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## **CONCESSIONER AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS COLLECTION**

***CATALOG NUMBER:*** MSC 169

***VOLUME:*** 0.5 LINEAR FEET

### ***HISTORY***

Concessioner employees were most often college students recruited to work during the summer season. The work was isolated and intense, with most doing a daytime service job and at night entertaining guests with music and skits. This resulted in a camaraderie that was often expressed similarly to school class rivalries and connections. Autograph books and yearbooks, a familiar ritual to most of the school-age employees, were a natural outgrowth of this community.

### ***DESCRIPTION***

The collection is an artificial collection created to house books and pamphlets annotated by concessioner employees in the manner of autograph books or yearbooks. While the item most often used was a Hayne's Guide to Yellowstone Park, a guidebook to the park updated annually, other types of publications may also be used. Standard versions of the publications are available within the Research Library collections. The materials in this collection are unique in their annotations such that they form a different type of resource. Annotations are generally similar to those in school yearbooks with signatures, quotes, short reminiscences of memorable events, jokes, and sometimes home contact information included. The books provide additional resources for genealogists as well as a resource into the social life and culture of the concessioner employee.

### ***PROVENANCE***

Artificial collection created by the Archives to house small donations containing largely similar content. Folder labels include the individual accession numbers.

### ***AVAILABILITY***

This is an unprocessed collection. Material is available for access. Please contact us well advance of any planned research visit so we may prepare the material for access. Please contact the Heritage & Research Center ([yell\\_heritage\\_center@nps.gov](mailto:yell_heritage_center@nps.gov)) for more information.