

# Thompson Coit Elliott Papers, 1903-1937

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Elliott, T. C. (Thompson Coit), 1862-1943
<b>Title</b>	Thompson Coit Elliott Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1903-1937 (inclusive) 1903 1937
<b>Quantity</b>	2.5 cubic feet (5 document cases)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss231
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of historian Thompson Coit Elliott who came west to Walla Walla, Washington in 1886. Includes correspondence, notes, copies of historical documents, speeches, published articles, and publication manuscripts on subjects relating to early exploration and trade in Inland Empire of the Pacific Northwest and the Oregon coast.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Oregon Historical Society Research Library</a> 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 <a href="mailto:libreference@ohs.org">libreference@ohs.org</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The collection is open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
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## Historical Note

Thompson Coit Elliott resided in Walla Walla, Washington, from 1886 until his death in 1943 at the age of 80. Born in Newington, Connecticut and educated at Amherst College in Massachusetts, Elliott traveled west and made his living as an investment banker. He married Anna A. Baker in Walla Walla in 1890.

T. C. Elliott's passion for history is revealed by an outpouring of historical publications, mostly in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* and the *Washington Historical Quarterly*, and in his years of service on the board of directors of both the Oregon Historical Society and the Washington State Historical Society. Elliott was also an active member in the American Historical Association. He received honorary degrees from the University of Oregon and Amherst College, and an honorary membership from the British Columbia Historical Society. Elliot was also elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

T. C. Elliott wrote widely on subjects relating to Pacific Northwest history. Much of his work focused on the early fur trade and explorations of the Inland Empire, with later work devoted to early contact along the Oregon coast. Although he principally wrote for historical publications, he did for a time pen a column in the *Oregonian* under the pseudonym C. T. Johnson. Elliott gave numerous public addresses

and participated enthusiastically in community events celebrating local history. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, and a supporter of the Walla Walla public library and Whitman College.

## Content Description

This collection includes correspondence between T. C. Elliott and members of the historical profession, as well as other individuals with knowledge of historical events in his area of interest. Also included are Elliott's notes and copies of historical documents used in his research. Other correspondence relates to Elliott's book purchases for his extensive library, and to his involvement in history organizations and activities. A number of speeches, publication manuscripts, and published articles are also found in the historical subject files.

## Use of the Collection

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series A: Historical Subject Files, 1765-1936 and undated
- Series B: Correspondence, 1908-1937
- Series C: Ephemera, 1909, 1921, and undated

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Thompson Coit Elliott, 1947. Library Accessions 229-319

### Processing Note

Subject files are largely those recorded in the accessions record and assumed to be those created by Mr. Elliott, although a few new subject files have been added. Where appropriate, correspondence and materials previously filed as "miscellaneous" was redistributed to subject files.

### Bibliography

"Biography- Elliott, T. C.," Vertical File, Oregon Historical Society Research Library, Portland. Howay, F. W., "Thomson Coit Elliott, 1862-1943: A Tribute," *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 44: 228-31. Powers, Alfred. *History of Oregon Literature*. Portland, OR: Metropolitan Press, 1935, pp. 550-52.

## Related Materials

Davies, Barbara Coit Elliott . Interview by Charles Digregorio of Mrs. David Lloyd Davies. Portland, OR, 18 June 1976. SR 9372, Oregon Historical Society Research Library, Portland.

Elliott, T. C. *Historical Papers and Addresses*. Walla Walla, WA: T. C. Elliott, 1933.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series A: Historical Subject Files., 1765-1936 and undated

90 folders

Historical research, copies of documents, and writings, and related correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject. Subject-related correspondence within each folder is arranged chronologically.

List of Correspondents in Historical Subject Files:

Amory, Copley  
Austin, John T.  
Bagley, C. B.  
Ballou, Howard M.  
Barrett, C. A.  
Barry, J. Neilson  
Baxter, P. L.  
Benoist, Theo.  
Benton, John H.  
Bridge, William D.  
Brosnan, Cornelius J.  
Brown, William C.  
Budd, Ralph  
Burgunder, Benjamin  
Burpee, Lawrence J.  
Campbell, John V.  
Cannon, Miles  
Coates, Grace Stone  
Coburn, C. P.  
Coyne, James H.  
Derr, A. R.  
Douglas, Walter B.  
Draper, Sarah Ogden  
Drumm, Stella M.  
Dye, Eva Emery  
Edwards, Charles A.  
Eels, Edwin  
Emmons, G. T.  
Ermatinger, C. O.

