Ignace Mead Jones Collection of James R. Mead Papers

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Content Note

The James R. Mead Collection of papers consists of business materials, personal correspondence, biographical materials, memorabilia and photographs. The largest part of the collection is James R. Mead’s business papers, which includes trading post ledgers from the 1860s to 1880s, bills for goods and supplies purchased from other merchants, and correspondence with partners and associates. Much of Mead’s business correspondence was with William Mathewson while he was in Fort Sill, Indian Territory. Later correspondence concerns Mead’s involvement in the railroad, the First National Bank of Wichita, and various state organizations. The collection contains several diaries kept by Mead as he traveled as well as manuscripts written later in life about his remembrances of Kansas Territory. In addition to business correspondence, this collection contains Mead’s personal correspondence with other members of his family. The collection contains a large collection of family photographs, memorabilia, and newspaper clippings. Also included in the collection is correspondence with other members of the Mead family, which ranges from Rev. Enoch Mead’s letters (1830s) to Ignace Mead Jones’ letters (1980s). Also included is a series of photographs taken
by Fern Mead Jordan in 1927, when a grass lodge was reconstructed on Mead Island by members of the Wichita Tribe.

**Biography**

James R. Mead (1836-1910) was born in New Haven, Vermont, to Rev Enoch and Mary E. (James) Mead. The family soon moved to Davenport, Iowa. James Mead had one younger sister, Elizabeth (Lizzie), who never married. Mead attended Iowa College in Davenport (1849-50) after which he was employed at McKarty Mill in Davenport. Mead enjoyed hunting and traveling, which he did a lot of over the next years. His letters and journals reflect his interest in both activities. In May 1859, Mead began his journey westward to Kansas Territory. Once in Kansas he established several trading posts. The first was the Salina Ranch near present day Salina and later posts were located at Towanda (1863), between the Little and Big Arkansas Rivers (1864), along the Ninnescah River (1865) and at the Round Pond Creek (1866). During this time Mead was actively hunting and trading with the Indians and he became acquainted with William Greiffenstein, William Mathewson and Jessie Chisholm as well as other famous persons.

In 1861, he married Agnes Barcome. They had four children, James L. (Bunnie), Elizabeth Agnes (Lizzie), Mary E. (Mamie) and J. William, who died in infancy. Agnes died in 1869. Mead was married in 1873 to Lucy Inman, who had been his housekeeper. She died in 1894 and two years later Mead was married for the third time to Fern Hoover. They had two children, Ignace and Loreta.

Throughout his adult life Mead was involved in many business ventures and Kansas politics. He was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1864 and to the Kansas Senate in 1868, where he was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. In business, Mead actively promoted Wichita and played a role in moving the railroad to the town. He also was involved in the First National Bank of Wichita until its failure in 1876. Other business ventures include the cattle business, real estate, farming and mining in Colorado. In later years Mead became involved in the Academy of Sciences and the Kansas State Historical Society, serving in leadership positions in both organization. During later years, Mead also recorded many of his memories of the early days in Kansas in the form of manuscripts and short articles. His articles were published in the *Collections of the Kansas State Historical Society*, *Scientific American*, *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Sciences* and various newspapers.

**Series Listing**

**Series 1 Box 1 - Box 6**

Business Correspondence and Related Documents. This series is arranged chronologically from 1859-1910. The business correspondence found from 1910-1915 is a continuation of the real estate holdings of James R. Mead (JRM) which was administered by his wife, Fern Mead. This series includes diaries, journals, trading post ledgers, account books, bills and receipts for goods bought and correspondence with business partners, notably William Mathewson.

**Series 2 Box 6 FF 30**

Kansas House of Representatives and Senate Papers. Arranged chronologically (1868-1870), this series contains correspondence and documents related to JRM’s term as a state senator.
Series 3  Box 7  Personal Correspondence. This series is arranged chronologically from 1848-1879. This series contains letters between James R. Mead’s family members and friends.

Series 4  Box 8  Manuscripts and articles written by James R. Mead, biographical information and memorabilia. This series contains manuscripts written by JRM about early Kansas history and the events he experienced. Many of these articles were printed in local newspapers and the Kansas Academy of Science publications. Additionally, this series contains manuscripts of which the author is unidentified, but, the subject is of local interest. Also included in this series is biographical information on JRM, poems, recipes and the Iowa College’s newsletter entitled College Newsletter (October 1877).

Series 5  Box 9 - Box 10  Photographs. This series contains photographs, daguerreotypes, tintypes and ambrotypes of James R. Mead’s family and friends. In addition, this series contains photographs of Native Americans, including a collection of Will Soule photographs.

Series 6  Box 11 - Box 12  General Personal Correspondence. This series is arranged by sender and chronologically. This series contains correspondence and memorabilia of James R. Mead’s parents, Enoch and Mary Mead, and his sister, Lizzie Mead.

Series 7  Box 13 and Oversized Storage  Oversized Documents. This series contains certificates and maps.

Series 8  Box 14  Wichita Grass Lodge on Mead Island. This series contains photographs, correspondence and newspaper clippings concerning the Wichita Grass Lodge.

Series 9  Box 15  Business and Personal Correspondence of JRM’s wife Fern, his son Bunnie and daughter Loreta. Arranged chronologically and by sender, this series contains letters and memorabilia.

Series 10  Box 16  Personal Correspondence of JRM’s daughter Ignace Mead Jones and family. Arranged by sender and chronologically, this series contains personal correspondence of Ignace and Schuyler Jones.

Series 11  Box 16 FF 19 - Box 18  Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains, 1859-1875. This series contains correspondence, maps, photographs, manuscripts and notes compiled for the book entitled Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains 1859-1875.

Series 12  Box 19 - Box 20  Scrapbooks. This series contains scrapbooks consisting of photographs, newspaper clippings, and poetry.

Series 13  Box 21 - Box 29  Artifacts. This series contains items such as billfolds, letter boxes, empty photo albums, hat box and oversized photographs.
### Series 1 -- Business Correspondence and Related Documents

