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Overview:
The American Heritage Center is the University of Wyoming’s repository of manuscripts collections, rare books, and the university archives. Major areas of the collections include Wyoming and the American West, the mining and petroleum industries, Western politics and leadership, conservation, journalism, transportation, and twentieth-century entertainment such as popular music, radio, television, and film. Like most major university repositories, the AHC collects both regionally and nationally in select areas.

Noteworthy collections:

  Records primarily cover the period from 1921 to the late 1960s, during which the Lazear family managed the day-to-day operations of the ranch. There is very limited information on the early years of the ranch. Although the main focus of the records is the business concerns of the ranch, some personal information is included. There is information about ranch employees including personnel and training files. Also included are personal correspondence, some of which details the Lazears’ mission work, and personal as well as business photographs. Collection also contains maps and blueprints of the Wyoming Hereford Ranch area and some artifacts that detail both the personal and business life of the ranch.

Includes correspondence, mine and mining records, investigations and evaluations, land status reports, and numerous types of maps and plates by this geological consultant.

- James L. Ehrenberger Western Railroad Collection (1862–2001). Documents the history of railroads in the American West, and particularly for Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain region. The collection contains records from numerous companies, with the bulk of the materials being generated by the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

- Edward A. Altshuler Papers (1930–2003). Business and personal records created by this management consultant from 1930–2003. The bulk of the materials relate to his various consulting businesses, which operated during the 1940s and through the 1990s. In addition to Altshuler’s written records, there are also a large number of business-related audio and video recordings from the 1970s–1990s.

- Wyoming Stock Growers Association Records (1857–1987). Records of this association concerned with brand inspections, health and sanitary concerns, freight rates, fencing, and other public domain issues associated with the cattle industry in Wyoming.