

Donor / Source : Kirby, William

Collection: William Kirby Papers

Identity Statement:

Title: William Kirby Papers

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Archival History: Donated to Douglas County History Research Center by William Kirby.

Scope and Content / Abstract:

The William Kirby Papers are arranged following the original order of the creator. The series "Legends and Oddities" are comprised of Kirby's research, research notes and scripts for the Legends and Oddities film series produced by Douglas County Television. A large part of the Legends and Oddities research is photocopied newspaper articles and information from the Douglas County History Research Center. The Legends and Oddities research includes photographs of the B-17 crash site from 2002.

The collection also contains photos and research about the Architecture of Douglas County, minutes from the Historic Preservation Board, a folder of correspondence, and a document titled Wildflowers of Castlewood Canyon.

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Structure:

System of Arrangement: Collection follows the original order of the creator. Arranged by the series "Legends and Oddities" in alphabetical order of the folder title. After the series "Legends and Oddities" the folders are arranged by subject in alphabetical order. Photographs are arranged numerically in one folder at the end of the collection.

Context:

Dates of accumulation: 1997 - 2004

Name of Creator or Compiler of the Collection: Kirby, William

Administrative / Biographical history: William Kirby is an independent writer who conducted research about Douglas County for the Legends and Oddities film series produced by Douglas County Television.

Allied Materials:

Location of originals: Legends and Oddities research is largely photocopies of newspaper clippings located at the Douglas County History Research Center and other Denver Metro Area repositories.

Existence of copies: Some photocopies of the Legends and Oddities newspaper clippings are located in the Legends and Oddities clipping notebook in the Douglas County History Research Center reading room.

Related units of description in this repository: Legends & oddities. Search for the B-17 [videorecording]; Call #: V 623.7463 LEG

Legends & oddities, volume 1 [videorecording] ; Call #: DVD 978.886 LEG

Legends & oddities. Volume 2 [videorecording]; Call #: 978.886 LEG

Legends & oddities. The monster of Plum Creek [videorecording]; Call #: V 978.886 KIR

Legends & oddities. Nell's cure [videorecording]; Call #: V 616.995 LEG

Legends & oddities. Kit Carson's last campfire : the musical [videorecording]; Call #: DVD 978.886 LEG

Notes

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
02	02	Kirby, William	1889-1890, 2000, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- The Plainfield Addition- Research
Description <i>Research, newspaper clippings, topographic map, land sale records</i>				Subjects <i>The Plainfield Addition</i>
01	03	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- B-17 Plane Crash- "Search for the B-17" Movie Script
Description <i>Movie script, patch for Legends & Oddities Search for the B-17 movie</i>				Subjects <i>1944 B-17 plane crash in Douglas County</i>
01	02	Kirby, William	1944, 1997, 2001-2002, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- B-17 Plane Crash Research
Description <i>Emails, newspaper clippings, excerpts from books, internet research, maps, photocopy of U.S. Army Air Forces Report of Aircraft Accident for 1944 B-17 plane crash in Douglas County</i>				Subjects <i>B-17 Airplanes, 1944 B-17 plane crash in Douglas County</i>
01	04	Kirby, William	1874, 1881-1882, 1925, 1995, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Castle Rock Research
Description <i>Newspaper clippings, brochure for historic downtown Castle Rock, draft of "Douglas County's First Courthouse"</i>				Subjects <i>Castle Rock historic buildings, Douglas County Courthouse</i>
01	05	Kirby, William	1897-1898	Legends & Oddities- Castlewood Dam Newspaper Clippings
Description <i>Newspaper clippings</i>				Subjects <i>Castlewood Dam</i>
01	06	Kirby, William	1924-1925, 1935-1936, 1965, 2000-2001, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Diamond Jack and the Woodbine Lodge- Research, Newspaper Clippings, Notes
Description <i>Research, notes, newspaper clippings, emails, map, Ray A. Rudolph oral history transcript</i>				Subjects <i>Diamond Jack, Woodbine Lodge</i>
01	07	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Diamond Jack & the Woodbine Lodge- "The Gangster Who Loved Colorado" movie script
Description <i>"The Gangster Who Loved Colorado" movie script</i>				Subjects <i>Diamond Jack, Woodbine Lodge</i>
01	08	Kirby, William	1991, 1994, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Douglas County Ghost Stories
Description <i>Newspaper clippings, excerpts from book "Twilight Dwellers", John Fagan's ghost, McIntyre Cabin, ghost stories from newspaper clippings</i>				Subjects <i>Douglas County ghost stories, John Fagan's ghost, McIntyre cabin</i>
01	09	Kirby, William	1863, 1870, 1874-1876, 1882, 1889-1893, 1904-1915	Legends & Oddities- Douglas County Ghost Towns- Research & Newspaper Clippings
Description <i>Maps, newspaper clippings, land claims, research notes, Bureau of Land Management- General Land Office Records- Land Patent Listings, Ghost Towns: Case, Cronkite, Dakan, Diana Park, Dunaway, Greenland, Hill Top, Pemberton & West Creek, Silica, Spring Valley</i>				Subjects <i>Douglas County Ghost Towns- Case, Cronkite, Dakan, Diana Park, Dunaway, Greenland, Hill Top, Pemberton & West Creek, Silica, Spring Valley</i>
01	18	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Movie Script Binder Cover
Description <i>Items- "The Flaming Frontier" Rocky Mountain Round Up photocopied image & Phillip 66 Bud's Service Advertisement photocopy. The items in this folder were taken from the cover of the binder with movie scripts and research for the Legends & Oddities film series.</i>				Subjects <i>Rocky Mountain Round Up Phillips 66</i>
01	10	Kirby, William	1884, 1888, 1894-1898, 1900, 1913	Legends & Oddities- Gold Mining Newspaper Clippings
Description <i>Newspaper clippings, map</i>				Subjects <i>Gold Mining</i>
01	11	Kirby, William	1887-1889, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Gold Mining- Land Division Records
Description <i>Land division records</i>				Subjects <i>Gold Mining</i>
01	12	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Gold Mining- Gold in Douglas County Citation Notes
Description <i>2 Items- Gold in Douglas County Index to Abstracts of the Castle Rock "Journal" and Gold in Douglas County Prior to 1895 Abstracts of articles and advertisements from the Castle Rock "Journal"</i>				Subjects <i>Gold Mining</i>
01	13	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Gold Mining- Mining Claims of Western Douglas County
Description <i>Document listing the mining claims of Western Douglas County. Claims are listed in alphabetical order with the date of the claim, location, the owner of the claim and the researcher's notes about the mining claim.</i>				Subjects <i>Gold Mining</i>

