

James Upson Sanders papers, 1875-1922

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Sanders, James U. (James Upson), 1859-1923
Title	James Upson Sanders papers
Dates	1875-1922 (inclusive) 1875 1922
Quantity	.5 linear feet of shelf space
Collection Number	MC 66 (collection)
Summary	James Sanders (1859-1923) was a Helena, Montana, attorney and librarian of the Montana Historical Society. Papers include general correspondence (1878-1922), writings, and diaries (1875-1888) covering his boyhood, education, travels, and early legal 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

James Upson Sanders was born on July 12, 1859, in Akron, Ohio, the first of five sons of Wilbur Fisk Sanders and Harriet Peck Fenn Sanders. In 1863, the family moved overland to Bannack, Idaho Territory. James Sanders attended public schools in Helena, Montana, and then, in 1878, went with his younger brother Wilbur to Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire. In 1881, he attended law school at Columbia. After graduating in 1884, he returned to Montana and joined his father's law firm. Sanders practiced law thirty-eight years. Upon his retirement in 1922, Sanders became librarian of the Montana Historical Society. He also served as secretary of the Society of Montana Pioneers for twenty-six years. James U. Sanders died as the result of an automobile accident on April 17, 1923.

Content Description

This collection consists of correspondence, diaries, and writings of James U. Sanders. The correspondence deals primarily with his historical work and his attempts to publish his father's works. The diaries recount his boyhood in Helena, his education at Phillips and Columbia, his various travels, and his early legal career.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged by series

Location of Collection

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Custodial History

Diary includes a copy of Harriet P. Sanders' diary (1867). Separated from Wilbur Fisk Sanders Papers (MC 53).

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

General Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1 / 1	S.E. Constable; W.J. McConnell	1914, 1922

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 / 2	A.J. Noyes (re subscriptions for proposed history of Montana)	1914-1915

Incoming Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1 / 3	A-B (correspondents include J.M. Ashley, A. Bessette)	1886, 1914
1 / 4	Helen P. Clarke; William A. Clark	1899, 1917
1 / 5	C-F (correspondents include Allen Coffin; C.P. Connolly; J.S. Cushing Company; and L.A. Fenner re trial of George Ives)	1895-1915
1 / 6	George Bird Grinnell	1895-1915
1 / 7	G-L (correspondents include O.F. Goddard, J.M. Hannaford, Charles A. Hartman, F. Augustus Heinze, Mrs. A.M. Hough, Richard R. Kilroy, William Lindsay)	1889-1915
1 / 8	P-R (correspondents include E.S. Paxson, Martha Edgerton Plassman, Frederick Root)	1915
1 / 9	E.P. Sanders, Helen Sanders, S.M. Sanders	1878-1918
1 / 10	Reginald Stanley	1903
1 / 11	S-W (correspondents include Granville Stuart, George D. Upson, J.A. Tufts, University of Montana, Lester S. Willson, George Wing, unidentified uncle)	1878-1922

Outgoing Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1 / 12	Miscellaneous	1886-1922, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 / 13	Circular letters re publication promotion for W.F. Sanders' papers	1914
1 / 14	Wilbur E. Sanders (typescript copies, originals not in collection)	1893

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1 / 15	Letters neither to nor from J.U. Sanders	1928, 1935

Diaries

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1 / 16-19	Books No. 1-6, 8 (No. 6 includes Harriet Sanders' diary, 1867)	1875-1876, 1879-1881
2 / 1-3	Books No. 9-11	1881-1884
2 / 4-5	Un-numbered diaries	1884-1888

Legal Documents

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2 / 6	Agreement with A.J. Noyes to raise subscription for publication of Wilbur Fisk Sanders' papers	1914

Writings

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2 / 7	"Contest of Edwards vs. Langford" (re first Idaho legislature; "Rose's Grave" (re Edward Rose); "The Bannack Lobby"; "3-7-77" (re vigilantes); "Montana's First Map"; untitled (re last Chance Gulch); untitled (re Bannack); "The Dignity of the Presidential Office"	1912-1919, undated

Miscellany

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2 / 8	Invitation to reception of First Regiment of Montana Voluntary Infantry	1899

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Public schools

Personal Names :

Sanders, James U. (James Upson), 1859-1923
(creator)

Geographical Names :

Europe--Description and travel

Helena (Mont.)--Commerce--Attorneys

Helena (Mont.)--Education

Yellowstone National Park--Description and travel

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