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HISTORY

Marcus Ware (1904-1996), noted lawyer and historian, was the first president of the Nez Perce County Historical Society when it was organized in 1960 as the Luna House Historical Society. Ware was also a charter member of the Spalding Museum Foundation and active in the creation of Nez Perce National Historical Park. He was an avid collector, and many people presented him with historical items that he stored in his basement over the years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

MARCUS WARE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION 1891-1972

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| <i>ACCESSION NUMBER</i> | NEPE – 00595 |
| <i>CATALOG NUMBER</i> | NEPE 35658 |
| <i>VOLUME</i> | 1.5 LF |
| <i>DESCRIPTION</i> | This collection contains archival materials gathered by Marcus Ware during his lifetime, including audio tape interviews, photographs, a translated Nez Perce grammar book, an appraisal of Nez Perce reservation land taken by the U.S. Government from 1863-1867, and a scrapbook of Nez Perce Indian Territory ledger pages. |
| <i>ORGANIZATION</i> | The collection is organized into four series: I. Audio Recordings, II. Photographs, III. Publications, and IV. Scrapbook. |
| <i>PROVENANCE</i> | This collection was given to the Nez Perce County Historical Society by the Family of Marcus Ware after his death. The Historical Society kept some materials, and transferred the items which were not appropriate for its collection to Nez Perce National Historical Park in 2002. |
| <i>RESTRICTIONS</i> | NO |
| <i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i> | |

HIERARCHY

- I. Audio Recordings, 1959-1960
- II. Photographs, 1891-1972
- III. Publications, most undated
- IV. Scrapbook, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Audio Recordings, 1959-1960

This series contains audio reel recordings of interviews conducted by Marcus Ware from 1959 to 1960. Participants include Harry Wheeler, Johnson Hoyt, Sam Tilden, David Miles, Lewis Watson, Margaret Smith, Terwilliger-Phillipi, John Platt, Corbett Lawyer, Albert Moore and Alex Pinkham.

II. Photographs, 1891-1972

This series contains copies of photographs collected by Marcus Ware. Includes photographs of the Daniel Arthur family, various meetings at First Church, and black and white portraits of Henry Wheeler and his wife Ida.

III. Publications, most undated

This series includes a Nez Perce grammar translated by missionary J. M. Cornelison, and two volumes of the "Appraisal Nez Perce Reservation Land Ceded to United States of America, Treaty Cession 1863-1867," by William C. Brown.

IV. Scrapbook, undated

This series consists of one black scrapbook containing copies of Nez Perce Indian Territory ledger pages.

CONTAINER LIST

Series I: Audio Recordings, 1959-1960

| BOX | FOLDER | CONTENTS |
|-----|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Conversation between Harry Wheeler and Johnson Hoyt, 1960 |
| | 2 | Harry Wheeler, Sam Tilden, and David Miles interviews, 1960 |
| | 3 | Lewis Watson, Margaret Smith, Terwilliger-Phillipi, John Platt, and Corbett Lawyer interviews, undated |
| | 4 | Corbett Lawyer, Albert Moore, and Alex Pinkham interviews, circa 1959-1960 |

Series II: Photographs, 1891-1972

| BOX | FOLDER | CONTENTS |
|-----|--------|--|
| 1 | 5 | Photograph of Daniel Arthur family, five generations, 1972 |
| | 6 | Black and White Drawing of Harry Wheeler and his wife Ida Wheeler, undated |
| | 7 | Photographs – meetings at First Church, circa 1891 |
| 3 | 1 | Photograph – Camp meeting at First Church, 1901 |

Series III: Publications, most undated

| BOX | FOLDER | CONTENTS |
|-----|--------|--|
| 2 | 1 | “Appraisal Nez Perce Reservation Land Ceded to United States of America, Treaty Cession 1863-1867, Volume I – Valuation Report,” by William C. Brown, undated |
| | 2 | “Appraisal Nez Perce Reservation Land Ceded to United States of America, Treaty Cession 1863-1867, Volume III – Basic Data Report,” by William C. Brown, undated |
| | 3 | Unbound copy of “A Numipu or Nez Perce Grammar,” translated by J. M. Cornelison, circa 1899 |

Series IV: Scrapbook, undated

| BOX | FOLDER | CONTENTS |
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| 3 | 2 | Scrapbook – copies of Nez Perce Indian Territory ledger pages |