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WESTERN HISTORY COLLECTIONS

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FBI File on Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers

This FBI file reveals details regarding the investigation of labor organizer Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers as a subversive group. The records are roughly chronological in organization. Scholars of 20th-century U.S. history, labor history, Mexican/Chicano studies and social history will find this collection an invaluable resource.

S3354. **2 reels.**

FBI File on the Posse Comitatus

Covering the period 1973–1977 and 1980–1996, this collection contains copies of hate literature, details of a bombing and notes from several income tax evasion trials.

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Francis Griffith Newlands Scrapbooks, 1887–1918

The scrapbooks, which contain the most complete and extensive record of Newland's election campaigns and legislative programs, are arranged by topic and concern, including: Nevada politics, the Newlands Reclamation Act of 1902, railway legislation, irrigation, inland waterways, flood control, the Interstate Trade Commission, foreign affairs, the tariff, race problems, labor legislation and the death of Senator Newlands. This collection provides insight into the American West, environmental history and the political history of the Progressive Era in the United States.

D3548. **15 reels.**

History of the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Northwest

This collection makes available a number of rare primary source materials on the early history of the two regions. Many of these texts are unavailable in college libraries because of their rarity or prohibitive cost. Under the guidance of Archibald Hanna, former curator of The Yale Collection of Western Americana, this collection is organized with the emphasis on making available out-of-print and rare documents.

Canadian Northwest. **20 reels.**

Pacific Northwest. **30 reels.**

1490. Complete collection: 50 reels.

Nineteenth Century American Literature and History

Part 2: Trans-Mississippi West

Covering the end of the Civil War through the 1920s, this collection focuses on the geographic region beyond the Mississippi River. It includes a variety of primary source materials, from accounts of obscure frontier personalities to official government records.

1680. **16,600 fiche in 32 units.**

Pacific Railway Surveys, 1853–1855: Reports of Explorations and Surveys to Ascertain the Most Practicable and Economical Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Railway Surveys were undertaken at the direction of Congress to determine the best route for the first transcontinental railroad. Army expeditions, staffed with natural scientists, artists, and collectors, began the surveys in 1853. The Pacific Railway Surveys, originally published in the Congressional Serial Set, is now considered among the great documents on the 19th-century scientific endeavor and the exploration of the American West.

S1878. **7 reels.**

The Plains and the Rockies, 1800–1865

The Plains and the Rockies, a cornerstone collection of the early history of the West, is based on the H. R. Wagner and C. L. Camp bibliography of the same name published in 1920. Included are books, magazine articles, federal documents and newspaper articles describing personal experiences written between 1800 and 1865.

The material selected covers a geographic scope from the region lying between the Missouri River and the Sierra Nevada Cascades, through Canada east of the Red River, and from Mexico to the Arctic. *The Plains and the Rockies* provides access to the basic documents on the Lewis and Clark expedition, the fur trade and wagon trains. The

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travels of the early Mormons, railroad surveys and other primary source information about the early West are also included.

1757.

2,823 fiche.

Reports of Explorations Printed in the Documents of the United States Government

This fascinating collection provides researchers and historians with access to findings that cover subjects as varied as anthropology, botany and zoology, topography, geology and hydrography, studies of Indian linguistics and even railroad and wagon routes. Comprising 554 reports compiled for various government agencies, it includes Geological Survey monographs, reports of the Smithsonian Institution, Senate or House Executive Documents, and others.

The collection presents the reports as they originally appeared, providing authentic documentation for scientific and historic research. A printed guide accompanies the collection.

1781.

72 reels.

Texas as Province and Republic, 1795-1845

A model for modern regional bibliographies, Thomas W. Streeter's work provides historians and scholars with a contemporary guide to rare source materials. Included are Streeter's bibliography and more than 90 percent of its titles. Many of the titles are rare, and others have disappeared altogether. With several entries in Spanish, the collection includes broadsides, sheet music, maps and proclamations, books and pamphlets. New materials, unknown or unavailable to Streeter, also have been incorporated.

1910.

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Travels in the West and Southwest

Travels in the West and Southwest preserves material that is fundamental to the study of American history from the end of the Civil War to the 1920's. This primary source material includes biographies of Indian sympathizers, trappers, mountain men and cowboys, and gives accounts of life in the vast region from St. Louis to San Francisco, and from San Diego north to British Columbia. Directories, historical serials, pertinent speeches in

Congress and elsewhere, promotional pieces and other unusual materials are presented. Such variety makes this collection ideal for the study of politics, social and economic life and the culture of the developing West.

1937.

2,637 fiche.

Western American Frontier History, 1550-1900

PREVIOUS TITLE: *Western Americana: Frontier History of the Trans-Mississippi, 1550-1900*

This collection includes a broad selection of printed sources relating to the discovery, exploration, settlement and development of North America from Mexico to the Arctic Ocean, and from the Mississippi River Valley and Hudson's Bay to the Pacific Ocean and the Bering Straits.

1970.

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