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<td>Contains a travel journal kept by JRM during his trip from Davenport, Iowa to Kansas (p. 30-46) dated May 4-June 14, 1859. The book was also used as an account book for the Salina River Ranch 1860-61, (p. 68-82), for the White Water Post in 1863 (p. 1-14), and an account with the Coal Valley Lumber Yard in June and July 1858. The journal section includes descriptions of the terrain, trapping, difficulties encountered and JRM’s feelings upon entering Kansas. A list of land belonging to JRM is also included (p. 124).</td>
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<td>Contains JRM’s Colorado Diary, 1879.</td>
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<td>FF 3</td>
<td>JRM’s account book (November 1856). During this time he worked for his father, Enoch Mead, in Davenport, Iowa. Book includes accounts for room and board, travel expenses for a trip to Vermont, and accounts for Rock Island Flour Mill.</td>
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<td>Contains notes and bills, 1856-1857, concerning JRM’s expenses for the year in a notebook.</td>
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<td>Contains a list of birds shot or trapped by JRM in 1851 and correspondence 1856-1861. JRM traveled to Kansas and spent time hunting along the Saline, Smoky Hill and Solomon Rivers. Contains two letters dated May 1, 1859 giving instructions to settle any accounts, on the back there is a personal note to his family; contains a trading contract (1860) between JRM and the Comanche and Kiowa Indians at Towanda, Butler County, Kansas, lists those employed by JRM; contains a letter to JRM from John Reed, Camp near Pikes Peak, (January 5, 1860) about prospecting for gold; contains a Premium List and Rules and Regulations for the eighth annual fair of Rock Island County Agricultural Society, Rock Island, September 18-20, 1861; contains a receipt from Thomas Smith to William Mathewson.</td>
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<td>Box 1</td>
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<td>Homestead Deed, dated August 1, 1860 and signed by President Buchanan.</td>
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Box 1 FF 10 During this time JRM established a trading post in Towanda. Contains letter to JRM (February 8, 1864) regarding a visit with Col. Leavenworth; contains receipts of goods bought by JRM from Leavenworth merchants to set up a trading post; contains a copy of the treaty with the Cheyenne and Arapaho (October 14, 1865) during which William Mathewson acted as interpreter; contains several other treaties made at this time with the Indians (1865); contains a receipt of payment; contains letter to JRM from the Land Office in Humboldt, Kansas (December 30, 1865) and a certificate for filing a claim [photocopy of the letter also included]. Contains a claim slip, (December 27, 1864) Section 17, Township 26, Range 4.

Box 1 FF 11 Contains an account book of robes bought at Saints Nest Ranch, Carter and Ward (1865), lists hides bought, type, number, and price.

Box 1 FF 12 Contains ledger book for 1865 and 1866. Includes cash accounts, account for cash invested in Indian trade by JRM, accounts with E.H. Durfee, fur trade accounts. Mentions Jesse Chisholm and Greiffenstein.

Box 1 FF 13 During this time JRM established a trading post at Round Pond Creek on the Chisholm Trail, Indian Territory. Contains letter from Sam S. Carter (January 6, 1866) regarding the Indian trade; contains letter from Land Agent in Humboldt, Kansas (January 8, 1866) regarding a land claim; contains the bond assessment for school district no. 4, Butler County, Kansas (April 1866); contains letter from William Greiffenstein (May 17, 1866) regarding hides and payment; contains letter from E.H. Durfee, Leavenworth, Kansas (June 23, 1866) regarding settling the accounts; contains letter from Greiffenstein (September 12, 1866) requesting supplies from JRM; contains deed for land in Shawnee County, Kansas, (October 1866); bill of goods bought from Leavenworth merchants including E.H. Durfee, L.H. Church & Co., and Katzung & Endriss; contains a contract to supply goods to Major Shanklin through March 1867; contains a shipping receipt from St. Louis & Pacific Express Freight Lines; contains a letter from JRM to Col. Leavenworth (December 24, 1866) requesting permission to apply for a trading license; contains bills from Leavenworth merchants; contains a list of articles needed for the Comanche Outfit (n.d.).

Box 1 FF 14 Contains a written agreement (December 7, 1866) from JRM to furnish supplies to Charles Johnson of Texas from Mead’s Chisholm Ranch; receipts of supplies purchased from St. Louis merchants L.M. Rumsey & Co. and D.A. January and Co.; receipts of supplies purchased from Leavenworth merchants including E.H. Durfee, L.H. Church and Co., and Katzung & Endriss; letter requesting discharge from Frank Don Carlos, White Water, (June 2, 1866) to claims agent in Lawrence; receipt from U.S. Indian agent to JRM for cattle, Lawrence (July 6, 1866); promissory note (November 22, 1866) to JRM in the amount of $6,200; unidentified charge receipt.
During this time JRM was trading with Osage at a camp west of the Arkansas River. Contains bills for goods bought for trade from area merchants in Leavenworth, and Emporia, as well as bills from New York merchants (November 1867); contains letter from J. Spencer, Kaw Agency (February 21, 1867) regarding trading with the Indians [photocopy of letter included]; contains JRM’s promise to deliver twenty-five bales of buffalo robes to Fredericks in Emporia (April 19, 1867); contains a letter from E.H. Durfee, Leavenworth (April 22, 1867) which mentions Greiffenstein and his work; contains supply lists from Cottonwood Falls (May 28, 1867); contains a monthly statement from Cochran, Bittmann & Taylor (May 1867); contains letter from Durfee, (July 18, 1867) informing JRM of his balance; Contains a trade agreement dated December 20, 1867 stating that J. Spencer and JRM will trade with the Kaw Indians [article found in a billfold]; contains a quit-claim deed from Joab and Mary Spencer to JRM (September 10, 1867).

Contains letter from Mr. Lawrence, Executive Department, State of Kansas, (August 23, 1867) regarding the selling arms to the Indians and Lawrence’s role as mediator between the government and Col. Leavenworth; contains a printed document about Osage claims, George Snow, Agent (August 30, 1867); contains receipts of payment from Cochran & Bittmann; contains two drafts of a letter to George Snow, Agent for Osage Indians (November 18, 1867) requesting permission to trade with the Osage; contains a contract allowing JRM to trade with Osage Indians at their camps west of the Arkansas River; contains correspondence with Snow and Thomas Murphy, (November 1867) regarding JRM’s application and license for trade; contains business contract between J. Spencer and JRM dissolving their partnership (December 20, 1867); contains bills for goods purchased; contains a quit-claim deed of Job Spencer to JRM (August 19, 1867).

JRM, Gov. Samuel J. Crawford and others incorporate a town, Wichita, at the junction of the Big and Little Arkansas rivers. Contains bills for goods bought; contains letter JRM and Spencer (January 20, 1868) which explains how the Kaw Tribe incurred a debt with JRM and Spencer; contains a list of general supplies bought by Greiffenstein (September 2, 1868); contains deed transferring Shawnee County land from the Pappans to Agnes Mead (February 19, 1868); contains letter from Kate Thirug (June 25, 1868) inquiring about a teaching position in Towanda; contains letter from W. Halley, National Bank of Lawrence (August 15, 1868) regarding payment of debt; letter from Greiffenstein (August 18, 1868) describing the hides he sent and a list of supplies he will need when he stocks up for the winter months; contains two documents regarding payment for land (September 14, 1868); three deeds transferring land in Shawnee County to Agnes Mead.

Memorandum Book, Towanda, Kansas (1868). Contains JRM’s account with Jesse Chisholm, William Mathewson, William Greiffenstein, the Kaw Agency, and the National Bank of Lawrence (Credit Account).
Box 1 FF 19  Contains bank receipts, 1868 and ledger sheet.

Box 1 FF 20  Contains a sworn account, dated May 17, 1869, by Timothy C. Peet and JRM describing the Pawnee raid (March 1868) during which several horses were taken and JRM is seeking reimbursement; contains certificate from the land office at Humboldt, Kansas indicating that JRM has paid the necessary fees; contains letter from Noah H. Walker Fowler, Slocum & Forman (September 10, 1869) about filling JRM’s orders; contains certificate which acknowledges that T.C. Peet is an agent for the National Livestock Insurance Co. (November 25, 1969); contains letter from Peet (December 14, 1869) informing JRM that Mrs. Mathewson and Bunnie are in Wichita; contains list of items that William Mathewson has bought from JRM (December 1869); contains three unsigned, undated documents, Indian Claim papers; contains an 1869 account list for JRM from Schuyler’s Bank, Burlingame; contains an account of Samuel C. Fulton’s loss of horse by the Wichita Indians.

