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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK ARCHIVES

Pre-National Park Service (Pre-1916) Collection MICROFILMED RECORDS

1881 - 1928 (Bulk dates: 1886 - 1918)

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HISTORY

Yellowstone National Park was created by an Act of Congress on March 1, 1872. It has gone through three distinct periods of administration. The first, a civilian superintendency under the Secretary of the Interior, began in 1872 and lasted until 1886. In 1886, for a variety of reasons, the civilians were replaced by the United States Cavalry. The commanding officer of the troops in Yellowstone also held the title of "Acting Superintendent" of the park, and he kept two sets of records. One set was military: the usual papers generated by an army post. The other was civilian, being those records created by his work in the essentially civilian role of chief administrator of the park. These latter records were the property of the Department of the Interior and were transferred to the care of the National Park Service when it was created in 1916 to provide all national parks with a central agency for management under the Department of the Interior. This third period of administration continues at Yellowstone today.

The historical significance of the Pre-National Park Service records lies not only in the fact that Yellowstone was the first national park and as such was the site of much pioneering in the policy and philosophy, but also that it was the longest-lived example of a unique experiment: the military administration of the national parks. Though several other parks, including Yosemite, experienced military administration, only Yellowstone was the site of a permanent post, Fort Yellowstone, and only Yellowstone was so managed for more than 30 years.

The microfilms contain all of the existing civilian records from the years before 1916. The military records of Fort Yellowstone, such as Orders of the Day, Court Martial proceedings, etc., are preserved in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

Microfilm Reels 1 - 41 containing 188 item numbers from the pre-National Park Service portion of the Yellowstone Archives were filmed at the Montana State University Library during 1968 – 1970. Microfilm reels 42 - 49 were filmed in the Curator's Office of the Mammoth Hot Springs Museum in Yellowstone National Park during 1975 and 1976 with the goal of committing to film all other worthwhile material from the Pre-National Park Service period. The copier that was used at both locations was a Recordak Micro File Machine, model #MRD-2. It was purchased with a Hill Family Foundation Grant for the Montana State University Library to enable them to film the Yellowstone records.

At the time that the second filming started at Yellowstone National Park by the history/curation staff, it was not known as to why some items from the pre-National Park Service archives were left out or why the filming was not done sequentially, either according to the Haines System (which is followed today) or the Army filing system. That this was not done has resulted in there being a few items from a wide distribution throughout the collection left over for the second filming.

Also included in the second filming are records resulting from the political and budgetary problems which involved both National Park Service personnel and US Cavalry troops operating the park at the same time. Because of the continued presence of the military in Yellowstone, there exist certain records generated after the Park Service had been created which are of special interest to the student of pre-Park Service history. For that reason, care was taken to film those documents from the 1916 – 1918 period that seemed to have significant thematic relevance to earlier material. A detailed

explanation of the arrangement of these records is below under the title, "Organization." It should also be noted that some records (e.g. ledger books) continued to be used after the 1918 transfer of full administrative rights, so later NPS-created documents and records appear throughout the collection alongside the earlier Army records.

As the records were filmed, the films were proof read and when a portion was not legible on the film, the operator provided a typed or Xerox copy of those portions which were inserted at the end of the filming of each item as it was possible. If the operator was unable to read all or portion of a page, this is noted. If only a word or phrase could not be read, this was indicated by a line with a question mark, (i.e. __?__.). If a word was difficult to read, and the typed word might not be correct, this was indicated by a question mark in parentheses, (?) following the unknown word.

These microfilms were created to ensure that the longevity of the original records may be extended and it is requested that all researchers use these microfilms as their primary resource unless it is essential that the original document be seen and used.