Fisher, S. G.  
Fry, M. M.  
Hall, R. H.  
Hamilton, Gavin  
Harrison, J. Scott  
Hewen, H. W. B.  
Himes, George H.  
Hodder, Frank Heywood  
Holman, Frederick V.  
Howay, Frederic William  
Howell, J. A.  
Huston, S. B.  
Ivy, M. M.  
Jameson, J. Franklin  
Laut, Agnes C.  
Leeper, Robert D.  
Lengby, J. A.  
Lewis, William S.  
Lindenborn, W. E.  
Loomis, L. E.  
Macdonald, Duncan  
MacFarland, R.  
McIntyre, Annie E.  
Marshall, W. J.  
Martin, Archer  
Meany, Edmund S.  
Meyers, Jacob A.  
Minthorne, Richard  
Morice, A. G.  
Nichols, M. Leona  
Norman, Ben  
Ogden, Gerturde G.  
Ogden, Morris Meredith  
Parker, Will D.  
Parry, J. F.  
Partoll, Albert J.  
Pipes, Nellie B.  
Prosch, Thomas W.  
Pullman, John W.  
Redway, Jacques W.  
Reeder, George K.  
Rogers, Mary Cochrane  
Ryman, James H. T.  
Scholefield, E. O. S.  
Shaw, Albert  
Shaw, Frederick J.  
Shippee, S. B.  
Shoemaker, A. H.  
Siders, Walter R.  
Smith, E. D.  
Smith, Luther Ely

Stenger, Eeliza  
 Strong, James Clark  
 Thompson, Francis A.  
 Tiedt, W. J.  
 Tombo, Rudolph, Jr.  
 Tyler, Lyon G.  
 Tyrell, J. B.  
 Van Alstyene, Lawrence  
 Watson, Robert  
 Whealdon, Isaac H.  
 Whiting, J. S.  
 Winchester, Benjamin S.  
 Young, Frederick G.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/1	Barlow Road	1913
1/2	Bourbon Handscript memo on the name Bourbon and the Fort, Lake, and River "Bourbon."	undated
1/3	Columbia River Typed notes on the discovery and mapping of the Columbia River.	undated
1/4	Craig, William Documents and correspondence regarding William Craig and his land claim. (See also Ward Massacre file.)	1855; 1874; 1908; and 1918
1/5	Crooks, Ramsey Notes on Ramsey Crooks' Letterbook. Crooks led the reorganized American Fur Company.	undated
1/6	Day, John Notes and correspondence concerning the estate of John Day, hunter for the Pacific Fur Company and American Fur Company.	1914-1917 and undated
1/7	Douglas, Sir James and Alice Douglas Excerpt from the life of Sir James Douglas, Hudson's Bay Company Chief Factor and Governor of Vancouver Island and the Crown Colony of British Columbia. Correspondence re: regarding his daughter Alice Douglas's elopement. Poem, "Chief Douglass Daughter" with letters regarding concerning its authorship. Excerpt from the life of Sir James Douglas.	1909 and undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/8	Duniway, Abigail Scott Early writings of Oregon pioneer, publisher, and suffragette Abigail Scott Duniway. <i>Journal of Crossing the Plains in 1852 of the family of John Tucker Scott</i> (4 pages typescript). <i>Journal of a Trip to Oregon, 1852</i> (102 pages typescript), written from notes taken on the journey (microfilmed as MSS 242).	1852; 1956; and undated
1/9	Emmons, George F. Letters from G. T. Emmons to T. C. Elliott regarding George F. Emmons, a member of the U. S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842. George Emmons sailed aboard the <i>Peacock</i> , from which he surveyed and described Pacific harbors visited by the expedition.	1925-1926
1/10	Ermatinger, Edward and Francis Copies of documents, notes, and research correspondence regarding Edward and Francis Ermatinger of the Hudson's Bay Company Columbia District. Includes copies of Edward Ermatinger's correspondence, primarily from John McLoughlin, John Work, and Archibald McDonald. Correspondence related to the Ermatinger papers in the hands of the County of Elgin.	1828-1859; 1912-1935 and undated
1/11	Farnam, Russel Manuscript excerpt regarding fur trader Russel Farnam.	undated
1/12	Flathead Indians Correspondence regarding the Flathead Indian delegation to St. Louis, Missouri, ca. 1831, and the Flathead Medicine Tree.	1908-1914
1/13	Fort Hall Notes, documents, and correspondence related to the original site of Fort Hall.	1910-1918 and undated
1/14	Fort Walla Walla Essay, poem, and correspondence regarding Hudson's Bay Company post Fort Walla Walla from J. S. Whiting of Seattle.	1933-1934
1/15	Fraser, Simon Notes, document, and correspondence regarding fur trade explorer Simon Fraser, his journal, and his descent of the Fraser River.	1808; 1924; and undated
1/16	Fur Trade Correspondence, notes, and copies of documents regarding the fur trade in the Pacific Northwest. Pamphlet, "The Fur Trade in the Columbia River Basin Prior to 1811," address by	1871; 1912; and 1915