Box 1 FF 21  Contains copies of land grants in Kansas signed by President U.S. Grant for JRM, Mathewson, Greiffenstein and Waterman.

Box 1 FF 22  Contains tax receipts for 1860-1869.

Box 2 FF 1  Daily Account Book (1863-1867). Contains accounts with individuals which were later posted to another book. Accounts include Comanche Outfit (p. 36-38, 69, 73, 89, 115, 132), the Wichita Agency, Greiffenstein (p. 44, 46, 48, 50, 66, 74, 82, 85, 88, 96, 105, 106, 111, 137, 147-53, 162-5), Major Shanklin (p. 97, 99-107, 113. 121-5), Jesse Chisholm (p. 99, 109, 123, 129, 141), Col. Leavenworth (p. 135-140, 143), Mathewson (p. 138), and a recipe for cholera medicine (p. 165).

Box 2 FF 2  Account Book (1864-1865) for the White Water Post. Contains accounts with Cowskin Ranch (p. 12), Greiffenstein (p. 45, 64-8, 92, 95-7, 103, 105-6, 108), Jesse Chisholm (p. 68, 93), frequent mentions of Hagen and Kelly.

Box 2 FF 3  Account Book (1867-1867, 1870-1876). Notes that Jesse Chisholm died on March 4, 1868 (p. 2), contains accounts with Timothy Peet, Joe Indian (p.4), Mathewson (p. 10, 53, 57, 69, 75-6, 78-80, 84-5, 90-1, 98-9), Greiffenstein and Kellogg (p. 11), Greiffenstein (p. 15, 29-32, 37, 48-51, 54 [signature]), E. Mead (p. 70), Mrs. Mathewson (p. 71, 73), land claims (p. 10, 101), clothes for Bunnie (p. 52). 1870 accounts begin on page 100. Notes held by JRM (p.124), D.S. Munger lots sold by JRM (p. 128-9), lots sold in East Wichita (p. 132-3, 135), the lot owners in Wichita, Kansas, March 1876.

Box 2 FF 4  Contains JRM’s account book (1894-1897).

Box 2 FF 5  Contains JRM’s account book, dated October 26, 1898.
1870. After selling the Towanda Ranch JRM moved to Wichita. Timothy Peet was employed to manage the Towanda trading post and post office. Contains letter from H.D. Kellogg (January 28, 1870) regarding twenty lots that were sold by Kellogg for JRM; contains letter from C.M. Gordan (February 9, 1870), who built a house for JRM, description of construction; contains list of goods Mathewson bought from JRM (May 1870); contains ledger of accounts for the partnership between Mathewson and JRM for September and November; contains bills for goods purchased from Leavenworth merchants (September 1870); contains a bill of goods bought for the Comanche Agency (September 1870) includes a stove bought for Black Beaver; contains bill of goods bought by JRM for Mathewson from B.W. Woodman, November and December 1870; contains a Deed, 1870 from JRM to Robert Scott; contains receipts, 1870 - JRM; contains a letter to JRM concerning trade with the Kiowa and Comanche Indians.

Contains an 1870 account notebook.

1871. The Wichita & Southwestern Railroad was organized and JRM served as its president. JRM continues business with Mathewson at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency and is appointed the Director of Topeka & Southwestern Railway Co. Contains tax receipts for taxes paid on property in Butler County, Kansas (January 1871); contains list of furs, pelts and robes sent to JRM by Mathewson (January 22, 1871); contains a list of goods bought by JRM for Mathewson (February 1871); contains bills for goods bought by JRM from area merchants and a record of payment for February 21, 1871; contains Laurie Tatrum order for Mathewson to fill in Fort Sill, Indian Territory, and deliver (March 6, 1871); contains a list of goods, mostly hides, shipped to JRM from Mathewson (March 15, 1871); contains list of goods that Peet bought from Greiffenstein (April 8, 1871); contains a copies of Mathewson’s correspondence with W.H. Wright regarding shipping and selling of buffalo robes; contains bills for goods bought by JRM from area merchants; contains shipping order for the Kansas Pacific Railroad (May 29, 1871); contains list of robes received from Mathewson (May 1870-May 1871).
Box 3 FF 4 1871. Contains letter from Fairchild & Pierce (June 13, 1871) listing the
prices received from the sale of hides and explains why some did not go
as high as expected; contains correspondence with Mathewson
regarding shipment of hides and payment; contains an abstract of
Wichita plots (July 1870-June 1871); contains petition for a vote on
bond issue for Wichita & Southwestern Railroad Co. (June 1871);
contains land deeds; contains letter from Mathewson (August 16, 1871)
informing JRM how business is going, the situation with the Indians and
competition with other traders; contains a copy of an agreement
between Wichita & Southwestern Railroad Co. and T.J. Peters (August
1871) concerning obtaining the right of through the region of railroad
construction; contains letter from Wallace McGrath (August 1871)
informing JRM that he has been appointed Director of the Topeka &
Southwestern Railroad Co.; contains a letter from JRM to Mathewson
(September 6, 1871) explaining to Mathewson some of the options he
has regarding a quarter section of land; contains a document which
states that N.A. English has deeded a tract of land located in the city of
Wichita for public use in exchange for nine lots at a different location,
the Mead addition is mentioned; contains an order for goods from Fort
Sill (September 1871).

Box 3 FF 5 1871. Contains a description of the right of way needed for railroad
construction (1871); contains articles of agreement between the Wichita
& Southwestern Railroad Co. and Thomas J. Peters (1871) original and
unsigned; contains article of agreement between N.A. English, JRM,
and Jacob Smith (October 16, 1871) regarding bonds (photocopy);
contains agreement between English and JRM regarding the railroad
from Newton to Wichita; contains an agreement between JRM for the
Wichita & Southwestern Railroad Co., T.J. Peters and Jacob Smith for
the Topeka Bank (October 1871) regarding construction of tracks, right
of way, route, and payment bonds; contains bills for goods bought by
JRM in Philadelphia; contains freight notices from the Newton station
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; contains receipts and bills connected with
flour bought and sent to Pond Creek (December 1871); contains bills
for hides JRM bought from Mathewson, Fort Sill (December 1871);
contains a list of hides shipped by Black Beaver, Wichita signed by John
M. Strange (December 28, 1871); contains a warranty deed (November
21, 1871) from JRM to John and Mary Steele; contains a warranty deed
(May 23, 1871) from John and Julia Markwell and John Glen; contains a
warranty deed (December 4, 1871) between William Wright and JRM;
contains canceled checks; contains bank deposit slips.

Box 3 FF 6 Contains freight bills and accounts of buffalo robes sold, 1871.

