

Alice T. Bacon Notebooks
Collected letters, clippings,
And notes pertaining to Eagle County

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Description of Collection

Origination

Alice T. Bacon

Title

Alice T. Bacon Notebooks

Physical Description

2 1 1/4" black loose-leaf binders

Repository

Local History Collection, Eagle Library, Eagle Valley Library District
PO Box 240, 600 Broadway, Eagle, CO 81631

Location of Collection

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Administrative Information

Restriction on Access

The photocopy of the notebooks may be accessed in the Library. Visual inspection of the original notebooks may be arranged with Local History Department staff.

Restrictions on Use

The collection is used in the presence of Eagle Library Local History Collection staff.

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Eagle County Historical Society.

Custodial History (Provenance)

The notebooks were donated to the Eagle County Historical Society for inclusion in the Eagle Public Library, Local History Collection. The notebooks were processed for inclusion in the collection in July 2006.

Note (Abstract)

The notebooks contain: letters to Alice T. Bacon from William B. Thom, editor of the Eagle Valley Enterprise, including a great deal of his historical research on Eagle County; letters to William B. Thom from Henry Warren; news clippings; notes by Alice Bacon on the structure of public education in Eagle County. The earliest date on material is 1921; the latest date is 1940.

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

Notebook One is arranged in chronological order by date of letter, followed by historical articles written by William B. Thom, in order of date sent to Alice T. Bacon. Notebook Two is arranged in order of inclusion by Alice T. Bacon (not date of creation) and includes letters, handwritten notes on education in Eagle County and clippings.

Historical Note

Little is known of Alice T. Bacon, other than that her notebooks show she had a deep interest in Eagle County history. In “Eagle County History,” compiled in the 1940’s, she was described as follows on p. 155:

“Mrs. Alice Bacon, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thoberg, is very much interested in Eagle’s past, present, and future. She has spent a great deal of time working on the history of Eagle and Eagle County. She wrote an account of the history of the county for the *Who’s Who in Colorado in 1938*. The Young Citizen’s Leagues of the county were fortunate to have a person like Mrs. Bacon to go to for information on the county history.”

By preserving her correspondence with William B. Thom and others, she contributed to the knowledge available to us relating to Eagle County.

Scope and Content

This collection includes letters from William B. Thom and others, articles written by William B. Thom, obituaries, news clippings, and personal notes, all relating to Eagle County History.

Subordinate Components (Notebook Section List)

- Notebook 1. Section 1 11 letters from William B. Thom 1937-1938
- Notebook 1. Section 2 Articles, sketches and research by William B. Thom and obituaries of Eagle County Pioneers; 1921-1939
- Notebook 2. Miscellaneous research, news clippings, letters; 1884-1989

Appendix A Collection Contents

Finding Aid

Notebook 1, Section 1:

1. June 30, 1937 [No. 1] Letter to Alice T. Bacon from William B. Thom: Mrs. Richard Paul; John Welsh; doctors Gilpin, A. G. Mays, Jay L. Greene, T. N. Evans, Samuel Whitehorn; "Nigger" Jim' John D. Nims (editor)
2. July 1, 1937 [No. 2] Ibid.: E. C. Glenn and Thom invited by Dave Abrams of Hunter Creek to go hunting; stayed night in either Hockett or Hernage house.
3. July 7, 1937 [No. 3] Ibid.: Borden-Borah house; Dave Abrams place; Bellyache Mountain; William H. Farnum.
4. "Early newspapers and their editors," by William B. Thom.
5. July, 21, 1937 [No. 4] Letter to Alice T. Bacon from William B. Thom: Abrams family; Rev. Richard B. Foster.
6. Dec. 6, 1937 [No. 5] Ibid.: Richard B. Foster; John Welsh; Mrs. Oscar W. Meyers (Ollie Graham); Harry Hernage; Brush Creek; Dave Abrams; Jack Layton; Nick Buchholz; Arthur Fulford; Mont Fulford; John D. Nims; Thomas F. Dawson.
7. Dec. 16, 1937 [No. 6] Ibid.: Richard B. Foster.
8. Dec. 24, 1937 [No. 7] Ibid.: Tillie Strand; Red Cliff fire of 1882; Henry Epler; William Greiner; George R. Mitchell; W. H. Farnum.
9. Dec. 26, 1937 [No. 8] Ibid.: R. B. Foster; son, Rev. Festus Foster.
10. Feb. 4, 1938 [No. 9] Ibid.: R. B. Foster; Tillie Strand; Hume S. White; Frank Fulford; Arthur and Mont Fulford; Quirk family; John D. Nims; Henry L. J. Warren; Annie Abbott.
11. Mar. 7, 1938 [No. 10] Ibid.: Dr. Jay L. Greene; Nellie Greene; Annie Abbot; Dennis Quirk family; Conger; Fargher; John Edge; William Dickson; Judge L. R. Thomas; Malcolm White; Valeria White.

