

Ellery Christian was born in 1930 in Wisconsin, served in the U.S. Army, and worked as an electronic technician. He moved to Pine Creek in the Paradise Valley after retiring. He has been deeply interested in history throughout his adult life. He has served as President of the Board of Directors and as a board member of the Park County Museum which is now called the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. In addition he has also been president of the Park County Historical Society for four terms. He has researched and compiled, fifty two books on Montana and Park County history. Most of Mr. Christian's books are compilations of newspaper articles and information concerning specific subjects concerning Montana and Park County history, however he has addressed Virginia City, Bannack, and Yellowstone Park as well.

The Ellery Christian Manuscript Collection is comprised of some thirty two manuscripts to the following books*:

Bannack-Virginia City-Nevada
Cattle Queen of Paradise Valley
Conflict-Loss-War-Fear (Indian Battles in Montana)
Depression Years Park County
Early Mining in Montana
Ed. L. Nowels Stories
"Her Majesty" Montana Stories
Livingston Business Profiles 1884
Livingston Merchant Adv. 1918-1923
Livingston Merchant Adv. 1928-1935
Livingston Merchant Adv. 1936-1941
Livingston Merchants Adv. 1965-1970
Livingston-Park County Major Fires 1870-1970
Montana Pioneers Vol. 1
Montana Pioneers Vol. 2
Montana Pioneers Vol. 3
Montana Pioneers Vol. 4
Montana Railroad Robberies", unsure if this is first, second, or third.
Mountain Men Montana
Native Americans Montana
NP History Shop and People
NP Shops Livingston
Park County and Nearby
Park County Profiles
Park County News Presents the Comics 1936-1941, however unsure if this is volume one or two.
Pine Creek Dance Hall
Pine Creek Store
Tex Moore-Cowboy Artist of Livingston-1924-1934
Titanic Enterprise Archived Account 1912
Unknown book
Winter in Yellowstone
Yellowstone Echoes

*For a complete list of Ellery Christian's works please consult with Museum staff.

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- .0001** Manuscript, contained in folder, light blue Acco brand binder, labeled: "Park County 1929-1936 Depression Years", contains: 577 pages, almost all hand written, only four typed, concerns book: "Depression Years Park County".
- .0002** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, with green stamp saying "Montana History Research Ellery Christian" with address, folder is labeled "Northern Pacific Shops Livingston-Photos-PCN", contains two individual Insty Print folders, one tan, and one blue. Some seven pages are filed in neither folder. Tan Insty Print Folder is labeled "NP Shops", contains 37 pages containing pictures and captions, all typewritten, concerns book: "NP Shops Livingston". Blue Insty Prints Folder is labeled "Northern Pacific 1951 and employees Livingston", contains 37 pages, containing pictures and captions, all typewritten, concerns book: "NP History Shop and People", some seven pages are filed in neither folder but within manila folder itself.
- .0003** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila folder, labeled "Park Co. Profiles", contains 63 pages loose pages, and blue Insty Prints folder, the sixty three loose pages contain pictures, captions and typewritten text, concerning book: "Park County Profiles", the blue Insty Prints folder is labeled "R. Break for sailor and Sid Nesbit story", contains nineteen pages, comprised of pictures, captions, all typewritten, appears to concern book: "Park County Profiles".
- .0004** Manuscript, contained in folder, bright magenta, with stamp saying "Montana History Research Ellery Christian" with address, folder is labeled "Margaret Carlston 1861-1931 Ranch Woman of the Upper Yellowstone", contains 14 pages, comprised of pictures, captions, all typewritten, concerns book: "Cattle Queen of Paradise Valley".
- .0005** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, with note on front "Ed Nowels Material", labeled "Ed L. Nowels Stories", contains 209 pages, 207 of which are typewritten, there are two folded pieces of notebook paper, concerns book: "Ed. L. Nowels Stories".
- .0006** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, with note on front "Original Livingston Profiles 1884", contains 113 pages, six of which are typewritten, all others are handwritten, concerns book: "Livingston Business Profiles 1884".
- .0007** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Her Majesty Montana", contains Insty Prints folder which contains sixty one pages, all typewritten, concerns book: "Her Majesty Montana Stories".
- .0008** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila folder, labeled "Tex Moore-Cowboy", contains grey Insty Prints folder with red type, with note "Original copies stories and photos-John M. (Tex) Moore June-July 1997 Important Save/", folder contains fifty eight pages, typewritten, with occasional pictures and newspaper

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articles, some pages may be missing since internal numbers signify some sixty two pages, concerns book: "Tex Moore-Cowboy Artist of Livingston-1924-1934".