Box 3 FF 7 Contains various receipts, 1871.
Box 3 FF 8 1872. JRM serves as vice president of the Wichita Bank, last buffalo hunt. Contains tax receipts from taxes paid on Sedgwick County properties; contains bills and statements from JRM’s accounts with other businesses; contains freight receipts for goods shipped; contains correspondence from Mathewson, Fort Sill (February 1872) regarding business and difficulties receiving payment; contains an agreement between Sol H. Kohn, County Commissioner for Sedgwick County, JRM for the Wichita & Southwestern railroad and Howard Holden, First National Bank of Kansas City (photocopy); contains JRM’s letter of resignation as trustee for the Wichita & Southwestern Railroad (January 31, 1872); contains letter from Mathewson (March 11, 1872) regarding the financial situation at Fort Sill; contains correspondence from Mrs. Elizabeth Mathewson, Fort Sill; contains a quit-claim deed, Greiffenstein to JRM (March 25, 1872)

Box 3 FF 9 Contains letter from Mathewson (April 14, 1872) defending his position to JRM; contains a land contract between JRM, L.M. Hull and D.W. Startzman for Wichita lots along Douglas Avenue; contains deed for lots number 25 and 27 on Wichita Street in Waterman Addition; contains deed for lot 21, Court Street, Wichita; contains correspondence with Mathewson about the hides shipped; contains letter from Ready (October 3, 1872) regarding the farm, harvest and rent of land in North Topeka; business correspondence from area merchants, C.R. Morehead & Co. and Fairchild & Pierce, informing JRM of balances on his accounts.

Box 3 FF 10 Contains insurance policies, 1872.

Box 3 FF 11 Contains a receipt (January 13, 1872) by U.S. Marshal District of Kansas to JRM and Doc Lewellen; warranty deed (May 3, 1872) from Ian Gabelson to JRM; quit-claim deed (February 12, 1872) between JRM and Steele and Smith; quit-claim deed (June 20, 1872) between J.B. Beaumont and JRM; warranty deed between L.A. Storr to H.A. Hotchkiss; Abstract of Title (13 August 13, 1872); Two promissory notes from the 1st National Bank of Wichita; Promissory note (February 20, 1872); Bill of Sale between William Mathewson and JRM (November 21, 1872); Partial account ledger; Various receipts, 1872.

Box 3 FF 12 Account Books (1870-1873) Contains accounts with Mathewson, and Greiffenstein, personal entries listing family birthdays and deaths, an encounter with Mr. Millerson July 30, balances with Morehead, Fairchild & Pierce W.C. Baker, also real estate, lists the lots owned by JRM.

Box 3 FF 13 Account Book for real estate (1871-1872). Contains lists of Wichita lots bought and sold by JRM including who bought and for how much.
1873. During this time he married his second wife, Lucy Inman, and the
Wichita Bank becomes the First National Bank of Wichita. Contains tax
receipts for taxes paid on Sedgwick County and Shawnee County
properties; contains a letter from John Bolden (April 7, 1873) regarding
Indian hides and payment; contains letter from Mathewson (April 10,
1873) informing JRM of a good sale, and of Mathewson’s future plans;
contains several letters from Mathewson regarding orders and shipping
of goods; contains receipts for property taxes for Harvey and Sedgwick
counties; contains a letter from Reisky, a Philadelphia dealer, (July 11,
1873) requesting more buffalo robes; contains a notice for public sale of
government property at Fort Sill on August 26, 1873; contains a letter
from Mathewson (December 14, 1873) in which he discusses quitting
the business and financial difficulties; contains list of properties owned
by JRM for the 1873 tax bill; Power of Attorney (March 17, 1873) - Lucy
Mead to JRM; contains a letter from John Richards concerning Indian
claims; contains a letter from K. Kellogg (May 30, 1873) requesting an
appointment to sell some goods.

Contains receipts and canceled checks, 1873.

Contains the following deeds for 1873: warranty deed (April 26, 1873)
from the Sedgwick Town Company to JRM; warranty deed (July 19,
1873) from John M. Steele to JRM; contains a mortgage with
Assignment (September 24, 1873) between F.C. Martsoff, Alice Martsoff
and JRM; contains a guarantee for a warranty deed (February 15, 1873)
between JRM and Peter Cogshell; contains a promissory note (June 18,
1873) between JRM and the 1st National Bank. The following items
were found in a billfold: a lease agreement for mules to William
Mathewson from George H. Smith (August 1, 1873); a bill sent to JRM
(January 2, 1873); a canceled check for $562.50 to JRM; promissory
note to W.D. Blackford from JRM (January 27, 1873); an agreement
stating that JRM was appointed to act as an agent for George H. Smith
for mules leased to Mathewson (August 18, 1873).

1874. JRM invests in the cattle business and buys land along Douglas
Avenue, Broadway (Lawrence) and Washington in Wichita. Contains
tax receipts for taxes paid on properties in Sedgwick County; contains a
report for the House of Representatives regarding the payment of Jacob
Spencer and JRM for supplies furnished to the Indians in 1866 and
1867; contains Mathewson’s account with JRM (April 1874); contains a
deed N.A. English to JRM (April 8, 1874); contains a letter from W.D.
Blackford (May 13, 1874) regarding Bill No. 1331 and JRM’s
reimbursement for supplies with a quote from Pres. Grant explaining
why it was not signed; contains two more letters from Blackford
regarding this issue; contains property tax documents, shipping orders
and correspondence regarding the above.
Box 3 FF 18 Contains the following documents on the Indian Issue, 1874: Copies of the H.R. Bill allocating money to JRM for debts incurred by the Kaw Indians and complaints against the charges; a report from the Committee on Indian Affairs (February 9, 1874) concerning the claims of Spencer and Mead; includes a letter from W.D. Blackford to JRM concerning the claims; contains a certificate (January 20, 1874) to JRM concerning 29 shares of bank stock in the First National Bank of Wichita.

Box 3 FF 19 Contains a price list of furs and skins, New York, March 26, 1874.

Box 3 FF 20 Shipping Log (1874).

Box 3 FF 21 Account Book (1874). Contains accounts with W.H. Coleman, and John Dunlap, notes to himself and a section in which JRM has sketched the different cattle brands.

Box 3 FF 22 1875. JRM continued to be active in the cattle business. Contains shipping orders for goods JRM delivered to the Cheyenne Agency, Indian Territory January-March 1875; certificate of sale of real estate in Wichita; contains a bill of sale for Lot 7 on 4th Avenue (November 10, 1875) from JRM to W.W. Dill; a bond to pay for Lots 20 and 22, on Douglas Avenue (December 8, 1875) from JRM to John B. Cary; a bond for deed for Lots 28 and 30, Douglas Avenue (December 3, 1875) from JRM to John Kolb; a bill of sale for Lot 9, Mosely Avenue (October 27, 1875) from JRM to Chas. Bixby; an insurance policy (December 29, 1875).

Box 3 FF 23 Contains an account book from December 1874 to April 1875.

Box 3 FF 24 Contains letter from E.B. Allen, Leavenworth (June 17, 1875) refers to JRM’s successful sale of cattle and the Bills of Lading; contains letter from John McKinney, Camp near Cheyenne Agency (June 22, 1875) regarding charging contractors when they fail to deliver goods; contains correspondence from E.B. Allen regarding the Bill of Lading; contains a draft of a statement from the office of John Exton (August 14, 1875) regarding Patrick Martin’s statement about the events of July 3, 1875; contains statements that JRM paid for several horses; contains a letter from William Hackney, Fort Mirth, Texas (October 15, 1875) describing the cattle drive and the problems that they are encountering; contains letter from Hackney, Camp on the Medicine (14 December 14, 1875); list of supplies he needs from JRM; contains a letter from James Temple, Medicine Lodge, Kansas (20 December 20, 1875) regarding cattle; contains a letter from Samuel Henry, Selma, Texas (31 December 31, 1875) describing his experiences in Houston; contains a letter (April 1875) from John Ellmore concerning receipt of a check; contains a letter (May 24, 1875) from E. B. Allen of Leavenworth, concerning the 1st National Bank; contains a letter (July 1, 1875) from E.B. Allen placing an order.

