



## Routt County People Collection

**NUMBER:** 05-306-3

**TITLE:** Routt County People Collection

**CREATOR:** People who lived and worked in Steamboat Springs and greater Routt County

**DATES:** 1884-1990

**MEDIA:** Papers

**LOCATION:** Collection Facility: Upstairs, Sec.1D, Shelves 1-3 (Oversize Box 1: Sec. 1C, Shelf 1)

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**ACQUISITION INFORMATION:** The Routt County People collection was donated to the Tread of Pioneers Museum from various family members.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** The processing, arrangement, and description of the collection was completed in 2005 by curator Kelly Bastone and updated in 2018 by curator Katie Adams.

### SELECTED BIOGRAPHIES:

**The Baer family** arrived in Routt County in April 1891. Charles E. Baer ran a sporting goods store, managed the Hugus & Co. store, and operated a gun shop in Steamboat Springs. He married into the Woolery family, Yampa Valley ranchers.

**The Beelers** were pioneer ranchers in the Yampa Valley.

**The Bergens** arrived in Routt County in 1880.

**The Borghi family** were Steamboat Springs pioneers who arrived in Routt County in the 1880's.

**John R. Burroughs** is a local author and historian who wrote *Where the Old West Stayed Young*, among other titles.

**Horace Button** was a skier from Hot Sulphur Springs who was friends with Carl Howelsen.

**A.H. Chivington** moved to Yampa in 1906; from 1909-1911 he operated a livery in Steamboat Springs. He served as sheriff and county commissioner.

**The Gooding family** included Judge Gooding, who was active in the local ski club.

**Charles Leckenby** edited and published *The Pilot*, Steamboat Springs' newspaper. His son, Maurice, also worked at the paper.

**Claude Luekens** ran a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in Steamboat Springs. He also started the non-profit Health and Recreation Association, served 16 years as mayor, and developed the ski lift at Howelsen Hill.

**Marcellus Merrill** was a local ski jumper and inventor.

**Marjorie Perry** was born in Steamboat Springs, went to Smith College, and returned to Steamboat, where she was an avid skier. She met Carl Howelsen in Hot Sulphur Springs and, impressed with his jumping, convinced him to come to Steamboat, where he established Steamboat's Winter Carnival. Perry pursued many outdoor sports and was the lifelong companion of Eleanor Bliss.

**Sureva Towler** wrote a book, *The History of Skiing at Steamboat Springs*. She received many letters from old-time skiers relating their memories and experiences regarding the sport and its development. Towler's file contains several of these letters, from figures like Horace Button, Glen Armstrong and Rex Gill, among others.

**John "Doc" Utterback** was a well-known veterinarian, politician and rancher. He received his early education in Routt County and earned an advanced degrees from Colorado State and Iowa State. He served as county commissioner for eight years. His daughter, Karin Utterback Normann donated the family home to the Tread of Pioneers Museum in 1997.

**John S. Whitt** was the Routt County District Court clerk in 1925-1926 as well as the deputy county assessor at one time. Whitt later worked as a bookkeeper for Dinius Motor Co. He moved to Englewood in 1951. He was born in Washington DC and died in 1957.

**Frederick E. Willett** was the county doctor and ran the Steamboat Springs hospital for 34 years. He was mayor from 1920-1926.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION:

Most of these documents were given to the Tread of Pioneers individually, rather than as complete collections. For this reason, the papers were identified by creator and grouped as a collection of individuals. The papers include personal letters, historical accounts, sketches and drawings, diaries and journals, mementos, postcards, personal finance papers, scholastic certificates, greeting cards, cookbooks and recipe cards, and newspaper clippings. The documents shed light on individuals' lives as well as regional developments in skiing, pioneer life, land transactions, businesses, and social interactions.

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\* indicates additional items located in People Collection Oversize Box 1

Box	Folder	File Title	Dates
1	1	Baer: Receipt, account info, Routt County Nat'l Bank (69-34-9)	1898-1949
	2	Beeler, Elma: Sketches of pictographs in Twentymile Park (79.13.248)	
	3	Bergen: Family history	1980
	4	Bogue, Lucille and Arthur: Consent for use statement	1978
	5	Bonard, John B.: Land lease, Bill of Sale, Stock brand	1896-1899
	6	Borghi: family history written by Rose Jackson Forgey	
	7	Brierly, Dr. Wake: Account of Bear Springs trip	1849
	8	Burroughs: Christmas greeting and 3 manuscripts	
	9	Button, Horace: Letter to Dorothy Wither	
	10	Campbell, Dr. John (1831-1917): Self-published history, "Indian Echoes" 1970	
	11	Carpenter, Ferry: Personal letter, Campaign card	1932-1980
	12	Cerda, Charlie: Cards and license, naturalization papers (77.241.1,2,3,6)	1893-1957
	13	Chivington, A.H.: Blank letterhead, Routt County Sheriff at Hahns Peak	
	14	Crossan, George E.: Personal history of 1880's	
	15	Cruse, Frankie Burgess: Personal letters, souvenirs	1972-1979
	16	<b>OPEN</b>	
	17	Drake, George: Personal account of S.S. in 1924, letters to L. Pritchett	1977-1978
	18	Duncan, James: Tax papers, Receipt for land patent (77-194-3,4&5)	1899-1915
	19	Eberhardt, Carl: Account book and checks, Bank of Steamboat Springs, 1920-1925	