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	T. C. Elliott, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Seattle, May 21, 1914.	
1/17	Grant, Richard Documents (typescript copies), research notes, and correspondence regarding Richard Grant, his family, and Fort Hall. Autographed typescript of "Richard 'Captain Johnny' Grant, and Fort Hall on the Oregon Trail," by Frederick John Shaw, 1934. Two typed and hand annotated drafts of "Richard Grant."	1834-1936 and undated
1/18	Gray, Captain Robert Correspondence regarding Captain Robert Gray. Pamphlet: "Haswell's Log of Sloop Washington," introduction by T. C. Elliott.	1928-1929 and undated
1/19	Howes, Joseph Correspondence and notes regarding Joseph Howes of the Hudson's Bay Company, Rocky Mountain House, and the mapping of Flathead Lake.	1925 and undated
1/20	Hulbert, Archer Butler Tentative outline of "Overland to the Pacific: A Narrative and Documentary History of the Far West During the Great Half Century 1819-1869," edited by Archer Butler Hulbert (typescript carbon).	undated
1/21	Hunt, Wilson Price Correspondence regarding Wilson Price Hunt, leader of the 1812 overland Astorian expedition to the mouth of the Columbia River.	1912
1/22	Indian Councils -- Walla Walla -- I Research notes and correspondence regarding the Walla Walla Council of 1855 and related Indian treaties.	1930-1931 and undated
1/23	Indian Councils -- Walla Walla -- II Photostat and typescript copies of council proceedings, treaties, and personal accounts and statements regarding the Walla Walla Council and treaties. Includes excerpts from the journal of secretary James Doty; statements of a Cayuse chief; the Nez Perce chief, Lawyer; Pe-pe-mox-mox; Umatilla chief, Owhi; and Joel Palmer.	1855 and undated
1/24	Indian Councils -- Walla Walla -- III "A true copy of the Record of the Official Proceedings at the Council in the Walla Walla Valley held jointly by Isaac I.	1855