Box 3 FF 25 Shipping Orders and Receipts ledger (December 1874-April 1875).
Box 3 FF 26  Cattle Book (1875). A description of the transactions related to the cattle business, including wage expense, cattle purchased and the horse account. A reference to the Munger Hotel on p. 20.

Box 3 FF 27  1876. The First National Bank of Wichita fails and the president J.C. Fraker was found guilty of embezzlement. Contains tax receipts for taxes paid on properties in Sedgwick County; contains a letter from Samuel Henry, Selma, Texas (May 16, 1876) regarding a horse and his brother’s murder; contains correspondence with Hackney; contains a lease agreement for the front part of JRM’s bank building; contains a partial undated document which discusses the adoption of a national banking system; contains bill of sale for various Lots in Wichita; contains two mortgages to JRM; contains a warranty deed (August 4, 1876) from Isaac Neidig to JRM.

Box 3 FF 28  Contains a letter (September 21, 1876) from H.H. Harking of New Salem, Pennsylvania to JRM concerning accounts; contains a Warranty deed (October 13, 1876) from JRM to L.A. and M.E. Mead.

Box 3 FF 29  Real Estate Journal (1874-1877).

Box 3 FF 30  Contains bills and receipts, 1876; a list of notes sold to Enoch Mead (November 30, 1876); canceled checks and deposit slips, 1876.

Box 4 FF 1  1877. Contains letter from Sluss & Hattan, Wichita to Peck, Ryan & Johnson, Topeka (August 29, 1877) describing JRM’s involvement in the First National Bank of Wichita and that Sluss has recommended that Peck assist JRM; contains mortgage papers of E. Mathewson and husband to W.D. Dawes; contains letter from J.H. Nusse, Selma, Texas (1877) reporting the price he received for one yearling; contains a letter to W.D. Blackford from H.B. Cullum (October 5, 1877) concerning Indian claim settlement; contains a quit-claim deed (May 3, 1877) from H.B. Cullum to JRM; contains a deed (February 22, 1877) from Sedgwick County to JRM; contains a Warranty deed (March 10, 1877) from JRM to Enoch Mead.

Box 4 FF 2  Account Book (1877). A record of cash payments made to JRM.

Box 4 FF 3  Contains receipts of bills paid and taxes paid - 1877.

Box 4 FF 4  1878. Contains tax receipts for taxes paid on properties in Sedgwick County; contains letter from the Treasury Dept., Washington D.C. (October 21, 1878) with information about Mr. Cullen; contains a location certificate for the Wilson Creek Lode in Colorado; contains a Sheriff’s deed between H.W. Dunning and E. Mead.

Box 4 FF 5  Contains copies of Congressional Report (March 12, 1878) concerning Mead and Spencer claim against the Kansas Tribes of Indians.

Box 4 FF 6  Contains receipts of bills paid - 1878.
Box 4  FF 7  1879. JRM mining in Gunnison County, Colorado, the Alpine and Tin Cup. Contains a letter from Mathewson, House of Representatives (January 27, 1879) mentions Pomeroy and Ingalls; contains a location certificate for Champion Lode, Gunnison County in the Tin Cup mining district, Colorado, signed by JRM and Mathewson (June 30, 1879); contains a deed to a claim in Gunnison County, Colorado; contains a mortgage for lot 50, Douglas Avenue, Wichita, Kansas; contains two mining deeds.

Box 4  FF 8  Surveyors Log 1875 and 1879. Contains a description of the lodes and their locations.

Box 4  FF 9  Miscellaneous undated documents. Contains a list of D.S. Munger Town Lots, and others.

Box 4  FF 10  Contains an account notebook, 1879-1880; contains receipts of bills paid - 1879.

Box 4  FF 11  1880. Contains a loan agreement between JRM and Gavitt & Scott (February 2, 1880); contains a deed for land in Mead’s Addition, Mary E. Mead, Davenport Iowa, to JRM (February 9, 1880); contains mortgage JRM to Gavitt & Scott (February 18, 1880); contains a check paying the Bank of Leadville (February 26, 1880); contains a deed for Waco Street lots, Elizabeth Mathewson to JRM (May 5, 1880); contains three location certificates for different mines in the Tin Cup District, Colorado; contains two letters of introduction for JRM.

Box 4  FF 12  Contains a copy of a notice written by JRM warning that the “FalstaLode” is a farce; contains a statement that JRM paid T.J. Shepard for work and improvements made on several lodes in the Tin Cup District (September 4, 1880); contains several deeds related to property in the Tin Cup District.

Box 4  FF 13  1881. JRM becomes involved in a Colorado mining company and continues farming south of Wichita. Contains several mining deeds and certificates of location related to mines in the Tin Cup District, the El Capitan and the Champion Lode. Contains a certificate of stock in the Ojo Caliente Mining Company, January 29, 1881; contains a small account notebook; contains a letter (December 5, 1881) from John Ingalls to JRM concerning Indian claims.

Box 4  FF 14  1882. Contains a quit-claim deed for lots in the English Addition, N.A. English to JRM (April 17, 1882); contains a letter from Blackford (August 18, 1882) regarding JRM’s Indian payment claim; contains an abstract of title to JRM; contains a letter concerning the Tin Cup Mine; contains two deeds (May 29, 1882) from Susan Mendenhall to JRM.

Box 4  FF 15  Contains a Senate Report (January 24, 1882) concerning the Mead-Spencer claim against the Kansas Indians; contains a letter from Blackford.

Box 4  FF 16  Contains two notebooks: (1)1882-1884, contains notes to himself and observation; (2) 1882, contains a checkbook with stubs.
Box 4 FF 17 1883. Sells El Capitan mine on West Gold Hill in Tin Cup, Colorado. Contains bills for goods bought from Wichita merchants; contains an agreement of sale for JRM's mining property in Gunnison County, Colorado; contains an abstract of title; contains survey notes (deed descriptions); contains various receipts; contains a bank deposit slip; contains the Daily Times subscription coupon book.

Box 4 FF 18 1884. Contains a bill of sale (June 2, 1884) from JRM to Samuel Glover; contains tax receipts for taxes paid on real estate and correspondence; contains various paid receipts; contains a confirmation of a paper to be delivered by JRM to the Kansas Academy of Science (June).

Box 4 FF 19 1885. Contains tax receipts for taxes paid on property in Sedgwick County; contains a deed H.L. Taylor to JRM (October 10, 1885); contains various paid receipts; contains an abstract of title to JRM; contains a deed between Samuel and Margaret Glover and J.H. Pumpelly; contains a first mortgage coupon note; contains a mortgage deed between Jonathan and Adaline Snively and William Ecco; contains a mining deed (January 20, 1885) from D.D. Bliren and JRM; contains a deed (August 4, 1885) from JRM and Lucy Mead to Bunnie Mead.