01	14	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Gold Mining- Timeline July 10, 1879 - March 19, 1898
Description <i>Timeline listing mining claims from July 10, 1879 - March 19, 1898</i>				Subjects <i>Gold Mining</i>
01	15	Kirby, William	1902, 1914, 1924, 1936, 1965, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Lost Treasures of Douglas County- Research, Newspaper Clippings, Maps, Notes
Description <i>Research, newspaper clippings, maps, notes for The Devil's Head Treasure (Golden Eagles on Devil's Head), The Lost Mine of Steven's Gulch (The Rabbit Hole), The Lost Treasure of Cherry Creek (The Lucky Groundhogs), Sixteen Georgians, The Lost Topaz Mine (The Real Gem), The Well-Dressed Spaniard</i>				Subjects <i>The Devils Head Treasure (Golden Eagles on Devils Head), The Lost Mine of Steven's Gulch (The Rabbit Hole), The Lost Treasure of Cherry Creek (The Lucky Groundhogs), Sixteen Georgians, The Lost Topaz Mine (The Real Gem), The Well-Dressed Spaniard</i>
01	16	Kirby, William	2000	Legends & Oddities- Lost Treasures of Douglas County- Presentation
Description <i>Presentation to Highlands Ranch Historical Society on March 29, 2000 about the Lost Treasures of Douglas County</i>				Subjects <i>The Devils Head Treasure (Golden Eagles on Devils Head), The Lost Mine of Steven's Gulch (The Rabbit Hole), The Lost Treasure of Cherry Creek (The Lucky Groundhogs), Sixteen Georgians, The Lost Topaz Mine (The Real Gem), The Well-Dressed Spaniard</i>
01	17	Kirby, William	1939, 1954, 1979, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Monster of Plum Creek- Newspaper Clippings, Notes
Description <i>Newspaper clippings, research, notes, correspondence</i>				Subjects <i>Monster of Plum Creek</i>
01	19	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Movie Concepts and Ideas
Description <i>Outline of ideas for Legends and Oddities film series</i>				Subjects <i>Legends and Oddities</i>
02	01	Kirby, William	1983, 1990, 2002, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Paleoiadians of Douglas County
Description <i>Research, information, notes, internet research</i>				Subjects <i>Paleoiadians of Douglas County</i>
02	03	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- The Plainfield Addition- "This Land is Your Land" Movie Script
Description <i>Correspondence, notes, movie scripts for "This Land is Your Land",</i>				Subjects <i>The Plainfield Addition</i>
01	01	Kirby, William	1992, 1997, 1999, 2000, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Article Information
Description <i>Brochures and information about local history collections and organizations</i>				Subjects <i>Colorado local history collections and organizations</i>
02	04	Kirby, William	1900, 1903, 1910, 1917, 1927	Legends & Oddities- Railroad Accidents in Douglas County
Description <i>Newspaper clippings</i>				Subjects <i>Railroad Accidents in Douglas County</i>
02	05	Kirby, William	1885, 1887, 1918, 1926, 1979, 1983-1984, 2003, n.d	Legends & Oddities- Research and Newspaper Clippings- Unusual Stories in Douglas County
Description <i>Newspaper clippings</i>				Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities Douglas County</i>
02	06	Kirby, William	1886-1887, 1896, 1900-1902, 1909, 1967, 1997, n.d	Legends & Oddities- Research, Newspaper Clippings & Notes for Various Episodes
Description <i>Research, newspaper clippings, notes, maps, ghost stories</i>				Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities Douglas County Ghost Stories</i>
02	07	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- Tuberculosis Research
Description <i>Internet research</i>				Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities Tuberculosis</i>
02	08	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- Tuberculosis- "Nell's Cure" Movie Script
Description <i>Legends and Oddities movie script for "Nell's Cure"</i>				Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities Tuberculosis</i>
02	09	Kirby, William	1968, 1982, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- UFO Sightings in Douglas County- Research
Description <i>Newspaper clippings, UFO research, Thomas Joseph Dietrich oral history transcript</i>				Subjects <i>UFO Sightings Douglas County</i>
02	10	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- "UFO in Castle Rock" Movie Scripts
Description <i>Movie scripts for Legends & Oddities film "UFO in Castle Rock", Legends & Oddities postcard with Denver Post newspaper clipping from Jan. 3, 1968</i>				Subjects <i>UFO Sightings Douglas County</i>

