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CHITTENDEN-CRESS FAMILY PAPERS
1920s-1960s

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HISTORY

Hiram N. Chittenden (October 25, 1858 – October 9, 1917) was a civil engineer and historian. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Yellowstone National Park and was instrumental in constructing much of the park's infrastructure, including the Grand Loop Road. Chittenden married Nettie Parker (1856-1947) on December 30, 1884. The couple had two sons, Hiram, Jr. and Theodore, and a daughter, Eleanor. Eleanor Chittenden married James Cress.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of correspondence and writings, primarily by Nettie Parker Chittenden and her children Theodore R. Chittenden and Eleanor Chittenden Cress, documenting Yellowstone National Park and Hiram Chittenden's role in park history. Significant correspondents include Horace Albright, Jack E. Haynes, John M. Good, and various high-ranking members of the U.S. Army. Topics include ongoing management issues in the park as well as efforts to remember Chittenden's legacy.

PROVENANCE

Gift of great-granddaughter Kimberly Anderson, 2015.

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