

## **Archives of Utah and the American West**

### **I. Purpose and Program Description**

#### **A. Library's Collection Development Objectives**

The Archives of Utah and the American West seeks to support research and teaching concerning Utah and selected aspects of the Intermountain West at all academic levels, undergraduate through postgraduate.

#### **B. Curriculum Program Descriptions**

All disciplines within the University concerned with aspects of the past of Utah and the West make use of the archives, with heaviest use coming from History, Church history, American Studies, Political Science, and Humanities. Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty research the existing collections; potentially this same broad group will continue their use with no change in their makeup except as individuals, although we hope for a general and steady increase in the amount of use.

#### **C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest**

Energy and the environment.

#### **D. Areas of Specialization**

See "Subject Emphasis" below.

### **II. General Selection Guidelines**

#### **A. Treatment of Subject Depth**

Collected are unique archival and manuscript materials to create a research-level collection. No specific manuscripts are excluded, but the collection by definition can never be exhaustive.

#### **B. Specific Delimitations**

##### **1. Type**

Archives and manuscripts of any type, except aural and photographic are collected. Aural materials are collected by the Archives of Recorded Sound; photographs are collected by, or transferred to, the Photo Archives.

##### **2. Physical format**

Primarily original archives and manuscripts are collected. Photocopies, microform, typescript and other types of copies are also collected.

3. Creation date

- a. Collected extensively: Pre-1900, especially in areas of specialization (See “Subject Emphasis”).
- b. Collected selectively: Post-1900 (See “Subject Emphasis”).

4. Geographical focus

Emphasis is given to Utah County and South-central Utah within the State of Utah. The Intermountain West includes the states of Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, and New Mexico, with the greatest emphasis given to the Great Basin, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and the Southwest, and the least emphasis given to Montana, the Pacific Northwest, and California.

5. Subject emphasis

Within Utah and the Intermountain West, archives and manuscripts are collected as designated below, with the term “secondary” after a word meaning that the primary collecting responsibility for that area lies with another archival program.

- a. Collected extensively: Utah: The discovery and exploration of the Great Basin, the fur trade, mining, transportation, literature (secondary), arts and communications (secondary), politics, energy and the environment, the American Indian, overland trails, and women’s history. The West: The discovery and exploration of the Great Basin, the fur trade, overland trails, the American Indian, energy and the environment, literature (secondary), and arts and communications (secondary).
- b. Collected selectively: Utah: All remaining subjects. The West: Mining, transportation, politics, and women’s history.

c. Generally excluded: Congressional papers and large business archives from states other than Utah.

6. Languages

Most materials sought will be in English, but no language is excluded if other criteria are met.

C. Overlap with Other Subjects of Collections Within the Lee Library

See the General Introduction above.