20	Foster, Bertha: Poems	
21	Furlong, Nellie T. Will and loan documents, (68.156.2, 3&4)	1935-1943
22	Gooding family: Interview notes for Luella Welch Gooding	1973
23	Gray, David S. Booklet: "Recollections of An Egeria Park Pioneer"	1941
24	Groesbeck, Ellen: Booklet, "Pretty Papoose" signed by Dorothy Wither	
25	Hangs, James (Proprietor, City Dairy, 1930's): Coupon, (83-296-2)	
26	Haughy, O.W.: Personal letter	1935
27	Hitchens, Stanley: stock grwrs mtg, Luekens garage discount (05-486-1)	1932-1936
28	Leckenby, Charles: Letter from Leckenby to Charlie Neiman	1937
29	Leckenby, Maurice: bank documents (Bank of S.S. and First Nat'l)	1923-1924
30	Luekens, Claude: Manuscript, history of Steamboat Springs	
31	Light, Hazel: S.S.H.S. Diploma, Signed by Anna Shearer	1913
32	Lugon, Pierre: Geneology	
33	Lyman, Louise MacMullen: personal letters, self-published booklet	1918-1925
34	Mager, Louisa: Personal letter	1916
35	Mahler, Herman & Elsa: Greeting cards and letters	1929-1964
36	Mansfield, Portia: Merit citation from Stephens College	1963
37	Merrill, Marcellus: Self-published autobiography; "Banjo" story	1978
38	Moffatt, Gordon: Maccabees documents (72.191.5; 72.191.15)	1915-1921
	Car title transfer, Metcalf to Moffatt (72.191.14)	Aug. 16, 1927
	Moffatt Inn meal ticket (72.191.17)	
39	Moffatt, Gordon: English textbooks (72.191.7)	
40	Moffatt, Gordon: St. Louis Fursten company & info (72.191.6a-d)	1921-1928
	Song book (72.191.2)	

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2	1	Auter, Charles E. Yampa Val. Trnmt Program, driver licenses (05.500.1,2)	1921-1938
	2	Brooks, E.A. Manuscript of Brooks' personal history signed by him	1934
	3	Cochran, H. Dean: Family photo album, info, history (05.503.1)	1920
	4	McKinlay, W.A.: Photos and descriptive letter about W.A. and Ellis Trail	
	5	Monson: personal letters (77.90.6) (77.9.7)	1902
	6	Noyce: Personal Letter, memo, list, (79.204.10-12,77.204.3b),newsletter	1918-1940
	7	Ontvedt, Ragnar: Personal note	1975
	8	Outlaw accounts: Harry Tracy (74-33-27) and Butch Cassidy	1970-1973
	9	Perry, Marjorie: Music award, Personal letters	1896-1929
	10	Perry, Marjorie: Personal letters from Carl Howelsen	1916-1924
	11	Rankin, M. Wilson: Brown's Hole memories ( <i>transcribed</i> )	from 1827
	12	Selch, Emma: Personal letters, health council document	1963-1990
	13	Smith, Sophia Elizabeth Norman: Personal history	
	14	Suttle-Groesbeck: greeting cards, invitations, personal account	1884-1973
	15	Towler, Sureva. Personal letters	1985-1987
		(Horace Button, Mark Kinney, Eugene Kotlarek, Lucile Bogue, Bob Balch, Glen Armstrong, Rex Gill, Lulita Pritchett, Ed Jones )	
		Notes, research papers Historical Guide book some by Diane Blake	
	16	Trentaz, Samuel: Personal letters and land documents	1900-1920
	17	Utterback, Claude. Homestead cert.,Diploma from CO School of Mines	1936-1941
	18	Squire, Reuben. Memoirs.	

19	Whitt, John S. Bank documents (B. of S.S. and First Nat'l)	1927-1928
*20	Willett, Frederick: University, civic and professional documents	1904-1965
21	Woolery: school and bank papers (67-106-6; 69-34-9; 76-34-20)	1898-1949
22	Zimmerman: Newspaper wedding announcement COPY (93.317.19)	1902
23	Zirkel: Personal letter	1903