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	Stevens Gov & Supt. W. T. and Joel Palmer Supt. Ind affairs O. T. on the part of the United States with the Tribes of Indians named in the Treaties made at that Council June 9th and 11th 1855" (typescript).	
2/1	Indian Wars -- Bannock Piute War Handscript article by M. FitzGerald, "'Spokane Jack' Volunteers to Visit Camp of Hostiles to Dissuade Chief Egan from Going on the War-path."	undated
2/2	Indian Wars -- Modoc War Correspondence regarding the Modoc War.	1917
2/3	Indian Wars -- Nez Perce War Correspondence regarding the Nez Perce War. Statement of the Nez Perce War by OWHI, 1919 (annotated typescript).	1917-1934
2/4	Jeffrey, John Letter from R. Douglas of the Geographic Board, Canada, regarding Scottish botanist John Jeffrey.	1919-1920
2/5	<i>Jenny and Ruby</i> (ships) of Bristol Correspondence and notes regarding the ships <i>Jenny</i> and <i>Ruby</i> of Bristol, England. Typescript copy of ship Ruby's commercial journal by Chas. Bishop, Commander, 1794-1795. Two typescript drafts of "The Jenny of Bristol: 1792-1794" by F. W. Howay and T. C. Elliott (published in the <i>Oregon Historical Quarterly</i> 30 (1929) as "Voyages of the "Jenny" to Oregon, 1792-94.")	1795; 1929; and undated
2/6	Kittson, William, and family Correspondence, notes, and typescript copies of documents regarding William Kittson and his family. Flathead Indians delegation to St. Louis, Missouri	1827-1829; 1912; and undated
2/7	Kootenai House Correspondence and notes on the site of Kootenai House (also New Fort Kootenay) and on David Thompson's itinerary (1809-1812). Address by Basil G. Hamilton before the Wilmer Improvement Society, May 1912.	1912-1913; 1928; and undated
2/8	Kullyspell House Correspondence and notes regarding Kullyspell House and David Thompson. (see also file on Kootenai House) Typescript excerpts from journal, attributed to Thompson (1809-1812). (See also Spokane House and David Thompson files.)	1915-1928 and undated



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2/9	Lewis, Meriwether "Sketch of Captn. Lewis's Voyage to the Pacific Ocean by the Missesourri [sic] & Columbia Rivers from the States of America," 1806 (typescript copy).	1806
2/10	MacKenzie, Alexander Correspondence and memorial address (2 copies; draft and possible final copy) regarding explorer Alexander MacKenzie. Documents relating to Columbia, Fraser, and Lewis Rivers (1824-1825); extracts from 1825 journal of Alexander McKenzie (photostat copies).	1824-1825; 1911-1915 and undated
2/11	MacKenzie, Donald Correspondence, articles, and copy of document related to fur trader Donald MacKenzie.	1822; 1912-1921; and undated
2/12	McDonald, Angus Correspondence, copies of documents, and research notes regarding Hudson's Bay Company chief trader Angus McDonald and family.	1838-1855; 1907-1930; and undated
2/13	McDonald, Archibald and Ranald McDonald Correspondence, notes, and documents (handscript, typescript, and photostat copies) relating to Hudson's Bay Company chief factor Archibald Mc Donald and his son Ranald McDonald. Reprint of "Archibald McDonald: Biography and Genealogy" by William S. Lewis.	1830-1839; 1909-1919; and undated
2/14	McDonald, Finnan Correspondence, notes, and typescript copies of documents relating to Finnan McDonald of the Northwest Company and Hudson's Bay Company. "Finn McDonald' Explorer, Fur Trader and Legislator," by J. A. Meyers, 1922 (typescript). Handwritten and typewritten draft manuscripts of "The McDonalds of Oregon: Big Finnan The Grand" by T. C. Elliott and John A. Chisolm.	1827-1836; 1922-1925; and undated
2/15	McDonald, John, of Garth Typescript copy of autobiography of John McDonald of Garth, and correspondence regarding the document.	1859; 1923
2/16	McKay, Alexander and Thomas McKay Correspondence and notes regarding Alexander McKay and his son Thomas.	1934-1935 and undated
2/17	McKinlay, Archibald	1846; 1882

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	Document and correspondence regarding Archibald McKinlay, chief trader of the Hudson's Bay Company post, Fort Walla Walla.	
2/18	McLeod, John Handscript and typescript copies of documents relating to John McLeod, Sr., chief trader of the Hudson's Bay Company. Correspondence regarding copies.	1825-1837; 1909
2/19	McLoughlin, John and Marguerite Wadin McKay McLoughlin Correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott regarding the McLoughlin and Wadin families, typescript copies of documents, and typescript draft manuscripts by T. C. Elliott. John McLoughlin was chief factor of Fort Vancouver and founder of Oregon City.	1803-1842; 1917; 1934-1935; and undated
2/20	Minthorne Family Correspondence with Richard Minthorne regarding the Minthorne [Minthorne] family of the Whitman Mission and Umatilla Indian Reservation.	1919
2/21	Miscellaneous Notes from Conversations Notes from T. C. Elliott's conversations with Barry Burgunder, Charles Clark, and H. E. Johnson on assorted topics not addressed in other subject research files.	1910-1920 and undated
2/22	Miscellaneous Notes from Written Sources T.C. Elliott's notes on topics not clearly related to those of the subject files.	undated
3/1	Newell, Robert Correspondence regarding Robert Newell, his land holdings, and his work as Agent for the Nez Perce Indians.	1908
3/2	Nisqually House <i>Journal of Occurrences at Nisqually House, From May 30th, 1833, to April 25th, 1835</i> (87 page typescript).	1833-1835 and undated
3/3	Ogden, Peter Skene -- Correspondence regarding Letters to and from T. C. Elliott regarding Hudson's Bay Company expedition leader and chief factor Peter Skene Ogden and his family. Includes a handscript letter, reportedly from Peter Ogden, son of Peter Skene Ogden, to William R. Smith of the Red River settlement, 1 September 1866.	1866; 1908-1931 and undated

