

Guide to Union Colony Collection 2 – 2014.15

Reference code US CoGrCGM 2014.15
Title Union Colony Collection 2
Processed by Dyani Johnson
Finding aid prepared by Dyani Johnson

Name and location of repository Hazel E. Johnson Research Center
Greeley History Museum
714 8th Street
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 336-4187
Email: museums@greeleygov.com
URL: <http://greeleymuseums.com/>

Collection Summary

Dates 1869-1989
Bulk dates 1869
Level of description Collection
Extent .25 cubic feet doc box and .010 cubic feet box for ticker tape.
Creator(s) Jack Gloyd Schuman

Administrative/Biographical History

The collection was compiled and collected by Jack Schuman as a boy circa 1929. He was going through dumpsters in alleys collecting stamps and came across Union Colony letters and Meeker family letters.

The Union Colony

On December 4th, 1869, Nathan Cook Meeker published “The Call” in the New York Tribune. The article ran twice in December of 1869. Under the guidance of his employer, Horace Greeley, Nathan explains his plans for a Utopian and Temperance society based on agriculture, Christianity and semi-communal living. He asked for fifty people, with a strict guide on cash income. Ten would need to bring a minimum of \$10,000, twenty would need to bring a minimum of \$5,000 and all others would need between \$200 and \$1,000.

Meeker received over three thousand responses of interest to his Call. He often listed the applicant’s occupation and amount of cash available to bring on the applicant’s envelope.

The Colony was established in early to mid-1870 under the name of The Union Colony. Each family was portioned one lot for an in-town house and a lot of forty to one hundred and sixty

acres for farming or grazing. Proceeds from the more desirable lots in town were pooled for the community.

Jack Gloyd Schuman

Jack Schuman was born on December 3rd, 1922 in Nebraska. After attending high school in Greeley, Colorado, he applied for the US Army Air Force Division in Denver on October 11th, 1943. Jack went on to become a Corporal in the US Army Air Forces during World War II. He was skilled in mechanics and came back to get married to JoAnn Markley on October 22nd, 1955; he lived in the Greeley community working for the Weld County Garage.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of digital letters and images, correspondence and envelopes, wedding invitations, calling cards, a ticker tape, and admittance gathered by Jack Schuman. The digital letters in this collection are a continuation of the Greeley History Museum's 2014.14 collection.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by material type, subject and chronology where applicable. The collection is organized into three series. Series one consists of two digital images of Jack Schuman and JoAnn (Markley) Schuman and seven digital letters of applications to the Union Colony; series two is a ticker tape from William Camp; the third series is a grouping of correspondence with envelopes, calling cards, notices, and wedding invitations relating to the Meeker family.

Conditions governing access

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

Conditions governing reproduction and use

There are no restrictions on the reproduction of this collection. The donors do not want their name associated with the collection, but to have it named after their father, Jack Schuman who collected the items.

Languages and scripts of the materials

English

Immediate source of acquisition

The Schuman Estate

Notes

Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museums' Permanent Collection, #2014.15.

Names

Abbot, Eugene H., B. 1846 – 1912
Allen, Rose A.
Campbell, Jessie L.
Camp, William J., B. 1835 – 1918
Cannon, Clara F.
Cannon, S. H.
Cartz, Geo. Will
Freeman, D. L.
French, Edward R.
Frouder
Dresser, Tennie
Edwards, Callie G.
Getty, Belle M.
Gipson, Albert E.
Glenny, Alex
Hubbard, William
Hyde, J. R.
Kirkland, Charles B.
Kirkland, Joseph
Mansfield, L. Roy
McDaniel, Ed
Meeker, Arvilla Delight Smith, B. 1815 – 1905
Meeker, Lemeul Cleveland
Meeker, Mary A.
Meeker, Nathan Cook, B. 1814 - 1879
Meeker, Ralph
Neild, Frank
Orr, N. H.
Pollock, William J.
Schuman, Jack Gloyd
Schuman, JoAnn Markley
Skewes, Charles H.
Smith, A. F.
Taylor, Charles A.
Whipple, Elliot

Places

Greeley (Colo.)
Chicago (Illi.)
Denver (Colo.)
Firenze (Italy)
Toronto (Canada)
Cripple Creek (Colo.)
Burke (Ida.)

Subjects Pioneers
 Colonists
 Cards
 Ticker Tape
 Invitations
 Communication

Document forms Calling Cards
 Correspondence
 Documents
 Envelopes
 Invitations
 Ticker Tape

Container List

Series I: Digital Images

Box	Folder
1	N/A

Series II: Ticker Tape

Box	Folder
2	N/A

Series III: Documents

Sub Series I: Calling Cards

Box	Folder
3	1 of 5

Sub Series II: Correspondence

Box	Folder
3	2 of 5

Sub Series III: Documents

Box	Folder
3	3 of 5

Sub Series IV: Envelopes

Box	Folder
3	4 of 5

Sub Series V: Invitations

Box	Folder
3	5 of 5