02	11	Kirby, William	1896 - 1897, 1909, 1913	Legends & Oddities- Vanished Towns of Douglas County- Newspaper Clippings
Description	<i>Newspaper clippings</i>			Subjects <i>Vanished Towns Douglas County</i>
02	12	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Vanished Towns of Douglas County- Prelim Source List and Notes
Description	<i>Prelim source list for Vanished Towns of Douglas County, research notes</i>			Subjects <i>Vanished Towns Douglas County</i>
02	13	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- Vanished Towns of Douglas County- Vanished Towns and Camps
Description	<i>Photocopies of photos from Denver Public Library of vanished towns, maps, document titled 'Towns and Camps of the West Creek - Nighthawk Gold Rush 1895 - 1900'- towns listed in the document: Ackerman, Bunker Hill, Crescent Drive, Cronkite, Daffodil, Davenport Mining Company Camp, Dunaway, Given, Lamb, Nighthawk, North Cripple Creek, North West Creek, Oliver, Pemberton, Signal, Signal Butte, South Platte, Stanley City, Symes, Tabor, Trumbull, Tyler, Tyler Heights, West Creek</i>			Subjects <i>Vanished Towns Douglas County</i>
02	14	Kirby, William	2002	Legends & Oddities- Vanished Towns of Douglas County- Vanished Town Monopoly Game with Movie Script
Description	<i>Draft of monopoly game of vanished towns in Douglas County for the Legends & Oddities movie about vanished towns, "Vanished Towns of Douglas County" movie script</i>			Subjects <i>Vanished Towns Douglas County</i>
02	15	Kirby, William	1961-1962, 1964, n.d.	Legends & Oddities- World Science Center Research
Description	<i>Newspaper clippings, pictures of buildings, notes, outlines</i>			Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities World's Tallest Tower</i>
02	16	Kirby, William	n.d.	Legends & Oddities- "World's Tallest Tower" Movie Script
Description	<i>Movie script for Legends & Oddities episode "World's Tallest Tower"</i>			Subjects <i>Legends & Oddities World's Tallest Tower</i>
02	17	Kirby, William	1999, n.d.	Architecture of Douglas County- Douglas County Roads & Commercial Architecture
Description	<i>Notes, Travel Log: Douglas County Roads #67 and #515 from Highway 83 to Platte River Road, Commercial Architecture of Douglas County description, notes and photographs (photographs have been separated from this document to be housed with other photographs at the Douglas County History Research Center, they have been photocopied and placed at the end of the collection with the other photos)</i>			Subjects <i>Architecture Photographs Douglas County</i>
02	18	Kirby, William	2002	Correspondence- Ranch View Middle School to William Kirby, Thank-you Letters
Description	<i>Correspondence</i>			Subjects <i>Correspondence</i>
02	19	Kirby, William	1997-1999	Historic Preservation Board- Meeting Minutes & Agendas
Description	<i>Meeting minutes, meeting agendas</i>			Subjects <i>Historic Preservation Board</i>
02	20	Kirby, William	1994-2000	Historic Preservation Board
Description	<i>By-laws, Correspondence, Memorandum, 1998 Annual Report, 1994 Douglas County Zoning Resolution, 2000 Historic Landmark Calendar</i>			Subjects <i>Historic Preservation Board</i>
02	21	Kirby, William	1999-2000, 2002	Newspaper Article about Highlands Ranch Historical Society, Emails, Invitations
Description	<i>Nespaper article about Highlands Ranch Historical Society, emails, invitations to historical society events</i>			
02	22	Kirby, William	n.d.	Wildflowers of Castlewood Canyon
Description	<i>Document listing information about wildflowers of Castlewood Canyon</i>			Subjects <i>Wildflowers Castlewood Canyon</i>
		Kirby, William	1999, 2002, n.d.	Photos
Description	<i>Photos- Architecture of Douglas County [1999], B-17 Plane Crash Site [2002], Polaroid of "Pikes Peak and the Horns of Devils Head" Painting by C.W. Love, 1931</i>			Subjects <i>Architecture of Douglas County, B-17 Plane Crash, Pikes Peak and Devils Head</i>
		Kirby, William	1999	Negatives- Architecture of Douglas County
Description	<i>Architecture of Douglas County [1999]</i>			Subjects <i>Architecture of Douglas County</i>