For additional history on this collection on where and how the records were created, please see the finding aid for the original Pre-National Park Service (Pre-1916) documents or contact the Park Archivist.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Collection: Pre-National Park Service (Pre-1916) Records 1881 -1928 (bulk dates: 1886 - 1918)

CATALOG NUMBER	
VOLUME	approx 69 LINEAR FEET
DESCRIPTION	These records cover the time period from the establishment of the park in 1872 to 1918, when the Army left the park and turned over full administration to the newly created National Park Service. The records in this collection (69 linear feet) reflect a period of civilian superintendents (1881 to 1886) and the thirty-two year period (1886 to 1918) of military administration. The majority of the records were created or received during the U.S. Army's administration of Yellowstone prior to the creation of the National Park Service in 1916.
	Records in this collection include routine correspondence, bound volumes of letters sent and received, several dozen volumes of reports and daily logs from the various duty stations around the park, bound volumes of camping and visitor registers, and additional records dealing with specific subjects of concern to the park administration: wildlife, sanitation, concession operations, and so on.
ORGANIZATION	 Having been arranged according to many different filing systems in the past, the Pre-National Park Service records are today arranged chronologically by the "Item" number assigned by Aubrey Haines. Each item represents a distinct set of records arranged by subject or time period. For example, Item 44 concerns Automobiles, 1915. As mentioned above in the "History", the Pre-National Park Service records were microfilmed in two sessions. The first filming <i>generally</i> follows Haines' items in chronological order; where there were gaps, the second filming has filled those in.
	For organizational and research purposes, the documents filmed on reels $42 - 49$ are divided into three lots. The first lot contains item numbers $114 - 135$. These boxes contain unbound reports from the various soldier stations during the years $1910 - 1916$. The second lot contains item numbers $170 - 188$. These are large bound volumes and they are titled "Permanent Station Records." They cover a

variety of years, from the 1890's to the 1910s, depending on the station.

The third lot consists of a hodgepodge of ephemera, periphera and miscellanea, all of which escaped filming before the second round. All sorts of topics are represented as little knots of misplaced documents were frequently discovered. In order to facilitate locating particular subjects on the films from the second round of filming, Paul Schullery (seasonal historian at that time) arranged the material by subject using the Army System with Haines' filing numbers also noted. For example, all items here relating to concessionaires will be found under one Army file number, 190, "Leases and Contracts", rather than spread out under all the more proper file numbers such as 10, 30, 50, 130, 200, 330, 350, 380, 430, or 440. There simply was not enough of each file number to justify that in depth of an arrangement. To further simplify this particular group of papers, concessionaires are arranged alphabetically. A detailed explanation and table of contents for this lot is located just before these items on the film.

Some remarks about the internal structure of the Army document system should be mentioned to aid researchers unfamiliar with Army records. Records were kept in what was actually a very logical way: the latest material was on the top of the stack. That means that when one opens a box of correspondence, the first item one reads is the last (most recently received) item placed in that box. This practice was used throughout the Army portion of the Archives, and in order to be consistent with earlier filming, it was maintained. On some occasions, especially in the material relating to the Engineers office, some letters were found stapled in bundles according to topic. Rather than defeat this convenient subject arrangement, these bundles were placed in chronological sequence according to the date on their cover letter.

Two non-archive items have been included at the end of film #49. One is an article by Aubrey Haines on the Archives, and the other is Paul Schullery's Master's Thesis, which covers the condition of the archives, his work with them and his recommendations for their possible futures. Reference to these two items can explain much about the structure, management and needs of the collection.

Unless otherwise noted, the "File No." listed in the title of a file is the Army File Number.

Explanatory notes appear on the film as they are deemed necessary.