Box 4 FF 20 Contains a record book, circa 1885.

Box 4 FF 21 1886. Contains tax receipts for taxes paid on property in Sedgwick County; contains a list of lots owned by W.M. (May 9, 1886); contains a deed A.A. Hyde to JRM (June 11, 1886); contains two copies of a letter from Atkins, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs (June 28, 1886) regarding Indian depredation claims; contains letter from W.D. Blackford (August 6, 1886) regarding JRM's claims; contains a deed from George Platt to JRM; contains a deed (May 12, 1886) from William Mathewson to JRM; contains bank deposit slips; contains various paid receipts.

Box 4 FF 22 Contains a letter (January 30, 1883) from JRM to Miss Mahlou concerning the claim of Mead and Spencer against the Kansas Tribe of Indians.

Box 4 FF 23 JRM's account book for the farm in Waco Township, 1884-86. Contains lists of items bought for the running of the farm and livestock prices.
Box 4 FF 24 1887. Contains JRM’s receipt of payment for lots in Salina, a rough map of the area is included (May 30, 1887); contains deposit slips from the Kansas National Bank and a bills; contains correspondence with F.H. Snow, University of Kansas; contains a list of shells in JRM’s collection and a list of those he does not have; contains notes for the second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Travis Placer Mining Co. (September 1887) members consisted of Hackney, Travis and JRM; contains a receipt for the payment of Kansas Academy of Science dues (November 17, 1887); contains two letters from the Department of Interior (November) granting JRM permission to do research in Indian Territory; contains various receipts; contains a mortgage from Luisa Vandine to JRM (March 15, 1887); contains a warranty deed from John Kelly to JRM (February 21, 1887); contains a warranty deed from J.H. Pumpelly to JRM (January 3, 1887).

Box 4 FF 25 1887. Contains a record of real estate, addresses, lists of shell specimens and sketches in the back of the book copied from petroglyphs.

Box 4 FF 26 Contains a memorandum notebook.

Box 4 FF 27 1888. JRM purchased a mining property near Rimini, Montana with George Travis and William Hackney. Contains a letter from the Kansas State Historical Society (February 10, 1888) acknowledging JRM’s donation to the organization; contains bills for goods bought from Wichita merchants; contains two memorandum for gold bullion deposited at the United States Assay Office; contains a document certifying the incorporation of the Travis Placer Mining Co. (September 30, 1888); contains various receipts; contains a report on the Travis Placer Mining Company.

Box 4 FF 28 1889. Contains bill for goods bought from Wichita merchants; contains a letter of introduction for JRM written by Mathewson (January 31, 1889); contains a certificate for 6,000 shares of stock in the Travis Placer Mining Co. held by George Travis, Helena, Montana (September 27, 1889); contains paid receipts for groceries.

Box 4 FF 29 Contains bills and goods for mining operations.

Box 4 FF 30 Miscellaneous. Contains undated lists, business accounts and unused forms.

Box 4 FF 31 Miscellaneous. Contains undated accounts, and ledger pages (some are with Mathewson).

Box 4 FF 32 Business cards.

Box 4 FF 33 1890. Contains minutes from a special meeting of the Travis Placer Mining Co., Helena, Montana, (June 25, 1890) when it was resolved to give Hackney power to gain a patent for the “Park Placer” claim; contains a letter from Sterling, Attorney (August 21, 1890) regarding the annual meeting and report; letter from United States Senate (July 1, 1890) regarding a investment in mining property (typed); contains tax receipts (June 7, 1890).
Box 4  FF 34  1891. Contains correspondence with L.L. Dyche, Museum of the University of Kansas, (March 1891) regarding buffalo specimen, Dyche's upcoming book, taxidermy, and JRM’s memories of the early days in Kansas; contains letter from Blackford (April 25, 1891) regarding JRM’s Indian claim; contains letters from F. Adams, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka (November 1891) regarding JRM’s willingness to deliver a paper at the next annual meeting; contains three warranty deeds (January 14, January 22 and February 13, 1891) from JRM to Bunnie Mead.

Box 4  FF 35 Contains an abstract of title to JRM (July 25, 1892); contains a letter (April 25, 1892) from W.D. Blackford to JRM concerning Indian claims.

Box 4  FF 36 Contains JRM & Co., Time Book (December 1892-February 1893). Log book of employees, their hours and wages.

Box 4  FF 37 Contains two abstracts of title to JRM (January 13, 1893, March 7, 1893).

Box 4  FF 38 Contains correspondence to JRM from T. G. Adams, secretary of the State of Kansas Historical Society, concerning paper about Kansas trails that JRM prepared for the Society's annual meeting (January 5, 14 and 21, 1893).

Box 4  FF 39 Contains correspondence with L.L. Dyche for 1894. Mentions Dyche's failed attempt at a trip to the Arctic.

Box 4  FF 40 1895. Contains a letter from G.W. Bartholomew, Victor, Colorado (December 13, 1895) regarding arrangements for a trip to Colorado; contains a warranty deed from J.A.Caldwell and wife to JRM (July 30, 1895); contains a letter from JRM to the Register of Deeds in El Reno Oklahoma making an inquiry on property; contains a bill of sale for Lots 20-22-24 to Michael Baker from JRM.

Box 4  FF 41 1896. During this time JRM is involved in selling “wheels” or bicycles in Colorado with his son Bunnie. Much of the correspondence is with business men in Colorado and Oklahoma Territory who are selling Mead’s bicycles, including M.B. Shutts, Russell Gates Mercantile, and T.J. Brown, E.B. Needham & Co. of Colorado Springs, in Oklahoma Territory W.R. Schultz and H.J. Seright. This folder also contains correspondence with G.W. Bartholomew who advises JRM on investments and a letter from J.A. Caldwell, Selma (March 8, 1896) which is both personal and business.

Box 4  FF 42 Business correspondence (1897).

Box 4  FF 43 Business correspondence (1898). Contains a report to the Commercial Reporting Committee established to study a route for an extension of the Midland Railroad from Wichita to Dennison, Texas, the resources of eastern Oklahoma and Indian Territory were studied and JRM was part of those that did the study (April 19, 1898, handwritten and typed); contains several letters requesting information from JRM; JRM’s certification of payment of delinquent taxes to Harper County, Kansas; various receipts.
Box 4 FF 44 Business related correspondence (1899). Contains a partial letter from Edward A. Kilian (June 1899); contains letters from Dyche; contains a letter from C.W. Cullins concerning a leaking roof; contains tax listings; contains canceled checks; contains various receipts.

Box 4 FF 45 Contains a memorandum book (1898-1899). Part of this book is a travel log for the trip to Dennison, Texas (1898) in which JRM makes observations and describes what he sees; the second part of the book is primarily a record of real estate (rent and taxes) in the towns of Wichita and Salina.

Box 4 FF 46 Contains a speech given for the Sons of the American Revolution by JRM, president, February 22, 1899.