- .0009 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila folder, labeled "Yellowstone Park-Cooke City-Paradise Valley Winter photos PCN", contains grey Insty Prints folder with purple type and one tan Insty Prints folder with purple type, the grey folder contains thirty five pages, most material taken from newspaper photos. The tan folder contains twenty three pages, most material taken from newspaper photos and articles, concerns most probably book: "Winter in Yellowstone".**
- .0010 **Manuscript, contained in folder, green, three hole, Mead brand, label on front states "Pine Creek Dance Hall 1928-1931 Paradise Valley by E. Christian", contains twenty five pages, most of which are typewritten, some photos are present, concerns book: "Pine Creek Dance Hall".**
- .0011 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, has no label simply an arrow, note on front states "June, July, Aug. Enterprises 1969", contains forty four pages, most excerpted from newspapers, concerns unknown book.**
- .0012 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, label on front states "Livingston Park County Major Fires 1872-1971, contains fifty six pages some typewritten, some excerpts from newspapers, one page is front piece for typewriting paper and is used as a divider, concerns book: "Livingston-Park County Major Fires 1870-1970".**
- .0013 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, written note in front "Yellowstone Echoes", contains one hundred forty four pages, typewritten, mostly excerpted from newspapers, concerns book: "Yellowstone Echoes".**
- .0014 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, label on front states "Livingston Merchants Ads 1965-1971", contains forty six pages taken from ads and newspapers, concerns book: "Livingston Merchants Adv. 1965-1970.**
- .0015 **Manuscript, contained in envelope, manila, 9" x 12", written on front "Pine Creek Store Orig. 52 pages, Ellery Christian 2397 E. River Road Liv. MT. 59047-9143 222-6304", contains fifty three pages, some color photographs, typewritten text, and excerpts from newspapers, concerns book: "Pine Creek Store".**
- .0016 **Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Montana Pioneers Vol. 1 Original", contains one hundred and two pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Montana Pioneers Vol. 1".**

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- .0017** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "8 Native Americans Montana", contains one cream Insty Prints folder with purple text, folder contains one hundred and two pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Native Americans Montana".
- .0018** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Montana Pioneers Vol. 3 Original ", contains one blue/grey Insty Prints folder with purple text, folder contains one hundred and five pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: " Montana Pioneers Vol. 3 ".
- .0019** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Montana Pioneers Vol. 2 Original ", contains one hundred and four pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Montana Pioneers Vol. 2".
- .0020** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Montana Pioneers Vol. 4 Original ", contains one blue/grey Insty Prints folder with purple text, folder contains one hundred and five pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: " Montana Pioneers Vol. 4 ".
- .0021** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Mountain Men in early Montana Original ", contains one orange Insty Prints folder with red text, folder contains one hundred and seven pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: " Mountain Men Montana ".
- .0022** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Livingston Merchants 1935-1941 ", contains one blue/grey Insty Prints folder with purple text, written on folder "Merchants and ads 1935-1941 Master Orig.", folder contains ninety one pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: " Livingston Merchant Adv. 1936-1941 ".
- .0023** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled " Park County and nearby Montana Original ", contains one hundred and thirty four pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Park County and Nearby".
- .0024** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Livingston Downtown Vol. 1, 1918-1923 Original", contains one cream Insty Prints folder with red and black text, folder contains one hundred and six pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, probably concerns book: "Livingston Merchant Adv. 1918-1923".
- .0025** Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Park Co. News-Comics Vol. 3 1936-1941 """, contains one blue Insty Prints folder with black text, and one white Insty Prints folder with red and black text, blue folder has note on cover "Comics Vol. 1936-1937" folder contains thirty four pages of copies taken from newspapers of cartoons, white folder contains sixty seven pages of copies taken from newspapers of cartoons, the last eight pages in folder were paper clipped

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- together the paperclip was removed, in addition there are three loose pages neither of which were in an Insty Print folder, concerns book: "Park County News Presents the Comics 1936-1941", however unsure if this is volume one or two.
- .0026 Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Livingston Downtown Vol. 2 1924-1935 Original", contains one pink Insty Prints folder with magenta text, folder contains one hundred and eleven pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Livingston Merchant Adv. 1928-1935".
- .0027 Manuscript, contained in folder, light blue Acco brand binder, labeled: "Virginia City-Bannack-Nevada City", contains one hundred forty one pages, mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Bannack-Virginia City-Nevada".
- .0028 Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Early Mining Montana Original", contains one blue Insty Prints folder with magenta text, folder contains ninety pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Early Mining in Montana".
- .0029 Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Conflict-Loss-War-Fear (note) missing 108-9-131(4?)", contains one blue Insty Prints folder with magenta text, folder contains one hundred and ten pages mostly of copies taken from newspapers, some typewritten, concerns book: "Conflict-Loss-War-Fear (Indian Battles in Montana)".
- .0030 Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Titanic-Liv. Ent. 1912", contains one grey Insty Prints folder with red and black text, folder contains thirty five pages mostly typewritten, some of copies taken from newspapers, concerns book: "Titanic Enterprise Archived Account 1912".
- .0031 Manuscript, contained in folder, manila, labeled "Montana RR Robberies, 1888-1893-1894", contained in envelope, manila, 9" x 12", written on front, "Montana RR Robberies, 1888-1893-1894 Original Copy" contains thirty five pages, all but one typewritten text, one page cut and paste, concerns book: "Montana Railroad Robberies", unsure if this is first, second, or third.