

Clarence & Ralph Danielson  
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Clarence and Ralph Danielson grew up in Basalt, Colorado in the early 1900s. In the early 1960s they determined that they were going to write about their early years in the Basalt community, located near Aspen at the confluence of the Roaring Fork River and Frying Pan River in Eagle County. Over the next few years they were able to contact many of the families that had lived and worked in the area. Their endeavor as presented here is a collection of 118 file folders containing information about natural history, social history, and family histories with a good amount of focus on the Midland Railroad which employed many residents of the area.

Danielson, Clarence & Ralph collection -- The History of Basalt

File Folder #	Description	Date
1.	History of Basalt – Inventory List	1992
2.	Geology of Basalt Area	
3.	Prehistoric Fauna and Flora of Basalt	
4.	Ute History	
5.	Explorers, Counties, Valleys	
6.	History of Basalt	
7.	Miscellaneous News Articles of Basalt’s History	
8.	Layout of Basalt around the turn of the Century	
9.	Pictures of the Town and some of the Families	
10.	“Forward” by Agnes Wright Spring	
11.	Families of Basalt	
12.	Organizations, Schools, Churches of Basalt	
13.	Social Organizations and Lodges of Basalt	
14.	Newspapers of Basalt	
15.	Professional People	
16.	Services and Occupations	
17.	Town Officers	
18.	Italians	
19.	Cattle Brands	
20.	Waterworks and Irrigation Ditches	
21.	Origin and History of the Elk Herd	1936
22.	Correspondence	1960-1962
23.	Correspondence	1963
24.	Correspondence	1964
25.	Acknowledgements	
26.	Route to Defiance Mining District, by: Don & Jean Griswold	
27.	“Return to Basalt in 1961”, by: Frances Hole Underwood	
28.	The Midland Railroad – History and Slang	
29.	Colorado Midland Railroad Co. – Railroad Workers	
30.	Wrecks on the Midland	

31.	“Memories” (outline and notes) by: Clarence Danielson	
32.	“Memories” (Midland I) by: Clarence Danielson	
33.	“Memories” (Midland Events II) by: Clarence Danielson	
34.	“Memories” (Midland III) by: Clarence Danielson	
35.	“Memories” (Closing of Midland) by: C.L. Danielson	
36.	Photographs of the Midland Railroad	
37.	“Hunting Memories” by: Ralph W. Danielson	
38.	“Memories” (Miscellaneous pages) by: Ralph Danielson	
39.	“Memories -- #1” by: Ralph Danielson (2 copies)	
40.	“Memories -- #2” by: Ralph Danielson	
41.	“Memories -- #3” by: Ralph Danielson	
42.	Bibliography	
43.	Old-timers Reunion	1964
44.	“Progressive Men of Western Colorado” – List	
45.	Newspaper Articles	1960, 1964, 1965
46.	Journal Excerpts and Notes	1899-1906
47.	Poems	
48.	“In the Heart of the Wild Land” by: Addie Rhodes	
49.	“Basalt” (written history—2 copies) by: Ronald Bogue	
50.	“Basalt History” by: Sweet & Olson	
51.	List of Ranches	
52.	List of Families	1964
53.	Family History of Alex Arbaney	1965
54.	The Bates Family	1965
55.	The Blair Family	1965
56.	The Bowles Family	1965
57.	Memoir of Mr. Brown (1881 trip from Blackhawk to Aspen)	1965
58.	The Kelley Cerise Family	1965
59.	The Clarke Family	1965
60.	Samuel Cramer	1965
61.	Andrew Malcolm Danielson	1965
62.	Clarence Dearing	1965
63.	The James E. Fraser Family	1965
64.	Auzel Gerbaz	1965
65.	The Dan German Family	1965
66.	Carl L. Gilbert	1965
67.	Carl Wilson Gilbert	1965
68.	Ford L. Gilbert	1965
69.	Henry B. Gillespie	1965
70.	Elbert Henry Gray	1965
71.	Richard Griffith	1965
72.	William V. Hall	1965
73.	Grace Hallock Pike	1965
74.	Matthew Hanson	1965
75.	Asa & Bertie Harris	1965
76.	Claude Edelbert Harris	1965

77.	William H. Harris	1965
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79.	Leo O. Heller	1965
80.	William Henry Hildreth	1965
81.	Rev. Louis J. Hole	1965
82.	Johnston Thomas Hough	1965
83.	Jens Peter Hyrup	1965
84.	E.B. Kelley	1965
85.	Arthur J. Kibby	1965
86.	Harvey Milton Law	1965
87.	Fred Light	1965
88.	Luchsinger Family	1965
89.	Otto Luchsinger	1965
90.	Gabriel Luchsinger	1965
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92.	Daniel E. Lupton	1965
93.	Peter McCabe	1965
94.	Daniel McCarthy	1965
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98.	August Naefe	1965
99.	Charles Nelson	1965
100.	Lydia Henning Newkirk	1965
101.	John Ould	1965
102.	Fred Paddock	1965
103.	Peterson & Olson Family	1965
104.	James Phelan	1965
105.	Oscar Gerton Rhodes	1965
106.	Cornelia Robinson	1965
107.	John Ruedi	1965
108.	John R. Scandlan	1965
109.	Sterling Price Sloss	1965
110.	John A. Smith	1965
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115.	William Tierney	1965
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117.	John Edward Wheatley	1965
118.	Lee Willits	1965