

Collections Report

Campbell County Rockpile Museum – April 2022

1. 3 Books

Source: Staff Collected- Gillette, WY

Information: Books include *With Crook at the Rosebud* by J.W Vaughn, *The Basque Web* by Dollie Iberlin, and *The American Coal Miner* by The President's Commission on Coal. These items were purchased or collected by staff and will be added into the collections and/or used for research purposes.

Recommendation: Add Books to Museum Staff/Research

2. Selective Service Cards x2- 1953 & 1966, WWII Mileage Ration Card- 1943

Source: Baerbel Merrill- Gillette, WY

Information: Larry and Baerbel Merrill both served in the military for over 20 + years and moved to Gillette, Wyoming for job opportunities and to raise their 4 children in the 1980s/90s. Baerbel currently serves as the vice president of Patient Services for Campbell County Health.

Recommendation: Education Collection

3. Kitty Gas Plant Light Fixture

Source: Scott Blakesley- Gillette, WY

Information: This light fixture was used at the Kitty Gas Plant, located in Gillette, Wyoming, which is a supplier of Gas Processing Operations. This specific light was used during the changing of the guards. Date is unknown.

Recommendation: Education Collection

4. 1930s/40s Men's Razor and Case

Source: Dwayne Dillinger- Gillette, Wy

Information: This razor and case belonged to Dwayne's great-great grandfather John P. Scott, a rancher near Moorcroft, Wyoming along Grey Road. We have a lot of razors in our collections already, but many do not have known provenance. We recommend adding this razor to the permanent collection and deaccessioning several other razors in the near future.

Recommendation: Permanent Collection

5. Newspaper Clippings x2

Source: Debbie Anderson- Pine Haven, Wy

Information: One of the newspaper clippings is of Glenn Fitch on a horse. The article is titled "Pioneer" and discusses his location in the photo, as well as how he was the first white child born in Gillette on Dec. 28, 1892. The other newspaper clipping shows Joe Watt from Sheridan, Wy with the two leading ladies from "The Little House on the Prairie". Joe was the new president of the board of directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame where the show was being honored as the best fictional television program.

Recommendation: DECLINE but add Clippings into Vertical Files.

6. Bits and Pieces Magazine (2 totes full), Annals of Wyoming (1 sm. box full)

Source: Nicole Miller- Gillette, Wy

Information: These Magazines and Annals belonged to Phil Brewster from Lusk, Wyoming who was a collector of Wyoming history. There are numerous Bits and Pieces from the same volume and year, many of which we already have in our collections. We currently have at least one copy of each Annals in our collection as well.

Recommendation: Permanent Collection only those not in our current collection. Decline the rest.

7. Camel Yearbooks x3 (1999, 2001, 2003)

Source: George Dunlap- Gillette, Wy

Information: These are three of the Camel High School Yearbooks we currently do not have in our collection.

Recommendation: Permanent Collection

8. Camel Yearbooks x4 (1945-48), Wheel of Time Book, The Treasured Years x2, Campbell County Chronicles: The Way We Were (Spring 1984)

Source: Toby Westbrook- Gillette, Wy

Information: The yearbooks belonged to Gloria Jay Gregory who graduated from CCHS in 1948. She was born at the Homestake Mine in Wyodak in 1930 and her father was killed in a mining accident at the same Homestake Mine in 1937. We currently have 2 of each yearbook in our collections, but since these are filled with autographs from students and faculty, they provide the provenance necessary to keep them. We already have 2 Wheel of Time books in our collection and numerous copies of The Treasured Years. The Campbell County Chronicle contains handwritten notes on certain pictures indicating information regarding Gloria's life in Gillette, as well as an envelope with photocopies of Peerless Mine and the poster from the Kirby Mutual Coal Company.

Recommendation: Add Yearbooks and Chronicle to Permanent Collection. Keep Wheel of Time. DECLINE the rest.