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HENRY D. WASHBURN PAPERS
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HISTORY

Henry Dana Washburn (1832-1871) was a lawyer and congressman for Indiana. In 1869, he was appointed surveyor general for Montana Territory, a position for which he served until his death in 1871. In 1870, he explored the area that became Yellowstone National Park as part of the Washburn-Langford-Doane expedition. Mount Washburn and the Washburn Range in Yellowstone National Park are named in his honor.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of biographical materials and correspondence related to Henry Dana Washburn, explorer of Yellowstone National Park. The biographical materials include portrait photographs, a diploma and certificate related to Washburn's law practice, his marriage certificate, his discharge from the military in the U. S. Civil War, and numerous eulogies, tributes, and proclamations on the event of his death in 1871, including one by fellow expedition member Cornelius Hedges. There are also a few letters, most notably letters from Philetus W. Norris and Miles A. Everts pertaining to the presumed death of Truman Everts.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Charles A. Williams (for Leona Washburn Mofford estate), 1942, 1972; Robert H. Washburn, 1964; and Mary Dana Washburn Rodriguez 1964 and 1981.

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