

Tomlinson Library Special Collections and Archives

This list provides an overview of major collections in Special Collections and Archives.

They are divided up between University Archives (records of the University over the course of its history) and Special Collections (collections of historical interest to the local area and/or containing material used to instruct students in various histories).

The list will be updated as new collections are added or with additional details about collections. The list is intended for browsing. If you would like more detailed information regarding a collection, please see the Special Collections and Archives website or contact archives@coloradomesa.edu

Colorado Mesa University Archives

CMU History collection

- 1946 Bond Election
- Budget and finances, 1967-1974
- Louis Morton and Leon Daily research and book notes and early drafts of Mesa College: The First Fifty Years, including interview with Horace Wubben, Grand Junction Sentinel clippings, letters and scrapbook material from early GJ JC students, and letters and postcards from Clifford G. Houston to P.A. Matteroli President of the Lion's Club, 1932-1935
- Mesa County School Directors listing, 1938
- Junior College Organization Act, 1937
- Copy of Bill Number 399 (junior colleges), 1921
- School Board of Mesa County minutes, 1937
- Scrapbooks and newspaper clippings, 1927-2016
- Expansion of Mesa College into a baccalaureate institution, 1970-1973
- Grand Junction Junior College District creation, 1937-1938
- Mesa County Junior College District Dissolution and College Committee Elections, 1970-1971
- Mesa County Junior College District stock collection from W. W. Campbell, 1913-1933

CMU Student Publications collection

- *Criterion*

- *Maverick* yearbooks
- *Magenta Mare*
- *The Literary Review*
- *Pinyon Poetry*
- *Journal of the Western Slope*
- *Vignettes: A Journal of Undergraduate Student Ethnography, 1997-2000*
(incomplete)

CMU Publications collection

- College and University catalogs
- Course schedules
- Student handbooks
- *Mesa Moves: Published for Friends and Alumni of Mesa State College, 1987-1999*
- *Maverick Magazine*
- *Focus Newsletter*
- *Outlook*
- *Mav Connections*
- *Communications in the Analytic Theory of Continued Fractions, 1999-2005*
- *Mesa College Newsletter, 1964-1979*
- *Mesa Memos, 1980-1985*
- *The Source* newsletter, 1985-1998

CMU Photograph collection

- Athletics
- Promotional
- Yearbook
- Criterion
- Events
- Homecoming

CMU Board of Trustees records

- Agendas
- Minutes

CMU Alumni Association records

- Scrapbooks

- Memorabilia
- Charter and certificate of incorporation
- Clippings and obituaries

CMU Athletics Office records

- Game programs and media guides
- Administrative correspondence
- Title IX impact
- Photographs
- Memorabilia

CMU Theatre Arts and Music records

- Programs
- Posters
- Photographs

CMU Library records

- History of libraries at the University
- Acquisitions
- Statistics
- Friends of the Library
- Circulation statistics, 1938-1984; 1996-2000
- Library ledgers & library lost books receipt ledger
- Library advisory committee, 1985-1995
- Library faculty senate committee, 1997-2000
- Tomlinson Library gift acknowledgements, 1995-1999
- Annual reports, 1933-1986; 1991-2001
- Department heads and meetings, 1997-2000
- Library newsletter, October 1950 - November 1966
- Library committee minutes and correspondence, 1968-1976
- Archives committee, April 1969
- Media services, 1967-1986
- Correspondence and staff meetings, 1986-2001
- Library material culture: stamps, seals
- Library handbooks, 1979-1985
- Library operations manual, c. 1980s

- Library budget, 1967-1989
- Gift letters, 1969-1989
- Learning Resource Center correspondence contracts and plans, 1980-1986

CMU Nursing Program records

- Newsletters
- Commencement programs
- Correspondence
- Program reviews
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs

CMU Continuing Education records

- Programs
- Student rosters
- Correspondence

CMU Marketing and Communications records

- Promotional materials

CMU Faculty Senate records, 1963-2003

- Agendas, 1970-2003
- Minutes, 1963-2003
- Faculty Senate presidents, 1979-1996
- Correspondence, 1977; 1983