Notebook 1. Section 2.

12. Apr. 13, 1938 [No. 11] Ibid.: Will Farnum; Perry lynching; Henry Epler; Bill Mix; Rom Rinker; George Bowman; Belle Hogue; Jim Smitherum; Jennie Eve Clark; L. S. Pierce; Lydia Berkley; Pat Tague.

Notebook 1. Section 2.

13. "The lynching of Jack Perry at Red Cliff (1885-86)" as told to William B. Thom by Wm. Farnum.
14. Aug. 15, 1921, Letter to William B. Thom from Dr. J. L. Greene.
15. "Tillie Strand," [by William B. Thom].
16. "The Reverend Richard B. Foster," [by William B. Thom].
17. "Richard Baxter Foster 1851," [from the Alumni Records Office of Dartmouth College]
18. "Red Cliff school teachers," by William B. Thom.
19. "Concerning first church organization in county," by William B. Thom.
20. "Kansas border warfare recalled," by William B. Thom.
21. "Gore Creek," unidentified manuscript.
22. June 29, 1928, Letter to William B. Thom from Henry L. J. Warren.
23. Feb. 20, 1929, Letter to William B. Thom from Henry L. J. Warren.

24. "'Georgia Magnet' defies the giants," *New York Times*, no date: Annie Abbott.
25. "Eagle County," [by William B. Thom, written in Oct. 1938 for the Colorado Press Association, to be used as an introduction to the Chapter of Eagle County residents in *Who's Who in Colorado*.
26. "The Star Hotel—Waldorf-Astoria of Red Cliff in early eighties," by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Apr. 8, 1921.
27. "Eagle-Co. organized February 11, 1883," by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, April 21, 1921.
28. "Where I came from and how I went to the Eagle River [article 1]," by Wm. B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Mar. 11, 1921.
29. "The town of Red Cliff received its name July 25, 1879 [article 2]," by Wm. B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Mar. 18, 1921.
30. "When irate subscribers cowhided newspaper editors in Red Cliff [article 3]," by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Mar. 25, 1921.
31. "Henry A. Butters," by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Apr. 1, 1921.
32. "Concerning the early-day mining men on Battle Mountain," by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Apr. 15, 1921.
33. "When editors rode on railroad pases [sic.],: by William B. Thom. *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, May 6, 1921.
34. "What happens when the printer gets drunk," by William B. Thom. May 13, 1921.
35. "Hand-made boots for \$10 in Eagle-Co. in '86," by William B. Thom. May 20, 1921.
36. "Ancient Colorado political history,: by William B. Thom. May 27, 1921.
37. "Obadiah M. Warner—Eagle County's renegade state legislator," by William B. Thom. June 3, 1921.
38. "Pioneer ministers of Eagle County,: by William B. Thom. June 17, 24, 1921.
39. "Entertainments of '80s at Red Cliff," by William B. Thom.
40. "An adventurous trip to Brush Creek in...," by William B. Thom. July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1921.
41. "Nick Buchholz's escape from wealth," by William B. Thom. Aug. 5, 1921.
42. "A former treasurer of Eagle County," by William B. Thom. Aug. 12, 1921.
43. "When 'Skiff's Ranch' flourished in Gypsum," by William B. Thom. Aug. 19, 1921.
44. "Further recollections of Gypsum Town." Aug. 26, 1921.
45. "Reminiscenses [sic.] from old timers of Eagle-Co.," by William B. Thom. Sept. 2, 1921.
46. "Taylor Hill as a boom mining camp," by William B. Thom. Sept. 9, 1921.
47. "Frank Tom [sic.]—Mayor of Red Cliff in 1883," by William B. Thom. Sept. 16, 23, 1921.
48. "The last of Mr. Thom's stories," by William B. Thom. Jan. 13, 1922.
49. "Dr. F. V. Hayden—Pioneer Geologist," by William B. Thom.
50. "Boy bandit escapes after shooting down Oscar Meyer on Tennessee Pass." Nov. 2, 1937.
51. "Aged pioneer of Eagle County dies in Boulder." Axel Moore died March 29, 1941.