PROVENANCE	
	In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Aubrey Haines was assigned as the park's first Records Disposal Officer; his duties included collecting unused records (primarily pre-Park Service records) that were stored in unsatisfactory conditions throughout the park. Exact locations of where the documents were found were not kept as the priority was to collect and protect the records.
	As for the provenance of particular records, Haines recalled that most of the boxed incoming army correspondence was found in the first-floor washroom of the old Administration Office (today, the Pagoda) where they were placed by former Superintendent Edmund Rogers after retrieving them from the Mammoth dump where they were to be burned. Some of the boxes and ledgers were in a storage shed used by the naturalists called "the red shed" that used to stand behind the Paint Shop. The roof leaked quite a bit and some of the records from this location do have water damage. Another group of records including the Soldier Station logs, some ranger station logs and other record books came from the former "rock room" storeroom, which held geological specimens the basement of the Museum Building (Albright Visitor's Center).
	Many plans and numerous individual letters and reports on boundary surveys as well as some of Chittenden's correspondence came from the engineering department. Army account books covering civilian employees and no-military accounts were held by the fiscal office. As the Records Disposal Officer, Haines was allowed to go through the files held in the ranger stations and other offices to collect older material such as the many files on concession contracts, water rights and boundary adjustments that had been removed from the Army files and interfiled in the current NPS General files. Additionally, the Army correspondence-sent letter books were transferred to Haines from the park Reference Library.
	Records were also turned over to Haines by employees upon leaving the park (Joe Joffe is the only employee Haines has noted). Records, including Judge Meldrum's files, were turned over to the archives by the US Commissioner's office. Other records were collected from private individuals, such as several boxes of correspondence on the <i>E.C. Waters</i> case that were given by an unknown source to Jack Ellis Haynes of Bozeman, and have since been returned to the park.
RESTRICTIONS	NO

ASSOCIATED	
MATERIALS	Yellowstone National Park Archives: Additional records regarding Yellowstone National Park during the pre-National Park Service period can be found in microfilm copies of selected materials from the following record groups: Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior; Record Group 94, Returns from US Military Posts, 1800 – 1916; Record Group 391, Returns from Regular Army Cavalry Regimes, 1833 – 1916; and Record Group 393, US Continental Commands, 1821 – 1920. Concessionaire records from the turn of the century are available within the Yellowstone Park Company record collection. Please see finding aids for each collection for further information.
	Yellowstone National Park Research/Reference Library: Located in the Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner, MT, the park research-reference library has approximately 15,000 bound volumes, 100 feet of vertical files and 10 feet of manuscripts, amounting to approximately 20,000 items. This is a collection of material pertaining to the diverse natural, cultural and administrative topics associated specifically with Yellowstone National Park as well as some material on broader topics in history and natural resources. The YNP Library is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. For special assistance, call the Librarians at 344-2264.
	Yellowstone National Park Historic Photograph Collection: Located in the Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner, MT, this collection includes over 90,000 images dating from the 1880s to the present. This collection is primarily flexible negatives and includes images which reflect the visitor use and administration of the park as well as documentation of the diverse resources within the park. Also available is the park slide collection which includes approximately 60,000 images in 35mm format (these are under the care of park photographer Jim Peaco). Scrapbooks, glass plate negatives and lantern slides are generally found in the museum collection. Appointments to use the historic photograph collection can be made by contacting the park's Museum Technician at 307-344-2565.
	Yellowstone National Park Museum Collection: Located in the Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner, MT, the museum collection includes approximately 250,000 catalogued items relative to the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone. This includes natural history specimens ranging from geological to butterflies and cultural objects ranging from projectile points to 1988 firefighting equipment. Appointments to view the collection can be made by contacting the Park Curator's Office at 307-344-2662.

Buffalo Bill Historical Center- Cody, Wyoming

(www.bbhc.org): In the McCracken Research Library, the Yellowstone National Park Collection consists of books, manuscripts, photographs, stereoviews, lantern slides, and pamphlets. In addition, the Historical Center has an extensive art and Native American museum collection, both of which contain items relative to Yellowstone National Park and regional history.

Burlington Northern Archives- St. Paul, Minnesota: Today's Burlington Northern is a result of a merger between the Burlington and the Northern Pacific Railroad. The collection within the resulting archives is a wonderful record of the railroad relationship with Yellowstone.

Denver Public Library- Denver, Colorado (denverlibrary.org): Known for its outstanding western history collection, Denver Public also has both primary and secondary sources pertaining to Yellowstone. Among this collection is the 1871 journal of Dr. Albert E. Peale who served as a mineralogist on the Hayden expedition.

Minnesota Historical Society- St. Paul, Minnesota

(www.mnhs.org): The Society has the entire collection of the Northern Pacific Railroad records. Because of Northern Pacific Railroad's development of the hotel and transportation concession in the park, these records are a valuable source of information on early travel and concessions in Yellowstone.

