

Collections Report

Campbell County Rockpile Museum – September 2021

1. Coal Crusher & Misc. Parts

Source: Robert Wagner from Watford City, North Dakota

Information: Donor found these items in the basement of 404 S. Warren Ave., possibly the old residence of Sam and Maggie Goings from the Goings Hotel.

Recommendation: It is recommended that these items are declined. There is a lack of provenance with these items and even though they come from a local residence, we do not believe that they provide any relevant information to the interpretation of the history and culture of the Powder River Basin.

2. Weeds of Wyoming Bulletin and 2 North American Division Youth Pins

Source: Staff Collected

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection. The Bulletin was recommended by a Board Member as a reference volume for staff and researchers. The 2 pins were given to the Museum by a Pathfinders Historian. They trade and collect pins, so these pins will help us tell the story of the 2024 Pathfinders Camporee, before and after the event.

3. Nola Wallace Rockpile Museum Board Thank You Gift & Photograph from Retirement Party

Source: Kenna Rose from Gillette, Wyoming

Information: This was a thank you gift to Nola Wallace on her last day as a museum board member. It is a wood burning created by Tom Butler that contains the old museum logo on the front, as well as two angels (Nola always wore angel pins). There is also a photograph of Nola Wallace at her retirement party at Public Health.

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

4. Bette Holcomb & George Smith Items—letters, diary, photographs

Source: Deana Watkins of Gillette, Wyoming

Information: Bette Holcomb resided in Gillette, Wyoming her entire life and worked at the Campbell County Hospital as a nurse for over 30 years before retiring in 2014. The items contain correspondence from Bette while she was in nursing school at Montana State University, a diary from 1954-1957, senior photos given to Bette, and other misc. photographs. These items provide information regarding Bette's life in Gillette, Wyoming and are an important addition to the history of what life was like in Campbell County during that time.

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection. Decline the postage collection and Currier & Ives Lithographs.

5. Fossils- Horse Metacarpal, 2 Orthoceras, Ammonite, and Opal

Source: Melissa Ellis of Gillette, Wyoming

Information: Commercial fossils. They are not from this area but can be used for Bob's fossil programs or any other educational program on fossils.

Recommendation: Place in Props Collection

6. 4 Aerial & 2 Plat Maps of Westover Hills and Bell Nob Golf Course

Source: Jeanette Dunn of Arizona

Information: These Maps provide information on the construction and survey process done to create the Bell Nob Golf Course, ca. 1989. There is not a lot of collection items regarding the Bell Nob Golf Course, so these maps would be beneficial in adding more history and information. These will be added/related to the maps and drawing from surveyor Ralph Harrod that were accepted last month.

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

7. Speedway Speed Sander

Source: Jeremy Wheeler from Gillette, Wyoming

Information: This item was found by the donor and includes no provenance or information.

Recommendation: Decline