CMU Curriculum Committee records, 1972-2001

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Course modifications, 1997
- Correspondence
- Year-end report, 1972
- Guidelines, 1972
- Program reviews, 1981
- Program proposals, 1984-2001

Aspinall Foundation records

- Financial records

CMU Student Life collection

- Handicapped Student Association, 1985-1994
- Student clubs' correspondence and events

CMU Memorabilia collection

- Pennants
- Foam fingers
- Stickers
- Hard hats
- T-shirts
- Brimmed caps
- Mesa State College scarf
- Maverick Blanket
- Banner, circa 1990-2000
- Mesa College pillow cover (Pricilla Magnall donation)
- Mesa State College and Mesa College felt banners
- Mesa State College commemorative hockey puck and jersey #24, circa 2000
- Colorado Mesa University hockey puck and jersey #23

CMU Classified Staff Council records, 1977-1998

- Minutes
- Agendas
- Ballots
- Correspondence

Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) records, 1968-1999

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Correspondence

CMU Accreditation records

- Self-studies, 1955-1996
- Reports

- Program reviews
- Correspondence

CMU Administrative records

- Annual reports
- Policies
- Budgets and financial reports
- Personnel manuals
- Committee reports

Grand Junction Junior College and Mesa College Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) records, 1931-1982

- Initiation programs and invitations
- Member lists
- Handbooks
- Photographs
- Meeting minutes
- Ledgers and registers
- Memorabilia
- Scrapbooks
- Chapter manual
- *Phi Theta Kappa Keynoter* and *Golden Key of Phi Theta Kappa*

CMU Student Showcase records

- Programs
- Schedules
- Flyers

Mesa College Student Body Association records

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- Budgets

Mesa College's College Center Board and College Center Student Life records, 1961-1993

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Activities
- Photographs

CMU Facilities records

- Campus planning reports
- Architectural drawings and blueprints
 - Mary Rait Hall south bay, first floor building plans, 1965 November 12
 - Mary Rait Hall blueprints, circa 1966
 - Floor plans for Lowell Heiny Library, circa 1967
 - Lowell Heiny Library blueprints, 1966
 - Lowell Heiny Library floor plan for second floor, 1966 December 5
 - Lowell Heiny Library floor plan terrace, main floor, second floor, 1966 April 30
 - Lowell Heiny Library Mezzanine Plan, 1966 December 5
 - Lowell Heiny Library building: first, second, and third floor plans, 1966
 - Lowell Heiny Library building: second floor plan, circa 1960s
 - Lowell Heiny Library building: terrace level, mezzanine, first, and second floor plans, circa 1960s
 - Lowell Heiny Library building: terrace, first, and second floor preliminary plans and furniture layout, 1966 April 4
 - Lowell Heiny Library first, second, and third floor plans, 1966
 - Tomlinson Library building: first, second, and third floor plans, circa 1980s
 - Tomlinson Library first, second, and third floor plans, circa 1980s
 - Tomlinson Library first, second, and third floor plans, circa 1980s
 - Learning Resource Center/Library site plan and schematics, 1983 August 29
 - Learning Resource Center (Tomlinson Library) building plans, schematics, sign designs, circa 1980s
 - Learning Resource Center (Tomlinson Library) phase one: Mechanical Site Plan, 1984 December 3
 - Learning Resource Center (Tomlinson Library) all building plans, 1987 February 24
 - Learning Center (Tomlinson Library) all building plans, 1987 March 14