Box 5 FF 1 Account Book (1860-1881). Contains accounts for the Wichita Agency (p. 99), wages (p. 66), Greiffenstein (p. 89), Mathewson (p. 109), Fairchild & Pierce (p. 123), C.R. Morehead and a section labeled “Different Periods of United States History” (p. 19-27), “Elocution” (p. 311) and a list of authors (p. 341).

Box 5 FF 2 Account Book (1867-1881). Contains accounts for Col S.S. Smoot, James and Abe Kelly, Samuel Fulton, the Kaw Agency, Jesse Chisholm, Mathewson, and Lizzie A. Mead.

Box 5 FF 3 Account Book (1871-1890) Contains account information on the Travis-Placer Mine in Montana.

Box 6 FF 1 1900. Contains checks signed by JRM, correspondence and various paid receipts.

Box 6 FF 2 Contains an address and ledger book - 1900.

Box 6 FF 3 1901. Contains minutes for the first meeting of the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, JRM secretary; contains correspondence with Edward A. Kilian and Charles Gould; contains a tax list; contains pages from a ledger with statements concerning various buildings; contains a Quit Claim Deed (July 10, 1901) from Bunnie Mead to JRM.

Box 6 FF 4 1902. Contains correspondence with researchers such as Gould and Kilian, asking JRM about the early days in Kansas; contains two copies of the Kansas State Historical Society Constitution; contains a letter from Bunny Mead to JRM concerning scattered lots; contains a tax list; contains various receipts; contains blank water meter cards; contains sewer assessments and receipts.

Box 6 FF 5 1903. Contains a receipt for the payment of Elmo Lodge dues; contains correspondence with George Martin, Kansas State Historical Society regarding JRM’s memories of the early days in Kansas; contains correspondence with Gould; contains tax receipt as well as various paid receipts.
Box 6   FF 6  1904. Contains correspondence with Kilian, and Martin; contains correspondence from members of the larger Mead family seeking genealogical information; contains a letter from H.N. Kitchen (February 2, 1904) regarding the farm in Waco Township; contains a letter from the Kansas Society of Sons of American Revolution; contains tax receipts and water permits.

Box 6   FF 7  1905. Contains a letter from Kitchen (January 2, 1905); contains correspondence with Dyche, Martin, and Kilian; contains correspondence from researchers seeking information from JRM; contains a building permit for Market Street (April 21, 1905); contains tax receipts, receipts for Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power Company; contains water statement.

Box 6   FF 8  Contains JRM's Checkbook, Kansas National Bank, Wichita, 1905.

Box 6   FF 9  Contains a book of building accounts (1902-05). Includes information on renters, rents, repairs and taxes.

Box 6   FF 10 Contains a book of building accounts (1905-06).

Box 6   FF 11  1906. Contains correspondence with Martin; contains a letter from Mrs. I.F. Wilson (January 18, 1906) regarding the Travis Placer ground; contains a memo calling a special meeting of the stockholders of Hockaday Hardware Co. (March 15, 1906); contains correspondence with A.C. Spilman, McPherson County Abstract Co.; contains correspondence with John Caldwell; contains a certificate of stock for the Texas Fruit and Orchard Co.; contains a real estate contract between J.R. Hendricks and JRM (December 8, 1906).

Box 6   FF 12 Contains the following items: water meter statements; special paving assessments; tax receipts, various receipts; and deposit slips to the Kansas National Bank.

Box 6   FF 13 Contains pages from a ledger concerning statements of various buildings (1906).

Box 6   FF 14  1906. Contains a copy of the agreement between Missouri, Kansas and Texas Development Co. and JRM (August 2, 1906); contains correspondence with renters regarding repairs; contains correspondence regarding stock; contains correspondence with Dyche; contains a note about the inscription on Gen. Ebenezer Mead's stone; contains a price list for traps (1906); contains a letter from the National Geographic Society offering membership to JRM.
Box 6 FF 15 1907. Contains a letter from Charles Lummis, Archeological Institute of America (January 8, 1907) regarding a monument erected at a junction of the Santa Fe and the railroad; contains a letter from JRM to Martin (January 13, 1907) describing the crossing of the Switzer Creek at Burlingame, Murdock is mentioned; contains correspondence with Dyche; contains information about a monument to be erected in honor of Gen Ebenezer Mead and correspondence with relatives about the venture; contains a letter from Sam F. Woolard, Kansas State Historical Society (November 18, 1907) regarding the building that the first Kansas legislature met in.

Box 6 FF 16 Contains the following items: deposit slips; water permits; canceled checks; various paid receipts; tax bill from the County Treasurer’s Office, Routt County, Colorado. (May 13, 1907) and one from Sedgwick County.

Box 6 FF 17 Contains pages from a ledger concerning various buildings in Wichita.

Box 6 FF 18 Business related documents (1908). Contains a constitution of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (1908); contains correspondence with Martin; contains a letter from George Bent, Colony, Oklahoma (July 6, 1908) with information about Pawnee Rock; contains correspondence regarding the mammoth skeleton found near Medicine River; contains a letter from JRM to Martin (July 11, 1908) regarding the route traveled by the 19th Cavalry; contains a letter from Samuel Crawford (July 13, 1908) regarding the 19th Cavalry.

Box 6 FF 19 Contains letter from W.A.White, Emporia Gazette (August 8, 1908); contains correspondence with Martin in which JRM describes his experiences with Black Kettle, Satanta, Col. Leavenworth, Greiffenstein, Mathewson, and William F. Cody; contains a letter JRM to Martin (September 19, 1908) in which JRM disagrees with Mathewson and explains the origin of Wichita.

Box 6 FF 20 Contains letter from William D. Street to Martin (November 5, 1908) in which he relates his version of what happened to the 19th Cavalry; contains further correspondence between Street and Martin about the 19th Cavalry; contains a transcript of an interview with Gov. Samuel J. Crawford (June 19, 1908) on the 19th Kansas Volunteers and his experiences in 1868.

Box 6 FF 21 Contains the following items: deposit slips; various paid receipts and a tax bill from Routt County Colorado. (May 4, 1908).

Box 6 FF 22 Business related documents (1909). Contains correspondence with researchers; contains receipts for payment of membership dues; contains correspondence with Martin and Dyche; contains a letter, J.Shannon Nave (August 6, 1909), regarding plans for traffic relief on Douglas; contains Scott County District Court Probate Letter to Administer to JRM in settling the estate of Mary E. Mead; contains various paid receipts and deposit slips.
Box 6 FF 23  Contains a letter from Bunnie (James L. Mead, October 7, 1909) regarding raising the rents; contains a series of letters to JRM’s tenants notifying them of a rent increase; correspondence with Martin; contains a letter of Ancillary Administration of the estate of JRM to his wife Fern Mead, concerning the property in Iowa; contains a Letter of Testamentary - Probate Court, Sedgwick, County, Kansas; contains various paid receipts; contains a city lease (November 4, 1909 to January 1, 1911) between JRM and the Darris Drug Co.

Box 6 FF 24  Business related documents (1910). Contains bills and correspondence with Martin.

Box 6 FF 25  Contains a letter (March 30, 1911) from George C. Christopher to Fern Mead concerning fire escapes.

Box 6 FF 26  Contains a letter (September 12, 1912) from The Western Iron and Foundry Co. to Fern Mead concerning quotations for steel girding.

