

Nez Perce, Nee-Me-Poo

Summer 1877...U.S. Army was ordered to put the remaining **Nez Perce** there [reservation]. These bands objected because they had not sold their land to the U.S. government nor signed a treaty. **Nez Perce** leaders decided to lead their people in search of a new home. The trek of more than 800 people and 2,000 horses was to be peaceful. But warriors killed Idaho settlers as revenge for earlier murders, which caused the Army to chase the **Nez Perce**. Their trek became a flight marked by skirmishes and battles, the last of which stopped them more than 1,000 miles away from their homeland and less than 40 miles from safety in Canada.

The [**Nez Perce** (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic] trail includes the portion traversing Yellowstone National Park, which crosses or approaches the main park road in four places: **Nez Perce** Creek, Otter Creek, **Nez Perce** Ford, and Indian Pond. The **Nez Perce** entered the park along the Madison River, traveled up **Nez Perce** Creek past Mary Mountain, crossed the Yellowstone River at **Nez Perce** Ford, traveled up Pelican Valley, then likely moved through the Hoodoo Basin and across the Absaroka Mountains in the northeast part of Yellowstone.

From: <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/upload/Yell245.pdf>. NPS Brochure, *Flight of the Nez Perce*.

Box A-414

File "A8215 Special Events 2006"

Events documented include: **Nez Perce** Memorial Ceremony, Canyon Visitor Education Grand Opening Ceremony.

Box D-78

File "110134FA -- Buffalo Trap -- Nex P."

Labor charges and expenditures for rehabilitation of **Nez Perce** buffalo trap, 1965.

Box H-1

File 171.1 (1934)---

Some important dates in YNP history--Toll to Director 1934.

Letter from Gen. CES Wood on **Nez Perce**--obit of Gen. Hugh L. Scott.

JW Redington to park suggesting people to write to on **Nez Perce**.

File 171.1 (1931-1932-1933)---

Joffe to Don C. Fisher on **Nez Perce** story he wrote and one other. Sent us a copy of his master's thesis on Chief Joseph and Cowan party.

Box H-2

File "H-14 Area and Service History 1957-1962".

ALH to Jack Williams 12/10/62 quotes PARK COUNTY NEWS 6/17/48, p. 6, "Holliday's Diary of 1883 trip...found in attic" on George Cowan. Holliday meets Cowan in park.

ALH to Chief Nat 10/11/62 on his interview with granddaughter of John W. Barlow and provenance on items given to museum by her which are Indian relics.

ALH to Mark Brown 10/12/62--**Nez Perce** from Bismarck Tribune. Info on Col. RE Gardner photo, an old guy who traveled through park in 1920, who had been a soldier in the **Nez Perce** campaigns. Appears in MRofS, August, 1920, p. 30.

ALH to Mark Brown 9/6/62--location of Spurgin's Beaver Slide. ES Topping piece on Lenard, Goff, and **Nez Perce** Killing of an Indian boy which is also mentioned in Topping, CHRONICLES OF THE YELLOWSTONE....

Box H-19

File "H2215 Archeological & Historical Research Relating to NPS Areas, 1954-1960"

Correspondence and memoos. Includes material regarding: Indian war veteran status of George Whittaker, 1960; Merrill D. Beal contract history of **Nez Perce** campaign and Big Hole Battlefield, 1958-1960; activities of Montana State archaeological survey crews, 1958-1959.

Box H-22

File "H18 Biographical Data and Accounts 1970"

Contains correspondence regarding: inspection of Pictograph Caves National Historical Landmark; biographical sketch of Horace Albright; historical accounts of the **Nez Perce** War in 1877; biographical data sheets of park officials.

