Guide to the Horace L. Scott Papers

WA MSS S-3642

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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-3642

**CREATOR:** Scott, Horace L.

**TITLE:** Horace L. Scott papers

**DATES:** 1905–1939

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.71 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Photographs, typescript reports, and other documents of Horace L. Scott as civil engineer for the United States Reclamation Service. Includes 240 photographs and 12 postcards in 3 photograph albums; 20 loose photographs and 2 loose postcards; 4 typescript reports with 69 photographs and 36 blueprints for St. Mary’s Canal bound in, produced by the United States Department of the Interior; 3 printed maps of United States Reclamation Service projects and 3 printed topographical folding maps of Montana; 2 pamphlets produced by the Great Northern Railway Company; and other printed materials. The collection documents the Milk River Project, a project which called for a system of dams, canals, and reservoirs stretching across Montana with the purpose of creating 120,000 arable acres along the Milk River. Photographs depict the irrigation project works, Glacier National Park, the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and Siksikaitsitapi people, and the Flathead Indian Reservation and members of the Bitterroot Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d’Oreilles tribes. Also included are Scott’s resume, list of references, and notebook from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, circa 1909-1926.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder
Horace L. Scott (1885-1970) of Brattleboro, Vermont, received a degree in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1909. Following his graduation, he was hired as a junior engineer for the United States Reclamation Service and moved to Montana to work on the St. Mary Storage Unit of the Milk River Project in Glacier National Park and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. In 1915, Scott was promoted to assistant engineer. He returned to Vermont in 1925, working as an engineer for the Sherman Construction Company in Bellows Falls.

Scope and Contents
The collection documents the Milk River Project, a project which called for a system of dams, canals, and reservoirs stretching across Montana with the purpose of creating 120,000 arable acres along the Milk River. Photographs, typescript reports, and printed materials accumulated by Horace L. Scott while civil service engineer for the United States Reclamation Service track the irrigation project conditionally approved by the Secretary of the Interior on 1903 March 14 and authorized on 1905 March 25. Includes 240 photographs and 12 postcards (many with captions) in 3 photograph albums and 20 loose photographs and 2 loose postcards depicting the irrigation project works, Glacier National Park, the Blackfeet Indian
Reservation and Siksikaitsitapi people, and the Flathead Indian Reservation and members of the Bitterroot Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d’Oreilles tribes. Also present are 4 typescript reports with 69 photographs and 36 blueprints for St. Mary’s Canal bound in, produced by the United States Department of the Interior; 3 printed maps of United States Reclamation Service projects and 3 printed topographical folding maps of Montana; 2 pamphlets produced by the Great Northern Railway Company; and other printed articles and booklets relating to the Milk River Project and Montana. Included in the collection are Scott’s resume, list of references, and notebook from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, circa 1909-1926.

Arrangement

Collection Contents

Series I. Milk River Project Reports

Series I contains 4 typescript reports with 69 photographs and 36 blueprints for St. Mary’s Canal bound in, produced by the United States Department of the Interior as part of the Milk River Project. There is a table of government equipment and number of employees also produced by the Department of the Interior and loose manuscript notes.

Series I is arranged chronologically.

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<td>Table of government equipment and number of employees</td>
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<td>St. Mary storage feature of Milk River Project: Feature history, volume 5</td>
<td>1913</td>
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<td>St. Mary storage feature of Milk River Project: Feature history, volume 12</td>
<td>1915</td>
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<td>St. Mary storage feature of Milk River Project: Feature history, volume 13</td>
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<td>St. Mary storage feature of Milk River Project: Feature history, volume 14</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 5</td>
<td>Loose notes</td>
<td>1909 January, undated</td>
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**Series II. Milk River Project Photographs and Postcards**

Series II contains 240 photographs and 12 postcards, many with captions, in 3 photograph albums and 20 loose photographs and 2 loose postcards depicting the irrigation project works of the Milk River Project, Glacier National Park, the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and Siksikaisitapi people, and the Flathead Indian Reservation and members of the Bitterroot Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d’Oreilles tribes. Accompanied by 2 manuscript notebooks identifying 74 photographs.

Series II is arranged chronologically.

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<td>circa 1909–1912</td>
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<td>circa 1911–1912</td>
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<td>Photograph and postcard album</td>
<td>1915–1917, undated</td>
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<td>Postcards</td>
<td>1915, undated</td>
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<td>b. 2, f. 10</td>
<td>Photographs</td>
<td>1923–1931, undated</td>
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<td>b. 2, f. 11</td>
<td>Notebook with partial list of photographs</td>
<td>1910, undated</td>
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Series III. Printed Materials

Series III contains 2 booklets and 1 pamphlet on the Milk River Project, produced by the United States Department of the Interior; 1 booklet on irrigation bonds produced by Trowbridge & Niver Co.; 3 articles on Montana; and 2 promotional pamphlets produced by the Great Northern Railway Company. There is also a newspaper article on Helena, Montana, as a tourist destination.

Series III is arranged alphabetically.

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<td>Articles and booklets about Montana</td>
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<td>Irrigation bonds based on the world’s greatest industry</td>
<td>1909</td>
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<td>Laws and regulations relating to the reclamation of arid lands by the United States</td>
<td>1913 February 6</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 21</td>
<td>Newspaper article on Helena, Montana</td>
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<td>Pamphlets</td>
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Series IV. Maps

Series IV is arranged chronologically.

Series IV contains maps of the Shoshone Project in Wyoming, and the Huntley Project and Milk River Drainage Basin in Montana produced by the United States Reclamation Service. There are also 3 topographical folding maps of Montana as part of a United States geological survey.

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<td>b. 4, f. 23</td>
<td>United States Reclamation Service project maps</td>
<td>1906 April–1908 August</td>
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Series V. Personal Papers

Series V contains Horace L. Scott’s resume, list of references, and notebook from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. There is also a bank letter addressed to Scott and 2 postcards from Scott to his sister, Minnie Ann Scott.

Series V is arranged chronologically.

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<td>b. 3, f. 18</td>
<td>References, experience statements, and letter of introduction</td>
<td>1909 August–1926 May</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 19</td>
<td>Letters and postcards</td>
<td>1912–1939</td>
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Engineering drawings
Great Northern Railway Company (U.S.)
Indian reservations -- Montana
Indians of North America -- Montana
Irrigation -- Montana
Kootenai Indians -- Montana
Maps
Milk River Project (U.S.)
Postcards
Salish Indians -- Montana
Siksika Indians -- Montana
United States -- Department of the Interior
United States Reclamation Service
Water development projects -- Milk River (Mont. and Alta.)
Water resources development -- Montana

Occupations
Civil engineers -- Montana -- 20th Century

Geographic Names
Blackfeet Indian Reservation (Mont.) -- Pictorial works
Flathead Indian Reservation (Mont.) -- Pictorial works
Glacier National Park (Mont.) -- Pictorial works
Milk River (Mont. and Alta.) -- Pictorial works
Montana -- Pictorial works
Saint Mary River (Mont. and Alta.) -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats
Blueprints
Pamphlets
Photograph albums
Photographs
Topographical maps

Corporate Body
William Reese Co.