52. "Sixty-five years resident of Eagle County." Annie Elizabeth Van Horn died May 26, 1941.

Notebook 2.

1. "Lynching at Red Cliff in 1885-1886." Version as told to Wm. B. Thom.
2. "Frank MacMillan writes of days when Eagle County was young." In the *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, March 4, 1921.
3. "Reminiscence." Feb. 3, 1929.
4. "Finds relics of an early day."
5. "Organization of school districts in the County, and first teachers of whom there is record." Notes by Alice T. Bacon "read at the yearly meeting, Aug. 1, '36."
6. "A relic of the early school days in Eagle County." *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, Apr. 8, 1921.
7. "By-gone days of Eagle CO.: ancient newspaper reveals what people were doing in this County thirty four years ago this week." [January, 1921]
8. "Pioneers of Eagle County," by Marie Smith. [Oration in competition for the Dr. O. W. Randall medal for oratory, delivered Feb. 28, 1936]
9. "Pioneers of Eagle County," by Ralph Moore., Red Cliff High School.
10. "A prize essay on the early history and pioneer settlers of Eagle County." [Oration delivered by Pauline Ruder; 1st place in the Dr. O. W. Randall oratorical contest]
11. "Pioneers of Eagle County," by Marguerite Koonce, Eagle High School.
12. "Pioneers of eagle County," by Charles Schlegel, Minturn High School.
13. "Legends of the Mt. of the Holy Cross," by Jane Robinson, Gilman, Colorado, Freshman at Red Cliff High."
14. "Mr. Nogal started a store in a tent on the corner where the Duncan house stands." [handwritten note]
15. Feb. 23, 1936. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from E. E. Glenn.
16. April 1, 1940. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from W. W. Howes, First Assistant Postmaster General.
17. March 8, 1940. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from M. A. Stainer, Asst. Chief Engineer, Colorado and Southern Railway Company.
18. January 27, 1936. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from T. R. Woodrow, General Attorney, Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company.
19. October 1, 1936. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from Mont Fulford.
20. "From 'History of Colorado' written by Frank Hall for the Rocky Mountain Historical Company in 1895."
21. "History of Eagle." [typescript]
22. "Old land mark of Eagle dismantled," April 19, 1936.
23. February 4, 1938. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from Emma Brosius.
24. September 15, 1937. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from L. H. Abrams.
25. June 23, 1938. Letter to Alice T. Bacon from Len Watkins.
26. School census District 4, 1890; 1884.
27. District No. 1-District No. 14: 1886-1916.
28. Eagle River Shaft, 27 Sept. 1884.
29. Notes: list of "old timers I knew and remembered as I was growing up in Eagle."

30. Souvenir, Lake Creek School, Edwards, Colorado, Sept. 18.'99-May 4, 1900.
31. [School photo]
32. "Eagle County School teachers 1938-1939."
33. "Country school legacy: an American history," by Nancy Nowick. *Glenwood Post*, July 24, 1981, p. 15, 22.
34. "Jim Dilts," by O. W. Daggett. Red Cliff, Colorado, January 1, 1937.
35. Edwards Chronology: prior to 1885-1933.