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**ELMER LINDSEY PAPERS**  
1896-1898

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***HISTORY***

Elmer Lindsley served with the army administration in Yellowstone National Park from 1893 to 1898. In 1897, he led an exploratory winter patrol through the park and was a part of the patrol that captured the 1897 stagecoach robbers. Lindsley also received a patent (#31,173) for the design of a pocket knife during his time in Yellowstone. Lindsley was a cadet in the U. S. Army Military Academy in 1887. In 1891 he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the 6th Cavalry. He was transferred to the 4th Cavalry in 1897. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant in the 1st Cavalry in 1898 and then became a captain in 1901. Later he was promoted to major, before retiring as a colonel.

***DESCRIPTION***

The collection consists of a few letters and two maps related to Elmer Lindsley's time with the Army in Yellowstone National Park. The maps, which are annotated, may have been used by Lindsley during his winter patrol across the park. The letters include four letters pertaining to the robberies, including two letters from U. S. Attorney Gibson Clark regarding a subpoena and evidence; one from Dr. W. H. Allen regarding sighting the suspects; and a letter from the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co. regarding the revolvers in evidence. Finally, there is a letter from Arnold Hague, USGS, regarding topographic notes on the west side of the park, including Boundary Creek and Bechler River areas. Hague also makes mention of the stagecoach robbers.

***PROVENANCE***

Gift of Col. Elmer Lindsley, 1927.

***AVAILABILITY***

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