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Location

ANNEX  
22 M 6 (L)  
oversize box folder

Title Francis R. Hagner . Papers;

Approximate inclusive dates 1860- 1946, bulk dates 1876 - 1925

Date of receipt January 22, 1941

Received from Purchased from G.A. Baker & Co.

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 AB, 2 bound volumes ✓

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Condition transcripts good, clippings crumbling

Restrictions none

Description Francis Randall Hagner (1873-1940), collector of Americana, was born, educated, and practiced medicine in Washington, D.C. A specialist in genito-urinary surgery, he was an attending physician to President William H. Taft. His interest in Americana was far-reaching, including the Indian Wars, specifically the career of General George A. Custer (1839-1876); the Western and Southwestern states; fine printing in America; Alaska and the Arctic; and John J. Audubon (1785-1851).

The Hagner papers consist of typed copies of letters, diaries, articles, and court martial proceedings, as well as clippings, reprints, and pamphlets concerning General George A. Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn, 1876. The typed transcripts, bulk dates 1876-1925, are of the writings of both participants in the campaign, such as Colonel F.W. Benteen, General James Brisbin, General W.S. Edgerly, General E.S. Godfrey, and others, as well as contemporary and later commentators on the Indian Wars, including W.J. Ghent, W.M. Camp, and E.A. Brininstool. The majority of the earlier accounts, all the letters regarding the battle itself, the diaries and the court martial proceedings were typed in part or in their entirety at Hagner's expense at unknown times and locations, without indication of the ownership or location of the originals.

Among these transcripts are accounts of the battle from scouts and enlisted men; a commentary on Custer's participation in the Battle of the Washita, 1868; a transcript of Custer's 1867 court martial; a transcript of a diary, May to September 1876, by General E. S. Godfrey, a member of the Seventh Cavalry, and (cont.)

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries

F.W. Benteen ( ); W.M. Camp ( -1925); Cheyenne Indians - War, 1876;  
George A. Custer (1839-1876); Dakota Indians - Wars, 1876; W.F. Ghent ( );  
E.S. Godfrey ( -1932); Indians of North America - Wars, 1876

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Little Big Horn, Battle of the, 1876;  
United States. Army - cavalry  
1851-1875; 1876-1900; 1901-1925;  
1926-~~KRM~~ 1950

Date

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FRANCIS R. HAGNER Papers

Container Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
I	Battle of the Little Big Horn- papers relating specifically to this battle and to General Custer, arranged alphabetically.
II	Indian Campaigns and related topics- articles, maps, and photographs, unarranged. Major Marcus A. Reno- transcript of the Court of Inquiry.

Volumes    Contents

I	Major General George Crook- transcript of autobiography.
II	General E. S. Godfrey- transcripts of campaign diary and an early draft of the <u>Century Magazine</u> article on the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

an acknowledged authority on the history of the Battle; as well as a copy of an early draft of Godfrey's article ultimately published in the Century Magazine. There is also a transcript of the Court of Inquiry of Major Marcus A. Reno, 1879, and a typed copy of the manuscript autobiography of Major General George Crook, another participant in the campaign that included the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Finally, in addition to these materials on Custer and the Little Big Horn, there are a variety of clippings and articles on the Indian Wars and related topics.