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MARION DYER TRAVEL DIARY 1919

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HISTORY

Marion Dyer was born in Montana around 1900, the daughter of Lida and William Dyer. Her brother, William or "Bill", was born about 1904. The elder William had emigrated from England around 1894 and had married Ohio-born Lida around 1899. By 1910, he was working as a miner on the Dan Claim in Butte, Montana, and lived with his family on North Alabama St. By 1920, William had either died or left the family as Lida is listed in the census as the head of the household and was taking in boarders, including William G. Hoage. Marion is not listed as living with her mother in the 1920 census.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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VOLUME 0.2 LF

DESCRIPTION Diary and photograph album of an automobile trip from Butte, Montana, through Yellowstone National Park from July 12-23, 1919.

The collection consists of a travel diary and accompanying photographs bound together into a leather album with the words "Vacation Days" and "Yellowstone Park" worked into the cover along with images of two small houses or cabins and several trees.

The diary describes the July 12-23, 1919, trip by a group of Butte, Montana, residents through Yellowstone National Park via automobile. Written by Marion Dyer, the diary lists her brother William or "Bill", her mother Lida, a Eugene "Gene" Giard, William G. Hoage, and a Mr. & Mrs. Kelly as fellow travelers. The diary describes the journey including many tire punctures, wrong turns, separated travelers, and encounters with wildlife, including a visit to the camp by a grizzly bear. The group stopped in Whitehall (MT), Ennis (MT), Gardiner (MT), and Livingston (MT) along the way as well as visiting many of the Park's natural and built features. Primarily camping along the way, the group fished and hiked.

The photographs depict the members of the group with the cars, fixing a tire, camping, and fishing. Natural features shown include the Firehole River, Old Faithful Geyser, Lion Geyser, the Punch Bowl, Handkerchief Pool, Kepler Cascades, Green Gable, Mud Geyser, Upper Falls, Lower Falls from Artist's Point, Inspiration Point, Virginia Cascades, Roaring Mountain, Obsidian Cliff, Golden Gate, the Hoodoos, Castle Ruins, Minerva Terrace, Pulpit Terrace, Liberty Cap, and Gardiner Canyon. Manmade features include Old Faithful Inn, General Howard's historical marker at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Uncle Tom's trail, and the Roosevelt Arch at the north gate.

ORGANIZATION

The album remains in original order.

PROVENANCE

Purchased from Pam Swiger in 2003.

RESTRICTIONS

YES

CONTAINER LIST**Box 1**

File Unit Nbr	Title
01	Travel diary