

## Guide to the Carol Rein Shwayder Research Collection – 2013.55

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**Title** Carol Rein Shwayder Research Collection  
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### Collection Summary

**Dates** 1950 - 2010  
**Bulk dates** 1950 - 2010  
**Level of description** Subseries  
**Extent** 13 cubic feet  
**Creator(s)** Shwayder, Carol Rein

### Administrative/Biographical History

#### **Biographical note on Carol Rein Shwayder**

Carol Rein Shwayder was born in Greeley, Colorado in 1931 to Gladys Holick Rein and Selmar Rein. A graduate of Greeley High School in the Class of 1949, she married “Pat” Murray in 1950 and had two daughters, Pamela Murray Atkin and Sandra Murray Buckendorf. In 1960 she married Richard West, though the union ended in divorce. In 1978, she married Dr. Reynold Shwayder who fully supported all her endeavors until his death in 1995.

Though she had no college degree or special training in history, research methodology, or writing, Carol Shwayder was an indomitable force in researching and compiling local history. She had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and was driven to explore every question raised in the history of Greeley and Weld County, Colorado. The value of her legacy to later historians is incalculable. Her life and work were described in a eulogy by Peggy Ford Waldo: “The best of Carol, her heart and soul, indeed, her legacy lives on in more than 50 volumes of historical research about the people, places, and events in Greeley, Weld County, and Northern Colorado. This was the place she loved and called home; with tireless devotion she greatly expanded the knowledge of this area for researchers today and in the future.”

## **Scope and Content**

This collection is meant to both convey Shwayder's process of research and preserve its products. To that end, the collection retains dozens of folders of source material she used, many in their original order and with their original titles. Similarly, there are hundreds of pages of handwritten notes, usually identified by a one-word title. Even though many of these notes found their way into her books, they are retained here in tribute to Shwayder's scrupulous devotion to the history of Greeley and Weld County. In particular, her series of general Weld County research files demonstrate the breadth and depth of her work.

This donation, received upon Mrs. Shwayder's death in 2010, consists of several cartons of handwritten notes in file folders, dozens of articles or chapters copied from books and journals; personal and research-related correspondence; pedigree charts, ancestor charts, and individual summary sheets from an internet genealogy source; audio and VHS cassettes; and over 3 dozen books (over 3 dozen volumes), published by her own company, Unicorn Ventures.

### **System of arrangement**

Materials pertaining to a specific individual or entity, e.g. Elbridge Gerry, the sugar beet story, etc. are arranged in an imposed order to facilitate use by researchers. The series of general/Weld County research files were essentially left in their original order. Empty folders were removed even if labeled, and one additional folder was added to accommodate materials regarding maps.

### **Conditions governing access**

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

### **Conditions governing reproduction and use.**

There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection, except one group of photos related to Shwayder's work on Elbridge Gerry. Publication or use of those photos, which Shwayder identified as "Indian friends of Gerry", must give credit to the Wyoming Division of Cultural Resources, as indicated in the pertinent folder

### **Languages and scripts of the materials**

English

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

This collection was donated by Keith Atkin, grandson of Carol R. Shwayder, in keeping with her wishes.

**Related archival materials**

1980.70; 1983.27; 2000.73; 2001.70; 2002.63; 2003.55; 2004.73; 2006.105; and 2007.75.

**Notes**

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The following items from this accession are not included in this finding aid: 2013.55.0013 - .0025,

**Names**

These are individuals who were given prominent mention, e.g. included in the list of early Greeley businesses, featured in a biography, or found to be a significant subject in the author's research-related correspondence.

Abbey, R. P., 1834-1900  
Abbott, Eugene H., 1846-1912  
Abbott, John C., 1841-1909  
Adams, B. C., 1833-1903  
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Allen, Daniel Nash, 1845-1880  
Ambrose, J. E.  
Annis, Frank J., 1854-1924  
Avery, Franklin C., 1849-1923  
Babcock, Frank M., 1842-1872  
Bacon, Theodore D., 1864-1930  
Baker, A. C.  
Baker, George W.  
Baker, Lyman C.  
Barclay, J. B., 1819-1896  
Bardill, Conrad, 1837-1905  
Bardill, D.  
Barker, S.  
Barrett, John L., 1824-1889  
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Bassett, Mary L., 1856 -  
Baxter, Alfred, 1825-1903  
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Boyd, Alexander, 1825 - 1896  
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Brewer, Gertrude, 1867-1915  
Brewer, Samuel, 1837-1933  
Brewer, W. A.  
Briggs, Sarah A., 1838-1906  
Brown, J.  
Brush, D.  
Brush, Jared L., 1838-1913  
Buchtel, John T., 1850 -  
Buckingham, C. G., 1846-1940  
Buckley, Anna , 1848-1903  
Buckley, J. D., 1837-1889  
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Calvin, Millard Darwin "Skeets", 1916-1999  
Cameron, Robert Alexander, 1828-1894  
Campbell, Artha S., 1851-1883  
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Childs, Francis L, 1824-1898  
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Clayton, Jennie M., 1857-1900  
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Eaton, Benjamin Harrison, 1833-1904  
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Emerson, B.  
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Fancher, Frank  
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Fisher, Oscar Louis, 1844-1907  
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Fisk, Russell, 1827-1884  
Flory, Jacob Stoner, 1838-1911  
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Flower, Harrison Fitch, 1837-1911  
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Fox, William, 1858-  
Freeman, James M., 1837-1911  
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Fuller, Fred Summer, 1862-1947  
Fuller, Samuel G., 1844-1921  
Fussell, Charles Lewis, 1840-1909  
Gale, Otis Percival, 1845-1887  
Gerry, Elbridge, 1818-1875  
Gerry, John E., 1874-1948  
Gerry, Mary Pauline Phegley, 1861-1922  
Gerry, Mary R. Thompson  
Gerry, Seth Elbridge, 1852-1916  
Gillette, Martin Van Buren, 1838-1885  
Gipson, Albert E., 1848-1937  
Graham, Samuel, 1821-1887  
Grout, E.S., 1854-1903  
Guiney, Virginia R.  
Gurley, E. W.  
Hagadon, James, 1848-1919  
Hall, Eli, 1823-1899

