

# Utah State University, Merrill-Cazier Library Special Collections - WWI Collections

## [Brigham Young College records, 1877-1926](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 001**

30 Volumes total (series I, box 2, fd 10-20/box 3, fd1-5 - BYC Bulletins Vol XIV-XVII; box 11, fd 28-31 - Programs and Invitations for Commencement; series II, box 9, fd 6-7 - Crimson Annual, renamed Camouflage for WWI)

Mostly publications produced by Brigham Young College, the Alumni Association, and the student body. Manuscript record group includes register of studies (1888-1891); minutes of general theology, missionary and priesthood meetings (1889-1892); Dept. of Biology equipment and herbarium inventories; minutes of Brigham Young College Athletic Association meetings (1895-1907); minutes of student literary and social groups, including the Beacon Light Society (1900-1905), Phae Polo Lyceum (1896-1900), Philomathic Literary Society (1903-1904), Webster Literary and Debating Society (1916-1917); and the reminiscences of the Class of 1904.

## [Crookson family papers, 1857-1976](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 71**

9 Boxes total (box 6, book 2 - Diary of Nicholas Oscar Crookston-daily activities as soldier WWI; box 6, fd 3 - discharge and appreciation papers; box 1, fd 2, 3, 4-5, 6, 7-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 - Letters dated 1917 & 1918)

The Crookston collection spans four generations, beginning with Robert Crookston and ending with Burns Ballantyne Crookston, his great-grandson. The majority of the collection consists of the records of Nicholas Welch Crookston, including correspondence (1917-1927); personal papers (1886-1932); scrapbooks, diaries and memoranda (1857-1930); an autobiography concerning his activities as Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Bishop of the Greenville Ward; Crookston family genealogy; and papers concerning a business deal with Boston Land Company and Frederick Steigmeyer (1917-1918) to develop the desert in the San Joaquin Valley. Also included Alice Melvina Rice Crookston correspondence (1897-1918) and personal papers (1892-1925); Nicholas Oscar Crookston correspondence (1917-1927), personal papers, and diaries (1905-1919), including on recording his daily activities as a soldier in WWI (1918); Newell James Crookston writings (1890-1976) including his autobiography and North Logan community history; Burns Ballantyne Crookston writings (1960-1976); and Robert Crookston autobiography (ca. 1910).

## [Champ family papers, 1900-1980](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 130**

135 Boxes total (box 20, fd 6-10 - Liberty Bonds May 1918; box 128, fd 6 - Correspondence from George H. Champ 1916-1918; box 145 - Letters and Maps of Boise land holding financed

by Champ family circa WWI; box 145 - Certificate of Recognition from U.S. Treasury War Savings Program Appointment to Board of Trustees, USU 1925)

A large portion of the material is the personal papers of Frederick P. Champ, including college correspondence and significant amounts of material from Frederick Champ's business ventures, particularly the Cache Valley Banking Company, Champ Investment Company, Walker Bank and Trust Company, and the Utah Mortgage and Loan Corporation. Also includes records concerning St. John's Episcopal Church of Logan, Utah. Champ family material includes papers of George "Herb" champ, Mary Knox Champ, and H. Merle Smith. Francis Winton Champ's correspondence and personal papers includes materials concerning her involvement with the Episcopal Church's Women's Auxiliary Missionary District of Utah, and Las Encinas Sanitarium.

#### [Utah Mortgage and Loan Corporation Records, 1895-1925](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 131**

30 Ledgers and 2 Boxes total (box 2, fd 3 - Loan Records and Cache Valley War Chest Contributions)

Financial records of the Utah Mortgage and Loan Corporation.

#### [Gary B. Hansen papers, 1911-2014](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 319**

157 Boxes total (series XI: Clarence J. Hansen and Ruth Hansen Bruerton WWI Materials - boxes 1-5)

The materials in this collection have been divided into 15 series. Series XI is composed of materials gathered during WWI by Hansen's relatives, Lt. Clarence J. Hansen and Ruth Hansen Bruerton.

#### [Ernest Fred Johnson World War I Papers, 1918-1940](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 326**

1 Box total

This one-box collection consists primarily of correspondence sent to Ernest Johnson's mother, Sophia, after his death.

#### [Milton C. Abrams papers, 1872-1998](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_COLL MSS 471**

14 Boxes total (Manti Public Library, 1877-1987 box 9, fd 21 - Veterans of World War I)

This collection consists of materials that Abrams collected throughout his career the the Utah Historical Society, as Director of the Merrill Library at Utah State University, as Chairman of the Executive Board of the Utah Bicentennial District 1, and as a community leader.