- Houston Hall first and second floor plan, undated
- Houston Hall first and second floor layouts, 1976 September 28
- Houston Hall basement, first, and second floor plans and area estimates, 1976
- Houston Hall remodel plans, 1979 November 20
- Houston Hall remodel all plans. 1979 January 24
- Grand Junction Junior College building floor plan for the first and second floors (Houston Hall), 1939 February 25
- Grand Junction Junior College building plans first and second floor (photocopy of plans drawn 1939 February 25)
- Mesa College campus plans and proposed architectural building drafts and sketches, circa 1960-1970s: three campus plans; one map of Old College Farm, 1970; one draft sketch of the Physical Education Facility; one draft sketch of campus sculpture; two draft sketches of campus building (Lowell Heiny Library?)
- Dedications
- Financial records
- W. W. Campbell College Center
 - Expansion schematic design report, 1979-1984
 - Plan for remodeling, 1990
- College Center, 1960-1962
 - Construction records
 - Scrapbook with photos
 - Bids for furnishings
 - Correspondence
- Houston Hall, 1940; 1976; 1980
- Walter Walker Fine & Performing Arts
 - Revised facilities program plan, 1995
 - Dedication, 1969
 - Remodel proposal, 1997
- Moss Performing Arts Center, 2003
- Lowell Heiny Hall
 - Library and administration, administration & faculty correspondence, 1967-1986
 - Library, administration, faculty office, construction, dedication, 1967-1986
- Medesy
 - Renovation construction invoices, 1990-1993

- Wubben Hall
 - Construction, circa 1960s
 - New science facility program
 - Facilities design reports, 1993-1994
- Residence halls, circa 1960s-2000s
 - Construction
 - Bids
 - Invoices
 - Dedications
- Saunders Field House
 - Dedication
 - Facility Program Plan for the Student Recreation Center and Renovation of Saunders Field House
- John U. Tomlinson Library
 - Building planning, 1982-1986
 - Dedication: Tomlinson Day, 1986
 - Renovation, 2013-2015

Mesa College Committee records, 1937-1974

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Annual financial statements
- Annual reports
- First budget, 1937-1939

CMU Office of the President records

- President's annual reports, 1963-1988
- O. N. Marsh, 1928-1932
- Clifford G. Houston, 1932-1937
- Horace J. Wubben, 1937-1954
- William A. Medesy, 1965-1970
- Theodore E. Albers, 1970-1974
- Carl R. Wahlberg, July 1974 - June 1975
- John U. Tomlinson, 1976-1988
- Raymond N. Kieft, 1989-1996
- Michael C. Gallagher, 1996-2000

- APCUP (Association of Public College & Universities, presidents) minutes, 1974-1980
- Correspondence, Academic Council, and campus expansion, 1968-1978

CMU Foundation records, 1976-1991

- Agendas
- Minutes

Mesa College Vocational and Technical Education records, 1972-1998

- Unified Technical Education Campus (UTECH), 1992-1998
- Industry and Technology (Vocational Technical Education) 1972-1992

Mesa Dames records, 1960s-1970s

- Scrapbooks

CMU Academic Affairs records, 1964-2005

- Correspondence
- Advising booklets
- Academic department and program records
 - Geology/Geosciences
 - Business
 - Professional studies
 - School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, 1971-1997
 - School of Human Performances & Wellness, 1974-1984
 - Art Department, 2004-?

Mesa College Vice President of External Affairs records, 1972-1989

KMSA Mesa College Radio Station records

CMU Registrar records

- Enrollment statistics, 1925-1991
- Correspondence, 1970
- General Records: University Records
- Student class list, 1968
- Student Enrollment report, Summers 1962-1964

- Graduation lists, 1933-1979
- Civil Rights reports, 1974
- Veterans statistics, circa 1970-1974
- Statistics of transcripts issued, circa 1962-1975
- Commencement materials, 1940-2020

Mesa College and Mesa State College Fee Allocation Committee records, 1975-1997

- Correspondence
- Agendas
- Minutes
- Budget requests, 1979-1987

Colorado Mesa University Special Collections

Migrant Ministry Scrapbook collection, 1961-1973

- 16 scrapbooks documenting migrant agricultural workers in the Grand Valley

William H. Nelson Water collection

- Animas-La Plata Project
- San Miguel Project
- Colorado River Water Users Association
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Fryingpan-Arkansas Project
- Colorado River Storage Project
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Snow surveys and water supply forecasting
- Colorado River water salinity
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Newsletters
- Press releases

