national figures, but includes William Y. Pemberton, George M. Pinney, Benjamin F. Potts, John H. Rogers, Charles M. Russell, Albert J. Seligman, W.A.J. Sparks, Charles S. Warren, B.F. White, A.H. Wilder, Samuel Word)	undated
6 / 6	Notebooks 1-35 index	undated
6 / 7	Unnumbered notebook: development of Montana copper industry	undated
7 / 1	Unnumbered notebook: hurdy gurdy houses; President Chester Allen Arthur in Yellowstone Park, 1883; quorum issue; Will Kennedy	undated
7 / 2	Unnumbered notebook: A.K. McClure; Edward B. Nealley; James M. Cavanaugh; John Schuyler Crosby libel sue	undated
7 / 3-5	Unnumbered notebooks: chronology ("general")	1860-1890
7 / 6	Unnumbered notebook: chronology (some entries duplicate other three books)	1861-1889
7 / 7	Notebook A: (includes Anaconda; Great Falls; Glasgow; mining) [indexed]	undated
7 / 8	Notebook B: (includes Great Falls; Missoula; William A. Clark; Marcus Daly) [indexed]	undated
8 / 1	Notebook D: (includes [indexed])	undated
8 / 2	Notebook F: (includes [indexed])	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 / 3	Notebook H: (includes [indexed])	undated
8 / 4	Notebook I: (includes [indexed])	undated
8 / 5-7	Envelopes 1-3: "Montana Miscellany" (clippings)	1936-1951
8 / 8	Envelope 4: "Central Montana"	1936-1937
8 / 9	Envelope 5: "Western Montana"	1936-1951
8 / 10	Envelope 6: "Railroads; Trails and Mountain Passes; Montana Scenes"	1937-1948
8 / 11	Envelope 7: "Montana Miscellany"	1936-1940
8 / 12	Envelope 8: "Fort Benton; Navigation on Missouri; Old Benton Trail to Canada; Northern Montana Towns"	1936-1942
8 / 13	Envelope 9: "Indians; Sitting Bull"	1936-1950
8 / 14	Envelope 10: "Indians; J. Willard Schultz' Articles"	1936-1937
8 / 15	Envelope 12: "John X. Beidler"	undated
8 / 16	Envelope 13: "Isaac D. McCutcheon"	undated
8 / 17	Envelope 15: "Robert N. Sutherlin"	1957
9 / 1	Agriculture	undated
9 / 2	Alder Gulch	undated
9 / 3	Bannack	undated
9 / 4	William A. Bole (interviews)	undated
9 / 5	Charles A. Broadwater	undated
9 / 6	Butte	undated
9 / 7	Capital question	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9 / 8	Chinese	undated
9 / 9	William A. Clark	undated
9 / 10	Constitutional Convention of 1884	undated
9 / 11	Constitutional Convention of 1889	undated
9 / 12-14	Constitutional Convention of 1889: delegate biographies	undated
9 / 15	Copper mining in Butte	undated
9 / 16	Counties: Beaverhead - Custer	undated
10 / 1	Counties: Dawson - Yellowstone	undated
10 / 2	Deer Lodge Valley	undated
10 / 3	Helena: Last Chance Gulch	undated
10 / 4	Allen Hosmer	undated
10 / 5	Thomas Francis Meagher	undated
10 / 6	Mines and mining camps	undated
10 / 7	Missourians	undated
10 / 8	Other arrivals to Montana	undated
10 / 9	Pioneers	undated
10 / 10	Political campaigns	undated
10 / 11	Thomas C. Power	undated
10 / 12	Railroads	undated
10 / 13	Mary C. Ronan	undated
10 / 14	Wilbur Fisk Sanders	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10 / 15	Territorial data	undated
10 / 16	"Highlights of Montana's Territorial Period, 1862-1889"	undated
10 / 17	Territorial political unity	undated
10 / 18	Woman suffrage debate	undated
10 / 19	Miscellaneous	undated
11 /	Note cards: A-D	undated
12 /	Note cards: D-H	undated
13 /	Note cards: H-I	undated
14 /	Note cards: M	undated
15 /	Note cards: P-W; biographies: B-T	undated
16 /	Note cards: A-Y	undated
17 / 1	Index to notebooks A-I, envelopes 1-10, and card boxes A-W	undated

Writings

Box/Folder

17 / 2	Articles published in the Great Falls Tribune	1955-1958
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Samuel T. Hauser Research Files

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Research Notes		
<p>Box/Folder</p>		
17 / 3	Biography outline	undated
17 / 4-5	Biography drafts	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
17 / 6	Kentucky years	undated
17 / 7	Missouri years	undated
17 / 8	Missouri River steamboat trip	undated
17 / 9	Journey to the Bitterroots and return	undated
17 / 10	Gold Creek and Bannack	undated
17 / 11	Yellowstone Expedition of 1863	undated
18 / 1	In Alder and Bivin's Gulches	undated
18 / 2	Creating Montana Territory	undated
18 / 3-4	Promotion in the East	undated
18 / 5	Bank and mine development	undated
18 / 6	Yellowstone Expedition of 1870	undated
18 / 7	Miscellaneous	undated
18 / 8	Railroads	undated
18 / 9	Miscellaneous	undated
18 / 10-11	Chronology: 1864-1872	undated
19 / 1-8	Chronology: 1873-1885	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Cattle raising--Montana [Central]
 Constitutional conventions--Montana
 Copper mines and mining--Montana
 Elections--Corrupt practices--Montana
 History--Research
 Railroads--Montana

Geographical Names :

Butte (Mont.)
Helena (Mont.)--Biography
Montana-- History

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