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3/4	Ogden, Peter Skene -- Article by T. C. Elliott Typescript draft with handwritten notations and published reprint of "Peter Skene Ogden: Fur Trader" by T. C. Elliott, which was published in the <i>Oregon Historical Quarterly</i> , volume 11 (1910).	1910 and undated
3/5	Ogden, Peter Skene -- Research notes Research notes and typescript and manuscript copies of documents pertaining to the life of Peter Skene Ogden. Includes some notes on Ogden family genealogy and Ogden's estate.	1817-1909 and undated
3/6	"Oregon Expedition" Typescript copy of article appearing in the <i>Missouri Republican</i> , 14 February 1832, on the subject of a proposed expedition to send settlers to Oregon, then a politically disputed territory.	1832
3/7	Oregon -- Origin of Name -- Jonathan Carver Correspondence and manuscript copies of documents relating to Jonathan Carver and the name "Oregon." Includes excerpts from <i>Journal of the Travels of Jonathan Carver in the Year 1766 and 1767</i> and <i>Memoirs of John Fothergill, M.D.&amp;C.</i> by John Coakley Lettsom, 1786.	1766-1786; 1921-1922
3/8	Oregon -- Origin of Name -- Richard Rogers Correspondence and manuscript and typescript copies of documents relating to Richard Rogers and the name "Oregon." Includes Rogers' <i>Proposal and Petition</i> to the British king to seek a northwest passage through North America, and "Instructions and Orders to James Stanley Goddard" 1766.	1765-1775; 1921-1929 and undated
3/9	Palmer, Joel Typescript excerpts of Joel Palmer's journals of 1845-1846, and of Peter H. Burnett's "Recollections and Opinions of an Old Pioneer."	1845-1846 and undated
3/10	Patterson, J. F. (Fred) Typescript and manuscript copy of documents, correspondence, notes, and newspaper clipping regarding the crimes and assassination of J. F. (Fred) Patterson in Walla Walla, Washington, 1866.	1861-1866; 1929; and undated
3/11	Pelly, J. H. Copy of a letter from J. H. Pelly, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, 7 February 1838 (12 page typescript).	1838; 1916

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3/12	Pendleton, Oregon Recollections of Z. F. Moody, addressed to the President of the Umatilla Historical Society, Pendleton (3 page typescript).	undated
3/13	Pike, Zebulon Montgomery Copy of letter from Zebulon Pike to Hugh M'Gillis, 6 February 1805 (5 page typescript).	1805
3/14	Prevost, J. B. Correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott, notes, and copies of documents relating to United States Commissioner J. B. Prevost and the surrender of the Fort George (Astoria) in 1818.	1813-1818; 1918; and undated
3/15	Red River Settlement Correspondence and notes regarding schools and religious activity at the Red River Settlement.	1909 and undated
3/16	Revet, Francois Correspondence and documents regarding fur trappers Francois and Antoine Rivet and their families, and the estate and land holdings of Francois Rivet. (Rivet is also spelled Rive, Rivet, Revais, and Reve.)	1838-1866; 1933
3/17	Roads -- Washington Territory Correspondence regarding old roads in Washington Territory. Copy of "Something about Fording Rivers in Pierce and Thurston Counties in Washington Territory between 1850 and 1890" by E. Higgins, Ft. Nesqually, Aug. 1st, 1901 (3 page typescript).	1901; 1912
3/18	Ross, Alexander Typescript excerpts of explorer Alexander Ross's journal, 1824, and annotations and editorial notes by T. C. Elliott.	1824 and undated
4/1	Salish House Correspondence concerning the Hudson's Bay Company outpost Salish House, Thompson Falls, and environs.	1914; 1923
4/2	Scarborough, James Allan Correspondence and notes regarding James Allan Scarborough, Hudson's Bay Company employee on the Columbia and Puget Sound, his residence and family.	1910 and undated
4/3	Simpson, Sir George Copies and excerpts of documents authored by Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, including 24	1847-1848; 1918-1930; and undated

