Walter E. Meacham Papers, circa 1925-1945

Overview of the Collection

Creator          Meacham, Walter E., 1879-1951
Title            Walter E. Meacham Papers
Dates            circa 1925-1945 (inclusive)
1925
1945
Quantity         .45 cubic feet (1 document case)
Collection Number Mss 2479
Summary          Typescripts for books and articles by Oregon historian and preservationist Walter Meacham, including typescripts of "Wagon wheels," "Stories of pioneer women," and "He walked with Lincoln."
Repository       Oregon Historical Society Research Library
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Access Restrictions The collection is open to the public.
Languages        English
Sponsor          Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Walter Meacham was a descendant of Oregon pioneers who wrote on subjects relating to overland journeys. He was the long-time leader of the Old Oregon Trail Association.

Content Description

The collection consists of typescripts of drafts of "Wagon wheels," "Stories of pioneer women," "Stories of pioneer men," and "He walked with Lincoln" (the story of Colonel Edward Dickinson Baker). Also included are typescripts of Meacham's poetry; sheet music for Isa Botton's song Oregon: the land our fathers won (1938) for which Meacham wrote the words; and copies of newspaper clippings containing Meacham's writings on the Lewis and Clark expedition, 1945.

Use of the Collection

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Administrative Information**

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in one series.

**Acquisition Information**

A portion of the collection was a gift of Mrs. Walter E. Jensen, 1977 December, Library Accession 14328.

**Detailed Description of the Collection**

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**Names and Subjects**

**Subject Terms**:
Overland journeys to the Pacific.
Women pioneers--United States.

**Personal Names**:
Baker, Edward Dickenson, 1811-1861.
Botten, Isa.
Lincoln, Abraham.
Meacham, Walter E., 1879-1951.
(creator)

**Geographical Names**:
Oregon National Historic Trail.
Oregon--History--To 1859.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

**Form or Genre Terms**:
Manuscripts for publication.
Poetry.
Sheet music.

**Titles within the Collection:**
Oregon: the land our fathers won.

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