Virtual Internship
Founder's Archive Project

Project Name:
Walter H. Peck Founder’s Archive

Project Dates: TBD

Project Summary:
Catalog the digital archive of the Carter County Geological Society founder Walter H. Peck. Then curate the archive for a virtual exhibit to be posted on the Montana Memory Project.

Project Description:
In 2019, the Carter County Museum had and archive of letters, documents and scrapbooks kept by past leadership between 1930-1950 digitized with the eventual goal of creating a virtual exhibit of the material on the Montana Memory Project. The archive will also be stored in the museum’s PastPerfect database. Letters include those written by museum founder Walter H. Peck who served as a senator to Montana’s State Legislature and was a lead author on the bill that established funding systems for county museums, leading to the Carter County Museum being the first county museum in the state. His correspondence reflects the early age of paleontology in Eastern Montana, the curation and study of dinosaur collections, and his relationships with paleontologists across the country, including Barnum Brown of the American Museum of Natural History. This project will result in the following deliverables:

- Cataloging the archive (sorting files into years and their subfolders, keeping an itemized list of each file and their subject in the archive).

- Selection of a minimum of 25 files for a virtual exhibition on the Montana Memory Project (MMP). Each of these files will need to be transcribed so they are searchable and can thus be used for class projects and research. Transcriptions will be done on Google Docs and shared with the supervisor who will upload everything to the MMP.

- A short slide presentation on the project using voice thread about the archive to be presented at a Geological Society meeting in Ekalaka.

Application Requirements:
Resume, one-page statement of interest, one-page personal statement, cover letter

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