

Guide to the Carol Rein Shwayder Research Collection – 2013.55

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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

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Notes

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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
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Barker, S.
Barrett, John L., 1824-1889
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Barton, Harry H., 1840 -
Bassett, Mary L., 1856 -
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Brewer, Christina, 1838 -1914
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Brown, J.
Brush, D.
Brush, Jared L., 1838-1913
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Buckingham, C. G., 1846-1940
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Burke, R.
Calvin, Millard Darwin "Skeets", 1916-1999
Cameron, Robert Alexander, 1828-1894
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Clark, James Maxwell, 1840-1928
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Gale, Otis Percival, 1845-1887
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Gillette, Martin Van Buren, 1838-1885
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Grout, E.S., 1854-1903
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Higley, James Cooke, 1833-1905
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Jackson, H. J.
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
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Kendall, Alpheus, 1850-1942
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Leavy, John, 1831-1911
Lemmon, Eugene Bruce, 1848-1927
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McCave, William, 1859 -
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McMaster, Alexander G., 1834-
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Meeker, Nathan Cook, 1817-1879
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Morley, Thomas C., 1814-1900
Moss, Joseph, 1827-1903
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Nichols, W.A., 1830-
Norris, L. B.
Norton, Barbara
Ogilvy, Lyulph G. S., 1861-1947
Pabor, William E., 1835-1911
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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-
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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
Springer, L. S., 1841-1915
Stein, William, 1836 -
Stephens, R.
Sterling, John, 1931 -
Stevens, Isaac, 1843 -
Stockton, Jenny Lee Nelson, 1846-1926

Stoner, Margery, 1850 - 1891
 Strunk, W. E., 1843 -
 Swan, G., 1842-1917
 Taylor, John A., 1854-1927
 Teller, Lewis W., 1830-1898
 Thacker, H. D.
 Thomas, C. R.
 Thompson, R. B.
 Thompson, Robert Gordon, 1806-1879
 Thompson, Stillman K., 1831-1912
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 Tompkins, Frank, 1861-
 Townsend, Harvey, 1822-1901
 Tuttle, Herman B., 1830-1893
 Tyroff, August William, 1839-1901
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 Wallace, W. R.
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 Whipple, Lewis, 1823-1892
 White Rabbit, Mary, 1864-1956
 White Rabbit, Robert, 1854-1934
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 Woodruff, W. B., 1830-1910
 Woods, Harold C.
 Yerkes, Benjamin Howard, 1849-1883
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