McCoy Scrapbooks Collection – 1

MCCOY SCRAPBOOKS  2.0 LINEAR FEET

ABSTRACT

McCoy, Colorado is located in the eastern quarter of Eagle County, Colorado. The area was once prosperous in ranching and agriculture with its own school, post office, and community amenities. Many pioneers hunted and fished to bring meat to the early mining communities of Leadville and Red Cliff. McCoy was a trading and stage post. In 1916, the Copper King mine was established and provided more growth and wealth to the area.

Eventually these industries have become more and more obsolete and harder to maintain, with many people moving to more populated areas with the expansion of Interstate 70 through the region. The reported population in 2010 was 24.

This collection includes 2 scrapbooks that highlight the annual gatherings of McCoy Pioneers throughout dating 1969 to the 1980s. These celebrations were largely picnics and camping, organized by those still living in the area and garnered attendance by those who were no longer in the area.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

Each scrapbook contains lists of people in attendance, their residence at the time, along with pictures of the gatherings, invitations, news clippings, and posters. Items that could be removed from the scrapbooks for safer storage have been removed.

**BOX 1** contains a scrapbook within a “Cash Book” and contains posters, attendance sheets, photographs, invitations, and other ephemera from the Old Timers’ Picnic dated 1969 and throughout the 1970s.

**BOX 2** contains a scrapbook that has been dismantled from its notebook. All pages are in the order in which they were received and no other items have been removed. This contains similar items including photographs, news clippings, attendance sheets, invitations, posters, and personal histories written by and about early pioneers in the McCoy area. This scrapbook is from later dates throughout the 1970s and 1980s.