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3	1	Alexander, Harold. Envelope "Alexander's Flowers & Photos"	Sept. 10, 1930
	2	Anderson, Arthur. Receipts "Boys Market" & "Selch Dairy", photographs 1949-1950 Postcards (3) railroad/Corona Pass	1917
	3	Bliss, Eleanor. Diary	June 28- Sept. 5, 1929
	4	Boggs, Harold. Revenue bond (01.575.1)	Aug. 10, 1946
	5	Brookshire, Donald. Conversation Manual, American-Japanese (14.264.1)	
	6	Dennison, William: Book, penmanship (67.110.3), genealogy papers, Magazines "Little Corporal" (67.110.2a-i)	1868
	7	Hovelsen, Leif. carnival program, letter from Leif to Gossard, poster	1913-1994
	8	Hovelsen, Leif. Manuscript (with editing) of "The Flying Norseman"	1981
	9	Hovelsen, Leif. Manuscript (clean copy) of "The Flying Norseman"	
	10	Lodwick, Todd. race bib "Soda Pop Slalom"	
	11	Peck, Emma. Poem, "Routt County Days of Yore"(67.106.9)	1916
	12	Perry, Hank. Notebook "10yrs w/ Steamboat Springs Ski Tradition"	Apr.11, 2002
	13	Salisbury, Albert. Ceremonial cards, Ft. Collins Public School report card (92.243.32,34)	1915-1949
	14	Shaw, Clay & Delilia Center Grocery receipt (73.199.1), Autograph album Christmas cards (15.471.4,5),Easter egg dye tissues (15.471.3a-l)	1901-1931
	15	Stehley, Jack. Revenue Bond (02.473.1)	Aug. 10, 1946
	16	Underhill, Nannie Blain. Manuscript "Covered wagon tales & pioneer life in the west"	
	17	Utke, Russell. Manuscript "Our Trip, Year 1926" (18.000.1)	1926
*18		Utterback, Doc. Boys Market newspaper ad, 1974 Homestead certificate, 10/16/1926 Certificates; U.S. Armed forces (with id card) 1952, Iowa State 1940, Alpha Psi-Fraternity 1933, VFW award Denver & Salt Lake Railway ship receipt, 1930 Membership cards; CO Cattlemen's Assoc 1952, Odd Fellows 1934 Sleeping Giant Toastmaster programs, 1967, 1069 High School commencement announcement program (2), 1926 Letter to Utterback from F. Carpenter (Dawson) re: sale of Hereford bull, 1931, Hereford certificate (Dawson Land), 1930 Receipts for Railway Express (for blood), 1957 Receipts; Law Drug 1949, Watson Merc., Luekens Garage 1948 Receipts; Routt County Nat. Bank 1950, Routt Co State Bank 1934, Pelt Receipt for Beaver 1954 Receipts; Osage Coal Company, 1957 Driver licenses & car registrations, 1926-1991 Political/campaign cards, c. 1962 Membership card, American Vet. Medical Assoc, 1938, certificate for "Special tax stamp to dispense opium, coca leaves etc., 1936, note from Mike Benedick of Yampa to Doc for vet services, doctor instruction card, newspaper clipping Letter head, envelopes, business card for Dr. J.A. Utterback Photocopies, "notice of opening highway", 1917, marriage certif. for J.A.& Gertrude Hazel, 1906 *Diploma, John Utterback, 1926 *Sketches for construction of horse-drawn chariot	1926-1969

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4	1	Forgey: Certificate for Harper Forgey	Jan. 23, 1940
	2	Phillips, Robert B.: program, teacher reference letter, Veterans of War card, Social security card, funeral card	1916-1967
	3	Miller, Ella: letter on trip to Steamboat (digital version avila.)	July, 1908
	4	Reid, Mary Denney: copy of letter on wagon travel (96.413.1)	1876
	5	Wren, Gordon: letter to Vernon Summer (76.12.6)	Feb. 2, 1945
		Letter to G. Wren from A. Samuelstuen	Oct. 12, 1950

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1	1	Button, Horace: sketches of local skiers (59.13.15)	
	2	Crawford (see also Crawford Finding Aid)	
		War Saver certificate, signed Clarence Light (78.71.42)	
		Routt County board appointment (78.71.44)	1917
		Election certificates, J.D. Crawford (78.71.45)	1918-1942
		Election documents, Crawford/Lines (66.101.1-4)	1933
	3	Duncan, James. Land patent (77.194.2)	1905
	4	McIntosh (see also McIntosh Finding Aid)	
		Certificate of Appreciation (watermelon)	1905
		Stock brand certificate	
		Deeds of Trust (74.203.9)	1889-1898
	5	Seymour, Charles. Memoir	
	6	Utterback, Doc. Campaign posters, diploma, chariot drawings	1926-1980s
	7	Willett, F.E.	1901-1959
		Physician's Certificate, 1912	
		Poem	
		Documents, Phi Gamma Delta, 1909	
		Diploma, the Cutler Academy, 1901	
		Graduation program, The Cutler Academy, 1901	
		Selective Service papers, 1948-1959	
		Guest book, 74 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
	8	Wither (see also Wither Finding Aid)	
		Dorothy Shop: Posters	1979
		A&G Wither Mercantile: ad. calendar	1904