#### [E.G. Peterson Papers, 1916-1944](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_3.1/6-2**

206 Boxes total (boxes 4-6 - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1917; boxes 7-8 - Miscellaneous Correspondence relating to a Correspondence Study, 1917-1918; boxes 9-17 - Miscellaneous

Correspondence, 1917 July to 1918 April; boxes 18-20 - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1918 April-June; boxes 21-22 - Correspondence Study, 1918/1919; box 23 - Correspondence Study, 1918-1919; boxes 24-27 - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1918 July-September; boxes 28-30 - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1918 October-December; box 35 - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1917-1926; box 179 - Military Science and Tactics, 1916-1944; box 203 - World War I and Subjects Related, 1916-1944)

Papers of the Sixth President of Utah State University, Elmer G. Peterson. Includes correspondence, reports, memoranda, etc. The papers are arranged chronologically and alphabetically. Boxes 203 thru 205 are specific to the College's experience during WWI and WWII.

### [Newell Hart papers, 1860-1983](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_CAINE COLL MSS 3**

35 Boxes total (box 7, fd 24 - McClurg, Earl-WWI reminiscences, 19 pages, handwritten document about WWI experiences; box 26, fd 13 - Cache Valley Newsletter (CVN) #166-Historical notes about Treasureton, Idaho and WWI data)

Subject files are a wide range of materials concerning the histories of Preston, Idaho, Franklin Co, Idaho, and Cache Valley, Utah, including correspondence, biographies, local histories of Cache Valley schoolhouses, and articles concerning Joseph Geddes; Cache Valley Newsletter files; and Bear River Massacre materials.

### [Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Lodge #607, 1909-1923](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_CAINE MSS 23**

5 Boxes total (box 2 - Correspondence, 1917-1918)

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was comprised primarily of railroad workers and other than engineers and firemen. This set of records cover the years 1917-1923. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence files, many of which pertain to grievance brought by the union against management. Of interest in these files are letters from men who have joined the army during World War I. These letters concern questions of keeping their union status intact.

### [Smithfield Oral History Project, 1956-1991](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_FOLK COLL 48**

2 Boxes total (box 1, fd 1 - Allsop, Earl and Bessie Plowman-Bessie tells of her father and his LDS mission to Norway during the flu epidemic of 1918-1919; box 1, fd 6 - Griffiths, William Harry and Dorothy-LDS mission in England left in 1914 and tells what he was of WWI; box 1, fd 12 - Jones, Ethel-talks about WWI and WWII; box 2, fd 18 - Winn, Jeannie-talks about the flu epidemic of 1918, recalls WWI)

The Smithfield Oral History Project contains 37 interviews with residents of Smithfield, Utah. The majority of interviews were conducted by Lawrence Cantwell. William "Robert" Thornley had the items digitized, transcribed, and printed by the Clark and Gladys Thornley Foundation.

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### **Photograph Collections:**

#### [The military science and tactics photograph collection, 1917-1920](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0137**

1 Box total 37 photographs

The bulk of these 37 oversized photographs depict cadets of the Military Science and Tactics Department of the Utah Agricultural College (now Utah State University) during review and drill, 1918. At that time, the two year military course was compulsory for all physically able male students as a prerequisite of graduation. Included are photographs of Governor Simon Bamberger reviewing the cadets, and of the cadets wearing surgical masks due to the influenza epidemic of that year; also, there are some prints depicting students in mechanic arts and home economics.

#### [Newell Hart photographs, 1880-1970](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0251**

3 Boxes total (box 2 - 2:01 - WWI draftees from Franklin Co.)

219 photos mainly from Franklin County, Idaho from the 1880s to the 1960s. Hart collected some of these images for his published photographic history, Home Town Album. These photos consist of people, buildings, and events in and around Preston, Idaho, many of which are original albumen and collodion prints. Other images appear to be items he picked up at random or photos that came from the Anderson Studio in Preston and include Preston High School students and activities, classroom scenes, athletics, family snapshots, the Franklin County Courthouse, Monument Valley, Scandinavian postcards, and Central and South American cities. Some of the high school photos were cut out in the shape of letters.

#### [Leonard J. Arrington photograph collection, 1839-1995](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0316**

5 Boxes total (box 2, fd 18-2:18:11 - WWI mess hall, University of Idaho)

Mainly photographs Arrington collected for his numerous publications.