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	June 1848 letter to Archibald McKinlay. Correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott regarding Governor Simpson and his family. Notes regarding Simpson family genealogy.	
4/4	Sinclair, James, and William Sinclair Correspondence to T. C. Elliott regarding James Sinclair, Oregon Company clerk, and his brother, Chief Factor William Sinclair, both of the Hudson's Bay Company. Excerpts from documents in the Hudson's Bay Company archives, as well as Elliott's notes on the Sinclair brothers. Typescript copy of "Across the Continent Sixty Years Ago Early Travels of James Sinclair," <i>Manitoba Free Press</i> , 1913. Frank H. Woody's handwritten "recollection regarding the abode of [William] Sinclair's in Hell Gate", 1914.	1913-1936 and undated
4/5	Smith, Jedediah S. Letters to T. C. Elliott regarding American fur trapper and brigade leader Jedediah S. Smith, the route of his travels up the Columbia River and to California, and members of Smith's expeditions. Also discussed is the naming of the Humboldt River.	1911-1916
4/6	Smith, Samuel DeWitt Letters to and from John W. Pullman to T. C. Elliott, including Pullman's handwritten memoranda of the life of the Hon. Samuel DeWitt Smith, member of the Washington Territorial Legislature. Typescript copy of both is included. Notes from Lewis McNorris.	1908; 1919
4/7	Spalding, Henry Harmon -- I Letter from H. H. Spalding, Fort Vancouver, to Rev. David Green, Boston, 20 September 1835 (handwritten, photostat). Excerpts from H. H. Spalding's journal, 1836 (handwritten, photostat). Typescript copy of "Diary of Mr. H. H. Spalding", 1838-1839, from the Whitman Museum.	1835-1839
4/8	Spalding, Henry Harmon -- II "Narrative of an Overland Journey to Fort Vancouver and Lapwai in 1836 Together with an Account of the Beginning of the American Protestant Missions Beyond the Rockies" by H. H. Spalding (typescript).	1836
4/9	Spalding, Henry Harmon -- III "History of Indian Affairs Among the Nez Percés. No. 1. From Pacific May 25, 1865" (typescript copy). Lectures by Rev. H. H. Spalding, "Early Oregon Missions -- Their Importance in Securing the Country to Americans" (nos. 1-9, typescript).	1865 and undated

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4/10	Spokane Garry Correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott regarding Spokane Garry, son of a Spokane chief, sent to Red River Settlement for education. Photostat copy of letter from Cyrus H. Walker to Hon. Henry F. Ashurst, Chairman of Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, 29 November 1917. "Indian Account of the Settlement of Spokane County," Spokane Historical Society, 1916 (typescript). Excerpts from documents in the Hudson's Bay Company Archive on the topic "Spokan Garry and the Church Missionary Society's School at Red River Settlement"	1820-1832; 1914-1917; 1936
4/11	Spokane House Correspondence regarding the location of the fur trade post Spokane House. Statements of James Mondahann, George Herron, and H. C. Burnett. Hand drawn maps of proposed sites for Spokane House.	1911-1922 and undated
4/12	Stevens, Isaac Ingalls Materials regarding Isaac Stevens as governor of Washington Territory. Typescript copies of documents from "Message of the Governor of Washington Territory." "Transcripts and notations from Report of the Sec. of War, Jefferson Davis, dated Dec. 1st, 1856, 34th Congress, 3rd Session, House of Rep. Exec. Doc. No. 1 (Vol. II)" (typescript). Letter regarding copies.	1856-1857; 1919
4/13	Thompson, David Correspondence, notes, copies of documents and draft manuscript regarding fur trade explorer David Thompson and his journeys through the Spokane country. "Narrative of the Expedition to the Kootanae & Flat Bow Indian Countries, on the Sources of the Columbia River, Pacific Ocean by D. Thompson on behalf of the NW Company 1807" (typescript copy). Typescript excerpts from "Journey to the Lake Indian Country 1808" and other Thompson journals.	1807-1811; 1908-1928; and undated
4/14	Tolmie, William Fraser Correspondence and notes, and typescript copies of documents relating to Dr. William Fraser Tolmie of the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Nesqually and Fort Victoria. Typescript excerpts from Dr. Tolmie's journal of 1832-1833, when he first arrived in the Pacific Northwest.	1832-1886; 1916; and undated
4/15	<i>U.S.S. Ontario</i> (ship) Correspondence to and from T. C. Elliott and notes regarding the ship <i>Ontario</i> , its log book, and journals of Lieutenant J. H. Aulick and Lieutenant David Conner.	1874; 1918

