

**Americana Collection
Collection Development Policy**

Mormonism

I. Purpose and Program Description

A. Collection and Development Objectives

The purpose of the Mormon Collection in Special Collections is to provide students, faculty, and visiting scholars support in the research of Mormonism. The curator of Printed Americana and Mormonism collects Mormon material at level 5 (comprehensive). If there are exceptions to this level of collecting the decisions will be made by the curator in consultation with other relevant curators and administrators. The Mormon Collection contains the following major areas of emphasis:

1. Mormon History: 1830-1930.
2. Mormon History: 1930-Present.

II. General Selection Guidelines

A. Mormon History: 1830-1930.

1. Monographs, pamphlets, periodical articles, and ephemera.
Collected extensively

In short, for the first century of Mormonism nearly everything published by or about Mormons is collected.

2. Books, pamphlets, periodical articles, etc., which relate to the period of American history in which Mormonism was founded. This includes 19th Century American religious thought, the social and physical background of early 19th Century America, the policies of government as it related to religious freedom, etc. Published materials concerning the geographical areas in which the Mormons were located are also collected, but usually only when the material deals with the period of time in which the Mormons were there.

Collected less extensively.

B. Mormon History: 1930-Present.

1. Monographs, pamphlets, and periodical articles: Collected extensively.

The curator attempts to collect as much material as possible written by and about the Mormon Church during this period of its history. However the proliferation of published material generated by the Mormons themselves requires that certain limitation be set concerning the collecting of Mormon material during this period of time. See the following items 3-13.

2. Regional Mormon Newspapers: Collected extensively.

Newspapers published for Mormon audiences are collected by the library. These include the *California Intermountain News*, *The Latter-Day Sentinel*, published in Phoenix, Arizona, *The Latter-Day Sentinel*, published in Los Angeles, California, *The Latter-Day Trumpet*, *The Beehive*, *Mormon Life*, and any other newspaper of this type which may be published in the future. Because of newspaper acidity, decisions regarding whether to retain hard copies of these publications will be made by the curator. It may be that some material of this type will be microfilmed for long term preservation and the hard copy destroyed.

3. Foreign language manuals: Collected selectively.

Foreign language manuals are added selectively to the collection when received as gifts, particularly those languages that have large numbers of members (i.e., Spanish, Portuguese, etc.), but no effort is made to secure them on a regular basis.

4. Mission periodicals: Collected selectively.

Issues of mission periodicals were exhaustively collected until the foreign language periodicals were standardized in 1971. Since 1971, no major attempt has been made to ensure the receipt of individual mission periodicals.

5. Genealogy: Collected selectively.

Genealogies are not sought for the collection or added unless they include biographies, pioneer journals, etc.

6. Missionary tracts: Collected selectively.

Missionary tracts are added to the collection when they are given to the library as gifts, but are not purchased or actively collected. This applies to both English and foreign language tracts.

7. Multiple printings and bindings: Collected selectively.

Printings in which the text has not been altered are not actively acquired. If donated, they may be added to the collection. Editions in which a change in text occurs are collected. Variant bindings are not generally collected with some exceptions for 19th century publications. Copies of the same work in a foreign language are added selectively. No attempt is made to secure these items from foreign regional distribution centers of the church.

8. Stake and Ward Newspapers: Excluded.

No attempt is made to collect any stake or ward newspapers nor do we add them if given to the library.

9. Newspaper articles: Excluded.

The library does not collect newspaper articles except for specific subject interest. In exceptional cases articles from newspaper may be collected but usually photocopies are made rather than keeping the original newspaper article.

10. Ephemera: Excluded.

Ephemera is not collected except for occasional important individual items, the importance of which will be evaluated by the curator.

11. Family periodicals: Excluded.

No attempt is made to secure family periodicals from various family organizations. As some are given to the library, separate issues may be added selectively when appropriate (i.e., if a single issue contains a major biography of a family member or quotations from pioneer journals). On occasion, some issues are sought if the intellectual content merits its inclusion.

12. Media: Collected selectively.

Collecting Mormon media materials, including audio, video, film, etc., in a variety of formats (CD, DVD, tape, etc.) are collected in conjunction with Music Special Collections with the criteria enumerated in a separate document.

13. Internet publications: Collected selectively.

Selected articles from internet sites will be printed and added to the collection.

Americana, Utah, and the West

I. Purpose and Program Description

Objectives

The purpose of the Americana, Utah, and the West collections is to provide teaching and research support to students, faculty, and visiting scholars in the following major areas of emphasis:

- A. History of Utah
- B. The West as it relates to Utah
- C. Americana as it relates to Utah or Mormonism

The curator of Printed Americana and Mormonism collects Utah, Western and general Americana material at various levels (generally level 4 or 5). Collecting decisions will be made by the curator in consultation with other relevant curators and administrators.

II. General Selection Guidelines

A. Utah: 1847-1900.

Utah materials published during the 19th Century are collected broadly on a level 5 (comprehensive).

1. Includes monographs, pamphlets, and periodical articles.
2. Excludes most government publications, i.e., *Congressional Record*, *Serials Set* (these materials are collected for the open stacks in the Government Documents Collection), annual reports of agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, War Department, etc. Where an important document monograph has been published, an attempt is made to acquire a copy. If an original is not available, a photocopy is made from the Government Documents Collection.

B. Utah: 1900-present.

Utah materials published during the 20th Century are collected on a level 4 (research).

1. Includes all monographs, periodical literature, annual reports, business records, and literature.
2. The library avoids duplicating in Special Collections materials such as geologic studies, environmental impact statements, wildlife studies, and little used material within the circulating collections.
3. The library cooperates with the University of Utah which collects labor and business records in depth.

C. The West

Items on the West as it relates to Utah are collected on a level 4 (research). This material concerns the eleven states in the Intermountain West.

1. Any work published during the 19th Century which deals with the discovery and exploration of the West. This includes the discovery and exploration of the Great Basin, California, and the islands of the Pacific.
Collected extensively.
2. Any work published during the 19th Century which deals with Western migration, particularly if the migration includes information on Utah. Of course, any work which includes information on the Mormon migration west is also added.

Collected extensively.

3. Works published during the 20th Century which deal with the above subjects. Reprints will be collected very selectively.

Collected extensively.

4. Works on the Goshute, Hopi, Navajo, Piate, Shivwits, Shoshoni, and Ute Indians.

Collected extensively.

Works on all other tribes are excluded.

5. Twentieth Century books if they are already in the library's circulating collection: books which deal with the Pacific Northwest, Hispanic America, or any of the Midwest states.

Excluded.

D. Americana

Americana is added to the collection when the item is too rare to be housed in the regular stacks.

1. Includes books printed in America before 1825, picture books, books in limited editions, and books from some specifically identified presses.

2. Americana books which relate to Mormonism Collected extensively