#### [Raymond C. Somers photograph collection, 1865-1993](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0324**

15 Boxes total (box 4, fd 8 04:08:01-03 - 145th Field Artillery, 1919; box 7, (see box 7a for positive copies) 07:43 - Troop. Barbershop. Six men standing and sitting on a pile of boxes, outside; 07:44-65 - Troops; 07:66-67 - USS Utah Battleship; box 8, fd 4 - ACU Buildings and WWI Soldiers on Parade; box 14, 14-12-01 through 06 - WWI soldiers in Logan parade)  
1,163 black & white and color photographs, 890 black & white negatives, 48 black & white glass plate negatives, cyanotypes, duplicates and photocopies, and copies from pages in Mr. Somers'

books. Most of the images were taken in Cache Valley. Subject include the 145th Artillery Unit. Most images were taken during 1890-1940.

#### [Ronald V. Jensen Living Historical Farm Photographs, 1852-1992](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0356**

13 Boxes total (box 9 Farm Activities, 1852-1992 (see also MSS 236 box 51, Fd1 for thesis) 9:04:23 - Alma Crane home from military service in WWI)

4,922 photos, negatives, and slides capturing the extensive research done on other living museums from across North America as well as historical photos of Cache Valley. There are also numerous images of the Jensen Farm featuring staff and students interacting with visitors. Boxes 1-5 consist of color and Black & white slides arranged alphabetically by topic. Boxes 6-9 are photographs, slides and negatives capturing activities on the Jensen Farm, Box 10 features 1950s photos of antique farm equipment and Boxes 11-12 contain research photos of other living museums. Box 13 contains 8x10 black & white photos of farm equipment. Box 9 also includes several miscellaneous photographs featuring historical costumes, period activities, historical scenes, buildings, and towns in Cache Valley.

#### [Gustav Lorenz Becker Photograph Collection, 1889-1947](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0361**

11 Boxes total (box 5, 5.23 - Pg 135; 5.28 - Pg 167; 5.28 - Pg 168; box 11, 11.2 - Dr. Arthur Perkins M.D. Harvard University Call Album from 1919)

Eleven boxes of black & white photographs and twelve scrapbooks that center around the life of Gustav Lorenz Becker, including shooting tournaments, hunting, and his friendship with gun inventor John M. Browning, family outings, and his participation in local and national events such as parades, county fairs, American Legion ceremonies, and the United States Brewers Association (U.S.B.A.). At age twenty-five he joined the Utah National Guard and when WWI broke out he joined the Utah Home Guard and offered to tender his factory and services to the United States.

#### [John Kenneth Cannon Photograph Collection, 1918-1953](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0382**

3 Boxes total

The 834 black & white and color photographs in this collection are mostly publicity photographs which document Cannon's duties (such as military parades, medal pinning ceremonies, graduation exercises, fundraising, inspections, retirements, visiting dignitaries, and high-level meetings) as an Air Force General; some black & white images also include negatives. Nearly all the photographs were taken between 1947 and 1953. After Cannon served in the infantry during WWI, he took up pilot training from 1921 to 1922.

#### [Gary B. Hansen Photograph Collection, 1915-1919](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0384**

1 Box total (folder 1 contains 314 images; folder 2 contains 7; and folder 3 contains 1)

This collection contains photographs that were taken by Clarence James (C.J.) Hansen during his service as a Lieutenant in the United States Army during WWI. Contents include an album with photographs taken in 1918 of Utah Agricultural College (now Utah State University), WWI training at Camp Stanley, Texas and the Saumur Artillery School, France, and the Gas School at Chaumont, France. The album consists of photographs of military life, weapons, and soldiers. This collection also contains a folder with three labeled photographs of the 3rd Battery in Leon Springs Training Camp taken February 2, 1918.

[Broberg Family photograph collection, 1897-1974](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0422**

1 Box total (box 1, fd 1 1:01:07 - Studio portrait postcard of Oliver Hansen and 3 other WWI, US soldiers)

The Broberg family photograph collection includes 52 images of extended family members and friends of John H. and Jane Broberg and one folder of unidentified portraits. Included in the collection are studio portraits, cabinet cards, and snapshots of identified and unidentified individuals. In addition to photographs of family and friends, there are several scenic snapshots (including the World Flyers at Clover Field, a corralled herd of bison, a lady petting bears, a lady with a spinning wheel, and "B.L.'s Bathing Beauties Nudist Colony--Black Rock" float in 1934).

[John F. Blauer World War I photograph collection, 1910-1933](#)

Collection Number: **USU\_P0502**

1 Box total

The John F. Blauer World War I Photo Collection consists of 115 black and white photographs mostly depicting scenes from France and Germany during World War I and the soldiers and nurses of Evacuation Hospital Unit Number Seven. The collection also contains postcards with scenes from France, prewar photographs, and postwar photographs.