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Hamman, William, 1839-1904  
Hanna, Levi, 1808-1898  
Harding, George H., 1835-  
Harrington, R. B., 1845-1891  
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Hastings, D. C.  
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Higley, James Cooke, 1833-1905  
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Jackson, Henry Burgess, 1849-1908  
Johns, Rudolph H., 1834-1904  
Johnson, Bruce F., 1834-1930  
Johnson, J. M.  
Jones, Winfield F., 1850-  
Joyce, Joseph, 1854-1928  
Joyce, William, 1857-1937  
Keeler, Daniel Burr, 1848-1919  
Kellogg, Horace D., 1846-1924  
Kendall, Alpheus, 1850-1942  
Kennedy, Silas S., 1836-  
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Knowles, Adela B., 1854-1930  
Koch, D. C., 1851-

Koogle, A. C., 1843-1922  
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Law, Gulielmus, 1838-1916  
Law, Harvey Milton, 1848-1927  
Leavy, John, 1831-1911  
Lemmon, Eugene Bruce, 1848-1927  
Lowndes, Edward, 1830-1878  
Lowther, E. J.  
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Matteson, M. C., 1852-  
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McLain, Oliver M.  
McLaughlin, H. C.  
McMaster, Alexander G., 1834-  
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Meeker, Nathan Cook, 1817-1879  
Milner, Samuel P., 1830-1887  
Mimmack, Thomas, 1832-1896  
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Monk, Elisha Capen, 1828-1898  
Moore, Joseph, 1821-1902  
Moore, Sam, 1846-  
Morley, Thomas C., 1814-1900  
Moss, Joseph, 1827-1903  
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Nettleton, Edwin S., 1833-1901  
Nice, William H., 1855-1932  
Nichols, Edward Thomas, 1817-1899  
Nichols, W.A., 1830-  
Norris, L. B.  
Norton, Barbara  
Ogilvy, Lyulph G. S., 1861-1947  
Pabor, William E., 1835-1911  
Packard, Abel K., 1823-1903  
Palmer, Elizabeth, 1863 - 1900  
Parker, G. E.  
Peabody, S.  
Percival, Frederic J., 1840 -  
Perkins, George W., 1848-1913  
Pettibone, R.

Pinneo, Benjamin F., 1840-1925  
Plumb, Ovid, 1823-1913  
Post, William H., d. 1872  
Pyburn, George, 1831 - 1911  
Quigley, Jeremiah, 1844-1926  
Ramsey, Allen, 1831-1911  
Ramsey, Nellie, 1862-  
Randolph, William David, 1860-1933  
Red Kettle, Alice, 1879-1946  
Red Kettle, Mary, 1864-1956  
Reed, M.  
Reeve, R. W.  
Richardson, James H., 1814-  
Ringer, Frank S.,  
Roberts, Walter J., 1844-1929  
Rogers, Peter J., 1807-1887  
Rogerson, H. M., 1837-  
Rogerson, Horatio N., 1846-  
Root, DeWitt C., 1845-  
Rowe, B. N.  
Royce, W. C.  
Salomon, Adolph Z., 1839-1910  
Sanborn, C. W., 1843 - 1923  
Sanborn, John F., 1834-1876  
Sanders, William Calvin, 1843-1913  
Schenck, W. H.  
Scott, E. J., 1850 -  
Scott, Glenn R., 1918-2012  
Scott, James C., 1834-1923  
Scott, James S., 1800-1881  
Seeley, Joseph, 1841-1899  
Shattuck, Joseph Cummings, 1835-1921  
Shwayder, Carol Rein, 1931-2010  
Shwayder, Reynold Issac, 1917-1995  
Smith, Billie Joan, 1929 - 2002  
Smith, H., 1841 -  
Smith, J. T., 1850-  
Sorenson, Hans, 1841 - 1902  
Southard, Samuel Harvey, 1846-1920  
Spencer, Stephen, 1817 - 1896  
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 Taylor, John A., 1854-1927  
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 Thacker, H. D.  
 Thomas, C. R.  
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 Thompson, Robert Gordon, 1806-1879  
 Thompson, Stillman K., 1831-1912  
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 Townsend, Harvey, 1822-1901  
 Tuttle, Herman B., 1830-1893  
 Tyroff, August William, 1839-1901  
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 Waring, Alfred, 1842-1896  
 Weed, William L., 1814-1894  
 Welch, Jacob, 1819-1907  
 West, Henry Tracey, 1824-1922  
 Whipple, Lewis, 1823-1892  
 White Rabbit, Mary, 1864-1956  
 White Rabbit, Robert, 1854-1934  
 White, John L., 1842-  
 Whitney, Alfred B.  
 Whitney, Fred S., 1830-1899.  
 Williams, Harry, 1845-  
 Woodbury, Joseph Albert, 1832-1913  
 Woodbury, J. C.  
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 Woods, Harold C.  
 Yerkes, Benjamin Howard, 1849-1883  
 Yerkes, Louise W., 1852-1912

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