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ARTHUR B. SMITH LETTERS
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HISTORY

Arthur B. Smith worked as the Assistant General Passenger Agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad (NPRR). In 1904, he was sent to Yellowstone National Park to observe the operations of the NPRR funded Yellowstone Park Association (YPA).

DESCRIPTION

Letters of Richard B. Smith describing his time observing operations of the Yellowstone Park Association (YPA) in Yellowstone National Park, 1904. The letters are primarily to his wife Mary Hunting Smith, though one letter is to another relative, Calvert Smith. The letters describe the operations of the YPA as well as the Cottage Hotel. There is significant detail about the food and accommodations in addition to the sights of the park. The collection is notable for its early date and focus on a less well documented concessioner operation.

PROVENANCE

Gift of granddaughter Frances Smith Wetherell, 2022.

AVAILABILITY

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