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REGISTER  
OF  
THE RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE COLLECTION  
Custer Battlefield National Monument

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## THE COLLECTION

The documents in the Research Correspondence Collection of the Custer Battlefield National Monument have originated from four major sources:

- I. Copies of primary source documents pertaining to the Crow Indian Reservation, 1874-76, the U.S. Army 1876 Campaign against the Sioux and Cheyenne, and the Battle of the Little Big Horn.
- II. Correspondence of the Army administration of the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, 1877-1940. The majority of the correspondence is between the Office of the Quartermaster, Washington, D.C., Office of the Quartermaster, Presidio of San Francisco, and the Superintendent of Custer Battlefield.
- III. Correspondence during the administration of Edward S. Luce, first National Park Service superintendent of the Custer Battlefield National Monument, 1941-1956. The Luce correspondence can be sub-categorized in three main areas:
  - A. Administrative correspondence with National Park Service regional offices and the supervisory superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.
  - B. Research correspondence with scholars and students of the Battle of the Little Big Horn.
  - C. Interpretive correspondence with battlefield visitors.
- IV. Research correspondence of the offices of Superintendent and Historian, Custer Battlefield National Monument, since 1956. A significant portion of this correspondence relates to Historian Rickey's administrative history of Custer Battlefield and research on the Indian Wars army.

The Research Correspondence Collection files are organized chronologically, in yearly files, 1866-present. Access to the files ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> through the offices of Superintendent or Historian, Custer Battlefield National Monument.

THE REGISTER

The Register of the Research Correspondence Collection is organized in two major sections:

I. The CHRONOLOGICAL LIST of all documents. The list contains a summary of the content of each document or related set of documents, as well as the names of all correspondents involved. Each document or set of documents is recorded by date, corresponding to the chronological (year, month, day) organization of the correspondence files.

II. The ALPHABETICAL INDEX which cross-references the content of the chronological list. The index is subdivided into two main categories:

A. Index by Subject

B. Index by Individual

The Index by Individual cross-references three groups:

1. Indian Wars participants, soldiers and warriors
2. Custer Battlefield personnel
3. Scholars and students of the Battle of the Little Big Horn

HOW TO USE THE REGISTER

- 1. To locate correspondence relating to a certain research topic or subject matter, refer to the INDEX BY SUBJECT.

Example: The listing

SKELETAL REMAINS

Reno-Benteen defense site

chronologically lists all documents relating to bodies or skeletons found at the Reno-Benteen defense site.

- 2. To locate correspondence relating to individuals, refer to the INDEX BY INDIVIDUAL.

Example: The listing

BAILEY, Henry A. (Blacksmith, Co. I)

chronologically lists all documents relating to Bailey.

- 3. To locate a summary of any document noted in the INDEX, refer to the CHRONOLOGICAL LIST. using the date; first year, then month and day. For any set of related documents, refer to the initial date listed for the set; first year, then month and day.

Example: An individual document listing

Luce to Mandan, November 7, 1941

is summarized in the 1941 section of the CHRONOLOGICAL LIST, located in time sequence by month and day (November 7).

Example: A set of related documents listing

~~BAILEY, Henry A. (Blacksmith, Co. I)~~

L&M(2), QM and Luce, February 10-March 2, 1942

is summarized in the 1942 section of the CHRONOLOGICAL LIST, located in time sequence by month and day (February 10).

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4. To examine a document, refer to the date recorded in the CHRONOLOGICAL LIST or INDEX. That date corresponds to the physical location of the document in the RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE FILES at the Custer Battlefield National Monument, arranged chronologically by year, then month and day.

Example: The following listing

1950

George A. Millener, Col., 7th Cav., to Luce, April 4  
is located in the 1950 file, chronologically ~~by~~ by  
month and day (April 4).

To examine a related set of documents, refer to the initial date recorded in the CHRONOLOGICAL LIST or INDEX. That initial date corresponds to the physical location of the set of documents stapled together in the RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE FILES at the Custer Battlefield National Monument, arranged chronologically by year, then month and day.

Example: The following listing

1944

Letters (4), C. F. O'Hara; Adj. Gen., July 18-August 19  
Wash. D.C.; and Luce  
is located in the 1944 file, chronologically ~~by~~ by  
month and day (July 18). *Four documents are attached together.*