



## **Robert McIntosh collection**

**NUMBER:** 74-203

**TITLE:** Robert McIntosh collection

**CREATOR:** Robert McIntosh

**DATES:** 1885-1931

**MEDIA:** Papers

**LOCATION:** Collection Facility, Upstairs, Rack D, Sec. 1, Shelf 3

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**ACQUISITION INFORMATION:** The Robert McIntosh collection was donated to the Tread of Pioneers Museum from the McIntosh Estate.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** The processing, arrangement, and description of the collection was completed in 2005 by curator Kelly Bastone.

### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Robert McIntosh was born in 1838 in Canada, of Scottish parents. He went to Chicago, where he became acquainted with J.V. Farwell who, when he undertook his Hahns Peak venture, convinced McIntosh to accompany him to Colorado. McIntosh arrived at Hahns Peak in 1876, and worked as superintendent of the Farwell placer development. McIntosh also ran Farwell's saw mill, south of Farwell Mountain, and was one of Farwell's most trusted lieutenants and assistants. In 1877, McIntosh became postmaster at Hahns Peak. He served a brief term as county judge and county commissioner but disliked political life. For a number of years he worked under lease the Poverty Bar placer mines at Hahns Peak. When the mines became exhausted he moved to Slater on the Snake River, where he established a store and for many years raised horses on a large scale. His nicknames included "Old Mac" and "The canny Scot of Snake River." He was known to be a hospitable, kind man.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION:**

Papers belonging to Robert McIntosh and the companies with which he was affiliated. They include stock certificates, articles of incorporation, promissory notes, location certificates, personal letters, livestock documents, and other papers relating to the Colorado Valleys Irrigation Company, the Northwestern Colorado Irrigation Canal Company, the Colorado Land and Water Company, and the Hahns Peak Mining District.

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:**

The Robert McIntosh collection is organized by company affiliation.

Box	Folder	File Title	Dates
1	1	Colorado Valleys Irrigation Co. Prospectus	
	2	Hahn's Peak Mining Dist. Location certificates	1896-1899
	3	Northwestern Colorado Irrigation Canal Co.	
	4	The Colorado Land and Water Company	
	5	Personal letters from W.L. Westfall	1894-1896
	6	Land transactions	1885-1905
	7	Promissary notes and deeds	1885-1892
	8	Stock brands	1900-1901
	9	Forest Reserve Correspondence	1903
	10	Citizenship papers	1879-1905
	11	High school tuition papers	1918
	12	Membership, Nat'l Geo. Society	1911
	13	Financial Records	1891-1924
Oversize	Box 1	Certificate of Appreciation (watermelon)	1905
		Stock brand certificate	
		Deeds of Trust (74-203-9)	1889-1898