

Healy House & Dexter Cabin Interpretive Materials  
Leadville, CO

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## **Biographical Information**

Mining silver brought many people to Leadville, Colorado in the late 1800's. Among them were August R. Meyers and James V. Dexter. Meyer built what is now called Healy House for his wife Emma, and Dexter had a cabin built for himself as a place to stay when he came from Denver to check on his mining investments. The cabin was moved to the site of the Healy House and the two building have since enjoyed a great deal of success as an interpretive center giving visitors a glimpse into life during the Victorian era.

It is believed that the materials in this collection were compiled by Maxine Benson, Historian with the Colorado Historical Society for use by both staff and volunteers at the Healy House and Dexter Cabin site.

## **Provenance**

Unknown

## **Scope and Content**

The collection contains interview transcripts (1964). Articles from the Herald Democrat (1970). One article about 19<sup>th</sup> Century furniture (1983). Healy House / Dexter Cabin history booklet (1967), and a copy of an article about Leadville, CO from Harpers Weekly (1888). The collection has three series, one each for Healy House and Dexter Cabin and one for the interpretive materials. Most of the interpretive material is undated and are copies from which the location of the originals is not known. The original tapes from the Marian Smith interview were not included in the collection and their location is unknown.

### **Series Description**

This collection holds the transcripts of an interview done in 1964 by Maxine Benson a Historian with the Colorado Historical Society. Miss Benson taped her conversation with Marian "Poppy" Smith as they walked through the Healy House Museum and Dexter Cabin historic site in Leadville, Colorado.

Also included are reference materials used by tour guides to assist them in becoming more familiar with Leadville, CO and society during the Victorian era. It is believed that this material was put together by Maxine Benson while working with the historic site.

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### **II. Dexter Cabin Oral History Transcripts**

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### **III. Healy House Tour Guide Materials**

FF	12	Booklet Interpreting Healy House along with 1 copy		n d
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FF	17	19 <sup>th</sup> Century Furniture article from Connoisseur		1983
FF	18	School rule, one copy from unknown school manual		n d
FF	19	Guide for Guides. Information relating to women's fashion, and manners during the late 1800's.		n d
FF	20	Harper's Weekly. Copy of an article on Leadville, CO		1888