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ALBERT AND FLOSSIE SMITH PAPERS
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HISTORY

Albert F. and Flossie Irene (McDonald) Smith ranched in the Paradise Valley, near Emigrant, Montana. In 1913, Albert was awarded a contract to improve a portion of the wagon road between Gardiner, Montana, and Fort Yellowstone in Yellowstone National Park. Work commenced in 1914, and Flossie joined Albert on the road crew, working as the camp cook.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of photographs by Albert and Flossie Smith, and a reminiscence/history by daughter Irene Smith (later Bolander) of a season working on a road crew in Yellowstone National Park in 1914. The photos are a mix of real photo postcards, original images, and copy prints. Topics depicted include tourists, the Canyon Hotel, and a number of horse-drawn wagons and stages. While the road work is not shown, there is an image of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers work camp, and a couple of shots of the horse-drawn equipment. The reminiscence was written at a later date by daughter Irene and describes the activities of the summer, with a special mention of Flossie's skill as a cook.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Irene Smith Bolander, 1998.

AVAILABILITY

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