

Bozeman Claim Association Minutes, 1864-1865

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Bozeman Claim Association
Title	Bozeman Claim Association Minutes
Dates	1864-1865 1864 1865
Quantity	1 folder
Collection Number	Collection 0992, MtBC, us (collection)
Summary	The Bozeman Claim Association Minutes consist of photocopies of several pages torn from a bound notebook with transactions of the group recorded over the span of five meetings from August 9, 1864 to February 11, 1865. Items represented include the initial surveying boundaries, a failed motion to change the name of the town to "Montana City," the establishment of fees and procedures for making land claims, and election of the group's officers. The minutes were transcribed by William W. Alderson.
Repository	Montana State University Library, Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections Montana State University-Bozeman Library Merrill G Burlingame Special Collections P.O. Box 173320 Bozeman, MT 59717-3320 Telephone: 406-994-4242 Fax: 406-994-2851 spcoll@www.lib.montana.edu
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

The town of Bozeman, Montana had its origins in a camp area known as "Jacob's Crossings" along the Bozeman Trail route to the gold fields of Virginia City. John Bozeman, with Daniel Rouse and William J. Beall platted the town in the eastern portion of the Gallatin Valley in the summer of 1864. These men, along with William W. Alderson and several others met and formed a claim association for the purpose of regulating the recording of town lots on August 9, and the town grew steadily from that day forward. Today Bozeman is the seat of Gallatin County and the home of Montana State University.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The original minutes of the Bozeman Claim Association were given by Mrs. Ted Alderson of Seattle Washington to Dr. Merrill G. Burlingame on January 30, 1984. Burlingame made several copies of the minutes prior to temporarily depositing the originals at the Montana State University Library Special Collections. Sometime during the later 1980s, Burlingame withdrew the original minutes and donated them to the Gallatin Historical Society, Bozeman, Montana.

Processing Note

This collection was processed 2013 February 12

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description
Folder	
1	"Claim Association Minutes" Special thanks to the Gallatin Historical Society for providing the scanned images of the original minutes for this web presentation

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Boundaries
Frontier and pioneer life
Frontier and pioneer life -- Montana -- Bozeman
Land tenure
Land tenure -- Montana -- Bozeman

Personal Names :

Alderson, William W. (William White), 1831-1906
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Geographical Names :

Bozeman (Mont.) -- Boundaries
Montana -- Bozeman

Form or Genre Terms :

Minutes -- Montana -- Bozeman

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