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Maurice Frink lived in Boulder, Colorado where he was a professor at the University of Colorado before accepting his position as Director of the Colorado State Historical Society in Denver on June 7, 1954. The Maurice Frink collection has been divided into ten subgroups, each of which represents an area of interest in which Frink showed keen interest. Each subgroup has been briefly summarized, categorized and labeled.

Cattle Range Study

After becoming Director of the historical society, he was given the task to complete a research project, the "Western Range Cattle Industry Study," begun some years earlier by Herbert O. Brayer. This two-year project, later incorporated into a book called When Grass was King, 1865-1895, was funded through a Rockefeller Grant. This collection is comprised of hundreds of correspondence letters written by Maurice Frink and letters written to him mainly between the years 1954 and 1956 and a few letters up to 1961. The research focused on the social and economic study of the range cattle industry in the four western states of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.

Frink’s extensive research involved approximately 274 letters of inquiry written by him to stock growers associations, colleges, historical societies, publishers, printers and individuals in Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Montana, Illinois, California, New Mexico, and Washington D.C. He received a vast array of responses, totaling approximately 233 letters. In addition this correspondence includes financial negotiations, negotiated contributions by writers and authors familiar with the topic, as well as references to diaries, family histories, and statistics. The “Cattle Range Study” materials were organized into 24 File Folders as follows:

1. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study 1954
2. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study Jan-Apr 1955
3. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study May-Aug 1955
4. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study Sept-Dec 1955
5. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study Jan-Apr 1956
6. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study May-July 1956
7. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study Aug-Dec 1956
8. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study 1957
9. Maurice Frink – Correspondence, Cattle Range Study 1958-59
10. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study 1954
11. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study Jan-May 1955
12. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study June-Aug 1955
13. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study Oct-Nov 1955
14. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study Dec 1955
15. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study Jan-March 1956
16. Correspondence to Frink, Range Cattle Study Apr-May 1956
Christian Barthelmes, an Army musician and photographer, served in the United States Regular Army from the years 1876-1903. Born in the state of Bavaria in Germany, Christian learned his musician trade and then took on the hobby of photography while serving in the 6th U.S. Cavalry, and the 2nd, 13th, and 22nd Infantry. He packed his photographic equipment on the back of a mule and took hundreds of pictures of Native Americans, Army life, and scenic photos. Maurice Frink collaborated with Casey Barthelmes, son of Christian, and the University of Oklahoma Press to put in book form a 300 photographic, captioned collection of his most interesting pictures. The original title of this collection was "Shadow Catcher on an Army Mule", but the University of Oklahoma sales staff thought this title potentially too confusing for the public and with their strong recommendation the title was changed to Photographer on an Army Mule.

This Maurice Frink collection contains letters from Casey Frink, letters from the publisher, documents identifying certain pictures by number and captions, discussion of copyright, a draft copies of the final manuscript, correspondence pertaining to Arapahoe Chief Left Hand, and other correspondence between the individuals involved.
43. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – Jan-Aug 1964
44. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – Sept-Dec 1964
45. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – Jan-Apr 1965
46. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – May-June 1965
47. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – July-Aug 1965
48. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – Sept-Nov 1965
49. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – Dec 1965
50. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – 1966
51. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – 1967
52. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – 1968,1969
53. Frink – Army Mule – Correspondence – 1970
54. Frink – Army Mule – Manuscript and Correspondence, Arapahoe Chief Left Hand
55. Frink – Army Mule – Manuscript and Correspondence, Chief Left Hand Cont.
56. Frink – Army Mule – Book Manuscript (carbons)
57. Frink – Army Mule – Book Manuscript Cont.
58. Frink – Army Mule – U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division
59. Frink – Army Mule – Indian Wars, Bibliographies
60. Frink – Army Mule – Actions with Indians, Chronology List – 1866-1891

**Indian Affairs**

File Folders #61 - #73 contain information collected by Maurice Frink that deal with government accounting reports and general reports issued by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Inspector General. Some reports refer to specific Indian tribes such as the improper use of tribal funds, and standards of living, while others are of a more general nature pertaining to education, mismanagement of public funds, and Indian policy.