Box H-28

"H2215-Relating to NPS Areas, 1961-62." [**Nez Perce** war, Big Hole Battlefield, Rains Scouting party, Clearwater Battlefield, J. E. Haynes, A. Haines, Bunsen Peak fire of 1886, President Arthur, Jas. H. Dean, Conger, Moses Harris, McCartney-Gardiner, stagecoaches: Bighorn, Giantess {Old Faithful}, Idaho. Tally-ho's, Concord, Albright, William Nichols, Big Hole interview, Blacktail Elk trap Indian site, Miller Creek site, Teepee circles, soapstone pots]

"H14-Area & Service History, 1963-64." [Buffalo roundup, Old Commodore, DeLacy, Haines, Col. Norris, Conger, Carpenter, Washburn campsite, Doane, Langford, stage hold-up, Trafton, Shoshone point, Culver, Firehole Wyo. Post office, Jack E. Haynes, General Howard, **Nez Perce**, Wylie, Shaw & Powell, Curry, Jacob Ward Smith, Hayden, Langford diary, Lt. Doane, Big Hole Battlefield]

Box H-36

File "101 Report of Historical Research in the Montana State Historical Society at the State Capitol Building in Helena, Montana on November 28 to December 1 Inc. 1939 by William E. Kearns, Assistant Park Naturalist"

Contains copies of newspaper articles from the Helena Herald regarding the Washburn Expedition, the Truman Everts incident, and other topics of Yellowstone history; reproductions of sections of various maps from the Montana Historical Society, including De Smet's maps of Flathead Lake, Bighorn River,

present Yellowstone National Park, Lake. Also General Howard's maps of the **Nez Perce** campaign of 1877.

File "Miscellaneous History and Archeology File"

program and letter regarding Camas Meadows Memorial ceremony (2002), intended to commemorate the 1877 skirmish between soldiers and the **Nez Perce**...

Box K-109

File 1

... flyer for lecture series on 125th anniversary of the 1877 **Nez Perce** War (2002...

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"Where did the **Nez Percés** Go in Yellowstone in 1877?" (by William Lang, Montana: The Magazine of Western History, 1990); Wind River Mountaineer (Fremont County, Wyoming history magazine, April-June 1989); "Eighteen Months in a Wyoming Tie Camp: 1928-1929" (by Carl Krueger); Draft Historical Collections Guide to Museums and Libraries with Materials Pertaining to the **Nez Perce** Indians, the U.S. Military, and the Conflict of 1877 (compiled and written in part by Dan Gard, 1995)...

File 2

This file contains: various documents copied from the Yellowstone National Park Archives; "The **Nez Perce** War" (by William Kearns, from Yellowstone Nature Notes, May-June 1935)...

File 3

... "**Nez Perce** Dictionary" (University of California Publications in Linguistics, 1994); Draft Annotated Bibliography of Selected Materials Relating to the **Nez Perce** Indians, the U.S. Military and the Conflict of 1877 (compiled and written in part by Dan Gard, 1995)...

Box N-301: Wolf: EIS: Section 10(J), Reference Information, Draft EIS

File - "Wolf: DEIS: Agency Comments"

Contains: Memoranda of comments from non-NPS governmental agencies and state governmental agencies concerning the Wolf DEIS, 1993; statement from the **Nez Perce** tribe on the Wolf DEIS, 1993.

Box W-127--Reports 1959-85

"LAMAR BACKCOUNTRY REPORT FOR 1985 - Clair Roberts; a 1985 letter from Tower ranger, Andrew Mitchell, to Superintendent, Robert Barbee, expressing concerns about potential plans to allow a permit for a party with 300 head of Appaloosa stock to use the Lamar River Trail to commemorate the **Nez Perce** flight through the park...

Item 17--Documents 3967-4192, F to K; Jan. 1, 1900 to Dec. 31, 1903.

4015--Theo W Goldin wants to recreate his 1877 trip to park with Crow Indians--made during **Nez Perce** foray with Dr. HO Paulding '00

Oral History 03-1-History of the Nez Perce Indians in Yellowstone

This tape highlights the history of the **Nez Perce** Indians involvement in Yellowstone. This is #1 in a series of 14 tapes.