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JUDGE JOHN MELDRUM PAPERS
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HISTORY

Judge John W. Meldrum (September 17, 1843 – February 27, 1936) was a carpenter, a Wyoming politician and the first U.S. Commissioner in Yellowstone National Park, a position he held for 41 years (1894–1935).

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of the personal papers and photographs of John Meldrum, first judge magistrate for Yellowstone National Park. The papers are primarily letters to family-Meldrum kept up a substantial correspondence with his nieces and nephews. While much of the contents is personal, there are stories and events in the park mentioned. The photographs are snapshots of the park, including typical views of wildlife and landscapes, as well as a few more personalized shots such as images of the Judge's house. Official correspondence of for the Judge can be found in the Army Era records (RG00) and the records of U. S. District Court for Yellowstone National Park (RG11).

PROVENANCE

Gift of Helen and Jack Meldrum, 1995, and Suzan Wales, 1996.

AVAILABILITY

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