

Fred Lockley papers, 1911-1950

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Lockley, Fred, 1871-1958
Title	Fred Lockley papers
Dates	1911-1950 (inclusive) 1911 1950
Quantity	9.5 linear feet, (7 containers)
Collection Number	CB L812
Summary	Fred Lockley (1871-1958) was a newspaper columnist, a rare book dealer, and the author of books on Oregon and Pacific Northwest history. The collection consists of 58 bound volumes collecting Lockley's "Impressions and Observations of a Journal Man" columns.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Content Description

The collection consists of 58 bound volumes of collecting Lockley's "Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man" columns. These columns are generally biographical sketches of and conversations with Oregon pioneers and citizens. The columns are arranged alphabetically by subject's last name.

Historical Note

"Fred Lockley (1871-1958) was a newspaper columnist, a rare book dealer, and the author of books on Oregon and Pacific Northwest history. He was born March 19, 1871, in Leavenworth, Kansas, to Elizabeth Metcalf Campbell and Frederic Lockley, a Civil War veteran and newspaper editor. In 1888, he headed to Salem, Oregon, to work as a compositor on the Capital Journal. Lockley attended Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis in 1889-1890 and graduated from Willamette University with a degree

in education in 1895. Two years later, he married Hope Gans; they had three children, only one of whom survived childhood."

"After laboring for a year on a farm in Polk County, Lockley took a job at the *Salem Statesman*. As field editor for the weekly magazine, *Pacific Homestead*, he rode on horseback all over Oregon, usually staying overnight at the homes of people he met. Interested in their histories, he began writing about pioneers and pioneer life."

"Lockley continued to move from job to job, working as an assistant to a government topographer, mapping what is now Glacier National Park, and as a mail carrier and clerk in the Salem post office. In 1900, he mined gold in Nome, helped establish the first free mail delivery in Alaska, and worked for the *Nome Nugget*. In 1902, at Hope's urging, the family moved to Pendleton, and he became the circulation manager and part-owner of the *East Oregonian*. Four years later, he sold his interest in the paper, and the family moved to Portland."

"From 1905 to 1910, Lockley was general manager of *The Pacific Monthly* magazine. He left the magazine in 1911 to join the editorial staff of the *Oregon Journal* and to write a column, "Impressions and Observations of a Journal Man." In 1917-1918, he served as a war correspondent in France for the *Oregon Journal*, the *New York Herald*, and the *London Globe*. Hope Lockley died in 1928, and Fred married Laura Simpson in 1930."

"Lockley wrote many books including *Oregon Folks*, *Oregon's Yesterdays*, *Oregon Trail Blazers*, and *Oregon Outdoors*, in addition to articles and stories for *American Magazine*, *Collier's*, *McClure's*, *Sunset*, and other magazines."

"After Lockley's death on October 15, 1958, Pendleton native Mike Helm worked with the hundreds of interviews and documents that Lockley had collected from Oregon pioneers in the 1920s and 1930s. *Conversations with Pioneer Women* (1981) and *Conversations with Pioneer Men* (1981, 1996) are a tribute to Lockley's dedication to Oregon history and a significant resource on early Oregon settlers."

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Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is divided into 58 volumes, arranged alphabetically by subject's last name.

Related Materials

Correspondence to/from Fred Lockley can also be found at Special Collections and University Archives in:

William H. Packwood papers, CA 1915 Jan 24; Elizabeth Southworth Anderson report, CA 1915 July 17; Fred Lockley letter to Charles S. Jackson, CA 1916 June 20; Frederic George Young letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1916 June 25; Wallis Nash letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1920 Sept 9; George Palmer Putman letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1921 Mar 28; Eva Emery Dye letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1922 June 19; Juliet Montague Lord letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1922 Nov 10; Roy W. Ritner letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1923 Mar 12; Bethena Angelia (Owens) Adair letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1924 Dec 29; Charles Ellsworth Linton letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1925 May 13; Joe E. Milner letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1926 Apr 23; Edward Eberstadt telegram to Fred Lockley, CA 1927 Sept 7; John C. Todd letter to Fred Lockley, CA 1933 Jan 30.

Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

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Pioneers

Pioneers--Oregon--Biography

Personal Names :

Lockley, Fred, 1871-1958

Geographical Names :

Oregon--Biography

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Form or Genre Terms :

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