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4/16	Vancouver's Voyage Correspondence, notes, and copies of documents relating to George Vancouver's voyage to the Pacific Northwest with the ships <i>Discovery</i> , <i>Chatham</i> , and <i>Daedalus</i> . Typescript copies of related documents, including "Portions of an Incomplete Journal" by Thomas Edgar, Master of the H.M.S. <i>Discovery</i> "; "Log of Captain of H. M. S. 'Chatham'"; "Captain George Vancouver's Narrative"; "Lieutenant Broughton's Account of Columbia River" (typescript copies). Manuscript draft for publication on the log of the <i>Chatham</i> .	1788-1792; 1914-1915; and undated
4/17	Waldo, Daniel Daniel Waldo's "Critiques," based on Hubert Howe Bancroft's 1878 interview of pioneer Waldo in Salem, Oregon (typescript copy from the Bancroft Collection, University of California -- Berkeley).	1878; 1918
4/18	Walker, Joel P. "Narrative of Adventures thro. Alabama, Florida, New Mexico, Oregon, California etc. by Joel P. Walker, A Pioneer of Pioneers dictated by him to R. A. Thompson, Esq. of Sta. Rosa. Bancroft Library 1878" (typescript copy). Account includes Walker's 1840 visit to Oregon.	1878
4/19	Ward Massacre Recollection of the 1854 massacre of Alexander Ward emigrant party, by an unnamed son-in-law of John Ward (typescript copy).	undated
4/20	Whitman, Marcus Letter from Marcus Whitman to James M. Porter, regarding Whitman's views on the importance of the Oregon Territory (handscript, photostat).	undated
4/21	Whitman, Perrin Beza "Perrin B. Whitman. A Stirring Recital by Dr. Whitman's Nephew and Son." (typescript copy; author unknown).	undated
5/1	Whitman Controversy -- Correspondence Letters to and from T. C. Elliott regarding the historical contribution of missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman and the transcription of Whitman documents for Mr. Elliott.	1888-1922 and undated
5/2	Whitman Controversy -- William I. Marshall -- I	1882 and undated

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	Chapter 26, "Oregon," from <i>Building the Nation</i> by Charles Carleton Coffin, 1882. Handscript annotations in margins, by Marshall.	
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## Series B: Correspondence, 1908-1937

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5/7	Bancroft Library Correspondence with Frederick J. Teggart and James R. Robertson concerning the York manuscript and other matters of interest to Mr. Elliott's research.	1908-1910
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5/10	Howay, F. W. Correspondence between F. W. Howay and T. C. Elliott, research notes, and manuscript, "The Lengthy Voyage of the Jefferson, 1791-1795," by F. W. Howay. Other letters from Howay to Elliott appear in the historical research subject files. The two historians collaborated on a number of projects.	1930; 1934 and undated
5/11	Inland Empire Historical Society	1909
5/12	Meyers, Jacob A. Letters to T. C. Elliott from Jacob A. Meyers, some including Mr. Meyers's research notes on topics relating to the exploration of the Pacific Northwest. Other letters from Meyers to T. C. Elliott appear elsewhere in the collection.	1908-1917
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