William “Bill” Chenoweth papers

- Legal deposition of William Chenoweth by the U.S. Department of Interior regarding uranium mining in the Four Corners area of Southwestern United States by El Paso Natural Gas Company
- Presentations about Western Colorado’s uranium legacy
- William Chenoweth interviews conducted by Mesa County Historical Society
- Publications and reports authored by William Chenoweth
- Clippings about William Chenoweth

Hollingsworth Uranium Mining collection, circa 1950s-1970s

- Mining maps
- Mining documents
- Uravan

Larry Fukui Geiger Counter collection

George Vandersluis Uranium Prospecting collection

Walker Family papers

- Records of the *Daily Sentinel*
- Correspondence
- Subject files
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Clippings
- Material culture
- Event programs
- Correspondence with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt

Ken Johnson’s *Daily Sentinel* records

- Records of the *Daily Sentinel* under Ken Johnson’s ownership
- Subject files
- Financial records

Steven C. Schulte papers

- Research for books on Wayne N. Aspinall, Western Slope water, and the Wilderness Act
- Book drafts
- Oral histories
- Photographs
- Photocopies of documents from other repositories
- Research notes

[Oskar Piest papers](#) - Oskar Piest (1898-1987) fled Nazi Germany, established a foundation at Mesa College, and donated most of his personal library to the Mesa College library

- Correspondence with John U. Tomlinson
- Ellis Island arrest 1940s
- Photographs
- 1981 interview with Dr. James T. Harper, Mesa College professor

Civil War and Abraham Lincoln Ephemera collection

- Congressional speeches and publications
- Poetry, juvenile literature, and other publications
- Articles

Civil War Era diary

- Diary of a slave-owning family from the South

Jack Delmore Vintage Music collection

Rangely College records

- Catalogs
- Newsletters
- Promotional materials
- Yearbooks
- Clippings
- Construction bids

[Handy Chapel: African American Methodist Episcopal Church](#) - founded in 1883

Henrietta Hay papers

Brian Mahoney's Las Colonias/Riverfront Foundation records

Dan Showalter papers

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Memorabilia
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt political buttons

Vivian Passer papers on Wayne N. Aspinall

- Correspondence
- Aspinall speeches
- Newspaper clippings
- Aspinall biographies
- Photographs
- Programs from Aspinall commemorative events
- Articles
- *Club 20 Explorer* newsletters
- Congressional publications
- Western water information
- Memorabilia - pencils, campaign matchbooks, stationery
- Manuscripts for articles and speeches

Mary Rait papers - Dean of Women at Mesa College

- Photographs and portraits
- Manuscripts
- Personal items
- *The Princess* Mesa College musical (possibly written by Mary Rait)

Richard "Dick" Gilstrap and Edgar W. Jones papers

- Mesa College Criterion, May 28, 1948
- Richard (Dick) Gilstrap and Edgar W. Jones college papers and notes, 1948
- Mesa basketball jersey #22 and jacket

Barry Paul Michrina papers

- Anthropology journals
- PhD dissertation journals
- Anthropology course materials
- *Southern Ute Drum* newspaper
- Pennsylvania coal mining
- Memorials

Powderhorn Ski Resort records

- History of Powderhorn and Grand Mesa skiing
- POW Board minutes, 1982
- Masterplan

Louis G. Morton papers

- World War II postcards and photographs

John Foster papers

- Mining in Telluride, Uravan, etc.