61. Frink – Bureau of Indian Affairs – Reports/Articles, 1979-'83
64. Frink – General Accounting Report – Indian Education, 1979-'80
   (tribal participation in budget, controls over contracts, improper use of trust funds)
68. Frink – U.S. Interior Department – Mismanagement Reports, 1978-'82
69. Frink – U.S. Interior Department – Mismanagement Reports, 1982-'83
73. Frink – U.S. Interior Department – Indian Policy, 1983
Native Americans

This next section continues to focus on Native Americans with the perspective of specific tribes dealing with such issues as: tribal conflict, grants, audit reports, mining leases, and economic development.

74. Frink – Native Americans – Indian Policy Articles, 1983
75. Frink – Native Americans – Hopi/Navajo (changing influence and policy), 1981–’83
76. Frink – Native Americans – Hopi/Navajo, 1981–’83 Continued
77. Frink – Native Americans – Tribal Conflict (Bingo, gaming, corruption), 1983
80. Frink – Native Americans – Grant Review Results – Indian Schools, Jan. 1982
81. Frink – Native Americans – Puyallup Schools Audit Report, March 1982
82. Frink – Native Americans – Indian Pueblo Council Audit Report, June 1982
83. Frink – Native Americans – Chippewa Audit Report, Sept. 1982
84. Frink – Native Americans – Audit of U.S. Property with Indian Groups, Feb. 1982
85. Frink – Native Americans – Audit Report – Alaska, March 1983
86. Frink – Native Americans – Hopi/Navajo News Articles, 1983
87. Frink – Native Americans – Mining Leases, 1983
88. Frink – Native Americans – Mining Leases, 1983 Continued
89. Frink – Native Americans – Comptroller General of U.S. Reports
90. Frink – Native Americans – Office of Inspector General, Whistleblowers
   (list of incompetents)
92. Frink – Native Americans – Cuts in Education/Economic Development – Articles
93. Frink – Native Americans – Tribal Council Expenses (articles), 1983
94. Frink – Native Americans – Pine Ridge – News Articles, 1982–’83
95. Frink – Native Americans – Pine Ridge – Audit Reports/Articles, 1982

Mole Lake Reservation—Mining

This section – Mole Lake Reservation, located in Wisconsin- deals with Exxon’s attempt to mine minerals on the reservation in the early 1980s. The articles, reports, and studies explore the environmental, social, and economic impact on the Native Americans living there.

96. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – News Articles, 1983
97. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – History and Interviews
98. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Impact Study/Summary, 1980
99. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Exxon Mining Impact
100. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Exxon Reports/Statistics, 1983
101. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Environmental/Health Concerns
102. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Environmental Study, Vol. II
103. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – Report on Tribal Jobs vs. Exxon Mining
104. Frink – Mole Lake Reservation – On-site Visit Summary, 1979
Pueblo Indians of Laguna

The Pueblo Indians of Laguna, New Mexico report health hazards attributed to the mining of uranium on their land in the early 1980s. Three folders contain information gathered by Frink.

Water Disputes

In the late 1970s and early 1980s shrinking water resources and water disputes was in the forefront of the news. The following section provides information concerning such disputes on Indian lands in the Southwest and Northwest.
135. Frink – Council of Energy Resource Tribes, 1980s (American Indian Tribe Coalition)
136. Frink – Indian Lawyers – Conflict of Interest, 1980s
137. Frink – Alaskan Natives Act (claims), 1980s

Native Americans (Misc. Issues)

This next section contains miscellaneous material pertaining to Native Americans.
138. Frink – Indian Commissioner, Robert Bennett, 1969
139. Frink – Anthropology of Native Americans
140. Frink – Mesa Verde – Articles
141. Frink – Indian Museums
142. Frink – Oregon Trail (map and description)
143. Frink – Pawnee Buttes
144. Frink – Penitentes (secret men’s order)
145. Frink – Rodeo – “Hoofs and Horns” publication
146. Frink – Eskimo Article
147. Frink – Arizona Highways, 1969
148. Frink – Zuni Indians
149. Frink – Apache Indians (articles, newsletters)
150. Frink – Forts of Colorado Pamphlets (Fort Laramie, Fort Garland, Bent’s Fort)

All American Indian Days

Maurice Frink often attended the “All American Indian Days”, held annually in Sheridan Wyoming. This section contains booklets and other materials for each year from 1952 through 1966.

151. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1952-‘53
152. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1954-‘55
153. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1956
154. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1957
155. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1958
156. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1959
157. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1960
158. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1961
159. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1962
160. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1963
161. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1964
162. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1965
163. Frink – All American Indian Days, 1966
164. Frink – All American Indian Days (general/miscellaneous)
Miscellaneous Correspondence

Frink carried on correspondence with many individuals pertaining to either a special project or an item of special interest. The following are items of correspondence with those individuals not involved in an ongoing special project:

165. Frink – Anderson, Harry (Milwaukee County Historic Society)
166. Frink – Burshears, J.F. (Buck), (Koshare Indians)
167. Frink – Fenwick, Robert (Denver Post Writer, Articles)
168. Frink – Gilbert, Hila (Wyoming Historical Society)
169. Frink – Guie, H. Dean (‘Old Joe Leather’ Articles)
170. Frink – Harrison, Michael
171. Frink – Hollowbrest, Donald
172. Frink – Hough, Harry (Governor’s Interstate Indian Council)
173. Frink – Krakel, Dean F. (University of Wyoming Library)
174. Frink – Laubin, Reginald & Gladys (Indian Dancers)
175. Frink – Lochrie, Elizabeth
176. Frink – Micaud, Ellen (Art Department, University of Denver -- letters, resume)
177. Frink – Price, Gene (Marathon Oil Company)
178. Frink – Spring, Agnes
179. Frink – Tumey, Dee
180. Frink – Miscellaneous News Clips and Personals, 1905-'32

Architecture

Architecture, especially of the cities of Denver, Seattle, and Portland, were of special interest to Maurice Frink. This final section is a collection of architectural city plans, reports, land use, bulletins, newsletters, and the architecture of art museums.

181. Frink – Denver (city plan and architecture)
182. Frink – Portland (city plan and architecture)
183. Frink – Portland (city plan and architecture continued)
184. Frink – Seattle (city plan, land use, architecture)
185. Frink – Seattle (architectural reports, 1931-'34)
186. Frink – Society of Architectural Historians
188. Frink – Society of Architectural Historians (newsletter – 1976-'80)
190. Frink – Notes on “In the Nature of Materials”
191. Frink – Growth of Cities; Portland City Plan; news articles
192. Frink – 22 Photographs (4x6) of Seattle and Portland, circa 1900
194. Frink – American Institute of Architects (newsletters – 1983-'84)
196. Frink – Colorado Society of Architects (Field Report. 1983-'84)
197. Frink – Manitou Springs, Colorado (layout)
198. Frink — "American Urban" (guide notes, 1981-'83)
199. Frink — Miscellaneous Newsletters, 1983
200. Frink — National Trust for Historic Preservation (newspapers, 1983-'84)
201. Frink — Case of Henry Trost by Lloyd Engel Brecht
203. Frink — Seattle Art Museum (architectural development, 1983)
204. Frink — H. M. Worming (article, April 1983)
205. Frink — Seattle Park Commissioner Report, 1902-1927
206. Frink — Seattle Land Use and Transportation Project, 1983
207. Frink — Seattle Park Commission (Volunteer Park, 1904-'55)
208. Frink — Seattle Volunteer Park (map, history)
209. Frink — Seattle Art Commission (news articles)
210. Frink — Portland Art Museum (history)
211. Frink — Seattle Art Museum (history and notes)
212. Frink — Seattle Art Museum
213. Frink — Denver Art Museum (articles)