Title: Ron Anglin Colter Research Files

Name of Creator: Ron Anglin

Inclusive Dates: 2001-2015

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

Collection Number: AR 043

Name and Location of Repository:
William P. Sherman Library and Archives Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Great Falls, MT

Access Restrictions:
The collection is open for use and housed at the LCTHF Head Office in Great Falls, Montana.

Language:
The contents of the collection are primarily English language documents.


Biographical/Historical Note: Ron Anglin began his search for John Colter in 1997. Many researchers have tried and encountered immense hurdles in discovery of much of Colter’s life because he did not leave any personal journals or correspondence behind. Much of what we know or presume to know about Colter comes from, at best, secondhand sources. Anglin collected materials from multiple researchers of Colter to use in writing his published book chronicling Colter’s life, *The Mystery of John Colter the Man who Discovered Yellowstone*.

Ron Anglin delivered this collection to the LCTHF in 2018. Originally contained in 14 banker’s boxes, much of the original files were copies of research from books and archival collections which have been removed from the collection to protect copyright. These original works are referenced in the removed materials section so other researchers may access the materials themselves.


Arrangement: Chronological

Acquisition Date: 2018
**Acquisition Source:** Ron Anglin delivered the collection to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The original collection consisted of 14 bankers’ boxes and a set of 4 topographic maps.

**Processing Note:**

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**Related Materials:**


**Separated Materials:**


Dickson, Frank H. *Dickson, Hancock and Colter Expedition to the Yellowstone Basin in 1806-07.* Unpublished. Unknown date.


*Mary Hunt.* Unknown photograph.


Wilson, Bruce A. *Late Frontier a History of Okanogan County, Washington.* Okanogan County Historical Society. 1990.

**Removed Materials:**


*An Illustrated History of the Yellowstone Valley.* Spokane, Western Historical Publishing Company, 1907.


Clark, William. *Notes on the chart obtained from George Drouilyard September 6, 1808*. Missouri Historical Society.


“Coulter’s Falls and Lewis and Clark’s Expedition.” Great Falls Tribune, Saturday, December 4, 1888.


Fogarty, Kate Hammond. The Story of Montana. New York, A.S. Barnes Co.


Lindsay, Charles. The Big Horn Basin. Lincoln, Graduate College of the University of Nebraska, 1930.


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**Subject Terms:**

Colter, John.
Container List

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Box 1:

Folder 1: Nathan Boone’s Rangers
Folder 2: Maps
Folder 3: Map Location John Colter Cabin
Folder 4: Lewis and Clark Expedition Notes, 1806
Folder 5: Ron Anglin Working Notes on the Colter Legend Summer 2001
Folder 6: Ron Anglin Notes on John Colter circa 1775 to May 7, 1812, April 2002
Folder 7: Notes John Colter and the L&C Expedition, 2005
Folder 8: Notes John Colter after L&C, 2009
Folder 9: Notes Colter Route 1806-1807
Folder 10: Notes John Colter Ancestry, 2010-2012
Folder 11: The Colter Stone, 2011
Folder 13: Notes Coulter Rifle, 2013
Folder 14: John Colter Gravesite
Folder 15: Notes Fort Raymond
Folder 16: Handwritten Notes
Folder 17: Correspondence, 1978-2001
Folder 18: Correspondence, 2002
Folder 19: Correspondence, 2003
Folder 20: Correspondence, 2005-2009
Folder 21: Correspondence, 2010
Folder 22: Correspondence with Larry Morris, 2010
Folder 23: Correspondence, 2011
Folder 24: Correspondence, 2012-2014
Folder 25: Peer editing Tralena Currah, 2010
Folder 26: Manuscript John Colter the Incredible Story of the Man and the Legend
Folder 27: Notes and Outline Chasing John Colter
Folder 28: Book Proposal Chasing John Colter
Folder 29: Manuscript Gloomy Terrors and Hidden Fires, 2014
Folder 30: Book Review Montana the Magazine of Western History, 2015
Photographs for later removal to photograph collection