Tilman "Tillie" Bishop papers, 1962-1992

- Mesa State College records
 - Statistics
 - Correspondence, 1962-1989
 - Reports on disciplinary cases
 - Surveys
 - Annual reports for student services
 - Retention task force and committee records
 - Correspondence with international students
 - Admissions Committee, 1963-1989
- Colorado State Representative papers
- Colorado State Senator papers
 - State Tax Provisions memo, September 28
 - Long's Peak Working Group on National Water Policy, 1993
 - Letters of support for school financing to Tilman Bishop from Grand Junction citizens, 1991 September
 - Colorado River Water Conservation District Legislative report, 1984-1989

- Wilderness water rights settlement proposal, 1989
- State drought plan, “High and Dry: Drought in Colorado, 1989 [1977 after drought report]
- Executive order: declaring a disaster in Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties, 1989
- Legislative reports regarding native fish recovery in upper Colorado River Basin, 1989
- Water reports and water bills, circa 1989
- Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, circa 1989
- Committee on Water, 1989
- Wild Scenic Recreational Waters Systems, 1989
- Western Colorado Projects Review: Summaries of Western Slope Water Projects, 1985 June
- Colorado Water Conference, 1984
- Central Arizona Project (CAP), circa 1984
- Water-related newspaper clippings, circa 1985
- A History of the Colorado Rural Electric Association, 1945-1995
- Mesa County Department of Social Services correspondence regarding disability
- “Addressing the Area of Origin Problem” by the Colorado Water Resource Research Institution, 1985
- Colorado Water Congress, 1985
- Water in Colorado reports and correspondence to Bishop and also Governor Lamm, circa 1985
- Water related correspondence from Department of Natural Resources Executive Director, David Getches, 1985
- Reports: The Drought of 1988; Final Report of the President’s Interagency Drought Policy Committee
- Colorado West Transportation Plan, 1980
- Transit Feasibility Study, Grand Junction Area, 1977
- Water Development and Wildlife Mitigation, Walter Burkhard, 1986
- Variability of Unutilized Surface Water Supplies from the Yampa and White River Basins, 1985
- Brochures and small magazines regarding Colorado River Aqueduct, circa 1986
- Colorado Water Congress Seminar on Water Law, 1989
- Thirty-Sixth Annual Report of the Upper Colorado River Commission, 1984-1986

- Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
- Committee on Non-Tributary Ground Water, 1983-1984
- Report by U.S. Department of the Interior: “Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Colorado River Augmentation Demonstration Program, Delta, Gunnison and Mesa Counties, Colorado”
- Correspondence from John Burrett and Brenadine Calhoun to Bishop regarding proposal to the Delta County Commissioners for special use permit in the Ward Creek area
- Colorado Water Project Funding Projections by Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority, 1986
- Correspondence from Hank Brown (U.S. Representative) to Bishop regarding Senate Joint Memorial #6
- Denver Water Department annual report, 1985
- Correspondence from Colorado Water Congress
- Correspondence from Ralph Chantrill to Richard Lamm regarding “Colorado’s Precious Water
- Jim Monaghan correspondence regarding negotiating session at Beaver Creek, 1985
- Colorado Water Workshop at Western State College, 1985
- Central Arizona Project (CAP)
- Colorado Satellite linked Water Resources Monitoring System, circa 1985
- Bills concerning ground water, circa 1985
- Correspondence from Garfield County Board of County Commissioners, 1985
- Eliminating Water Scarcity Through Cooperation, 1985
- Western water law and Colorado water law, 1985
- Western Colorado Rural Communities Institute at Western State College, 1985

Grand Junction Alternative Media collection

- *The Red Pill*, 2004-2010
- Zines
- Event flyers

John Redifer Water collection

- Colorado water law, 1995 March
- National Landscape Conservation System, 2010 May 25

- Colorado Water Conservation Board, 2005-2010
 - Colorado's Water Supply Future
- Mesa County Water Association, 1998
- Colorado River Water Conservation District, 2005
- Colorado River District
- Colorado Foundation for Water Education, 2007
- Inter-basin Compact Committee annual report, 2006
- Northern Colorado Conservancy District, 2003-2006
- Rio Blanco Project, 1974
- Endangered fishes in the Yampa River Basin, 2004
- Ute Water Conservancy District, 2008-2009
- Gateway Recreational Management Area, 2008
- Mesa State College Natural Resources and Land Policy Institute, 2008-2010
- Fish Recovery Program San Juan River Basin, 2007-2010
- Regulatory floodplains in Colorado, 2005
- Mesa County strategic plans and community health assessments, 1995-2000