Montana Historical Society- Helena, Montana

(www.his.state.mt.us): The Montana Historical Society has a variety of material relating to the park and region. Of primary significance is the Haynes photograph collection. While Montana State University has the Haynes business and library files, the Montana Historical Society maintains the original photograph collection. This facility also contains the state's major collection of newspapers, and there are thousands of references to Yellowstone Park in those.

Montana State University Libraries- Bozeman, Montana (www.lib.montana.edu/archives): The Special Collections and Archives Branch has one of the best Yellowstone National Park Collections outside of the park. The foundation for this collection is the Haynes Collection, assembled by the F. Jay Haynes family, 1881-1968. This includes 3,000 bound volumes and the Haynes business files. Also available are microfilm copies of the Pre-1916 Yellowstone Park Archival Records and an assortment of other

material relative to the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone and the region. In addition to the Yellowstone National Park Collection, the library has microfilm copies of Montana's newspapers dating back to the 1860s. Within these newspapers are numerous references to Yellowstone.
National Archives- Washington, D.C. (www.archives.gov): Within the National Archives there are several record groups which will provide information concerning Yellowstone National Park. These would include: Record Group 79, Records of the National Park Service; Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior; Record Group 35, Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps; and Record Group 57, Records of the U.S. Geological Survey. Microfilm copies of selected records from Record Groups 48, 94, and 391 are available at the Heritage and Research Center. For information concerning specific troops assigned to Yellowstone during the army administration and specific records created in the operation of Fort Yellowstone refer to records relating to the U.S. Continental Commands, 1821 – 1920, in Record Group 393 (selected records from RG 393 pertaining to Fort Yellowstone have been microfilmed and are also available to researchers at the HRC).
U. S. Geological Survey- Reston, Virginia and Denver, Colorado (www.usgs.gov): While Record Group 57 of the National Archives contains much of the record for the U. S. Geological Survey, contact with both the Reston and Denver office will generally yield valuable results when performing research on U.S.G.S. surveys of Yellowstone. Also here are the records of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.
University of California- Los Angeles, California (www.library.ucla.edu/special/scweb/): The Department of Special Collections of the University Research Library maintains the Horace Marden Albright Papers. Identified as Collection 2056, this collection is Albright's personal files. Created between 1913, when he became Assistant to the Secretary of Interior, and his death in 1987, this collection consists of his personal correspondence, files on organizations associated with conservation and historic preservation as well as files on existing and proposed national park areas.
University of Oklahoma- Norman, Oklahoma (libraries.ou.edu): This university houses the Phillips Collection of Western History; an outstanding collection that includes many published sources concerning Yellowstone. As the nation's first school of the study of geology, OU's geology library has an

outstanding collection of published materials, many of which pertain to Yellowstone's geology. University of Wyoming- Laramie, Wyoming (ahc.uwyo.edu): The University of Wyoming Libraries have primary and secondary sources relating to the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone and the region. Many large personal collections which relate to Yellowstone (such as the Maynard Barrows papers) are housed within the American Heritage Center. Within the Wyoming Libraries is the Geology Library, which has numerous references to Yellowstone including copies of F.V. Hayden's maps of Yellowstone. Also housed in the University of Wyoming Libraries are the records from the Wyoming Historical Society- Laramie, Wyoming (www.wyshs.org): Like all state historical societies, the
Wyoming (www.wyshs.org): Like all state historical societies, the scope of collection is statewide. Here one will find both primary and published sources pertaining to Yellowstone.

AVAILABLITY OF MICROFILMS AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

The Yellowstone National Park Research Library has one complete set of the Pre-National Park Service (Pre-1916) microfilm collection available for interlibrary loans. Please make interlibrary loan requests by contacting your local library.

The following institutions also have copies of the Yellowstone Pre-National Park Service microfilm collection:

Montana State University Library, Special Collections, Bozeman, Montana

National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Montana State Historical Society, Helena, Montana

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Item 14: Documents 3300 – 3376.	Secretary of Interior, Jan. 1, 1897 – May 31, 1899
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