Box 6 FF 27  Contains one dog license (May 1, 1913).

Box 6 FF 28  Contains the following items: a ledger, 1911-1915; a check ledger, 1913-1922 from the 1st National Bank of Davenport, Iowa; an account ledger, 1912-1915 from the 1st National Bank of Davenport, Iowa.

Box 6 FF 29  Contains copy of Ordinance #5543 (December 28, 1916).

Box 6 FF 30  Contains correspondence (1868-1870) primarily with W.D. Blackford; contains 2 letters from E.S. Ross (January 26, 1870 and June 23, 1869); a letter (January 25, 1869) from Charlie Belnall concerning railroad construction; a letter (February 17, 1869) from H.W. Farnsworth concerning Col. Leavenworth and the Indians; a letter (January 30, 1869) from J.W. McMillan concerning Judge Sears’ of Leavenworth defense of charges brought against him.

Series 2 -- Kansas House of Representatives and Senate Papers

Box 6 FF 31  Contains documents from the Committee of Ways and Means on which JRM served.

Box 6 FF 32  Contains memorabilia.

Box 6 FF 33  Contains a copy of the Act making appropriations an expense of the Indian Department (1871).

Box 6 FF 34  Contains a document titled “Memorial of National Land and Emigration Company.”

Box 6 FF 35  Contains the Senate Bills.

Box 6 FF 36  Contain House of Representative Bills.

Box 6 FF 37  Contain House of Representative Bills.
Box 6 FF 38  Contains correspondence with the Kansas State Historical Society for 1893.

Box 6 FF 38  Contain House of Representative Bills.

Box 6 FF 39  Contains a certificate stating that JRM was duly elected to the office of State Senator on November 3, 1868.

Series 3 -- Personal Correspondence

Box 7 FF 1  Contains a letter (December 1, 1848) from JRM to his sister, Lizzie, while she was away at school in Ft. Plain, New York.

Box 7 FF 2  Contains three letters from JRM to Lizzie from 1853-1854.

Box 7 FF 3  Contains 8 letters from JRM to his parents and sister (January-August 1855); contains two letters to JRM’s mother (Mary E. Mead) from JRM, while she was traveling in Vermont (1855).

Box 7 FF 4  Contains letters written to his parents while JRM is traveling in the eastern part of the country to visit relatives. (1856)

Box 7 FF 5  Contains correspondence with his parents (1857).

Box 7 FF 6  Contains correspondence with his parents (1858).

Box 7 FF 7  Contains correspondence with his parents (1859), while JRM was traveling west. This series of letters contain descriptions of the country and difficulties he faced while traveling (May-July); contains several letters to JRM’s father regarding land claims (July-August); contains a letter to parents (November 11, 1859) describing the hunting in Kansas; contains a letter to his sister (May 8, 1859) describing the territory and the company he is traveling with.

Box 7 FF 8  Contains correspondence with his parents (1860). Contains a letter to mother (March 9, 1860) in which JRM informs her of his intention to settle in Kansas; contains a letter to father (April 17, 1860) regarding JRM’s plans to start a fur business; contains letters to Lizzie, (sister); contains a letter to his parents (October 14, 1860) which includes a description of the territory.

Box 7 FF 9  Contains correspondence with family members (1861). Contains letters to Lizzie and father in which he describes Agnes Barcome and gives father advice (January-April); contains letter to mother (May 1, 1861) in which he announces that he is getting married; contains a series of letters to his family in which JRM describes the effect of the war on his business and his religious views (September-December); contains a letter announcing his marriage to Agnes Barcome (December 1, 1861).

Box 7 FF 10  Contains letters written by JRM to his wife, Agnes, and to his parents and sister, while he is traveling (1862); contains a bill of sale between JRM and his sister (July 12, 1862).
Box 7 FF 11 Contains correspondence with his parents (1863). Contains a letter to JRM's parents (March) announcing the birth of a son; letter to his mother and sister (September 7, 1863) in which he describes the burning of Lawrence on August 21; contains a hand-drawn map of Towanda.

Box 7 FF 12 Contains letters to his parents (1864) in which JRM relates some experiences he has had trading with the Indians, mentions Bunnie and his progress, concern about Agnes, and the problems he is encountering finding good help; contains a letter to his parents (November 26, 1864) in which he discusses politics in Kansas and mentions the possibility of running for the state legislature; contains a letter to his sister (August) describing the war's effect on business, Jefferson Davis' proposal to the Kansas Indians, and JRM's religious views.

Box 7 FF 13 Contains letters to JRM's parents (1865) in which he announces that he is taking a seat on the Kansas Legislature and a description of an Indian attack on a nearby settlement.

Box 7 FF 14 Contains a letter to JRM's parents announcing the birth of a second daughter.

Box 7 FF 15 Contains letters to parents regarding Agnes' trip (1867) and a letter to Agnes.

Box 7 FF 16 Contains letters to parents (1868) in which he discusses the Indian Wars, Senate business and the possibility of quitting the Indian trade business; contains a letter to his parents (November 20, 1868) announcing his election to the Kansas legislature; contains a letter to his parents (August) giving general information about business, family and home life.

Box 7 FF 17 Contains correspondence with members of the family (1869). Contains a letter to Agnes (January 12, 1869) in which he mentions Mathewson; contains a letter from his parents (January 14, 1869) regarding difficulties they are having and their opinions about impeaching the President; contains a letter from Agnes (February 1, 1869); contains a letter to his parents (April 17, 1869) in which he tells them of Agnes' death; contains letters to his parents regarding business and what he doing with the children; contains a letter to his parents (August 1, 1869) in which he mentions Wichita; contains a letter to his parents (September 19, 1869) which mentions Mathewson.

Box 7 FF 18 Contains four letters from JRM to Lizzie when he was living in Iowa and attending school. These letters are dated by month and day, circa 1850s.

Box 7 FF 19 Contains five letters from JRM to his wife, parents and sister while he was living in Kansas. They describe his life as a buffalo hunter and trade with the Indians. These letters are not dated.
Box 7 FF 20 Contains correspondence with family members (1870). Contains a letter to his parents (January 6, 1870) regarding his claim in Wichita and his business arrangement with Mathewson at Fort Sill; contains a letter (March 29, 1870) informing his parents that he has sold his post at White Water and that his main interests now are in Wichita; contains personal a letter from Elizabeth Mathewson (July 31, 1870) regarding the care of JRM’s children; contains a letter to his parents (October 2, 1870) describing his business with Mr. Mathewson and Mrs. Mathewson’s care of his children.

Box 7 FF 21 Contains correspondence with family members (1871). Many deal with the failure of the First National Bank of Wichita which JRM’s parents had invested in.

Box 7 FF 22 Contains correspondence with family members (1872). Contains several letters to his parents regarding their investment in the First National Bank of Wichita, which JRM handled.

Box 7 FF 23 Contains correspondence with family members (1873). Contains a letter to his parents announcing that he will marry Lucy Inman (January 13, 1873); contains a letter to his parents describing his house and the real estate business in Kansas (March 23, 1873); contains a letter to his parents (October 24, 1873) regarding the recent financial panic and informing them of how the bank is doing; contains a letter to his parents (December 19, 1873) regarding his plans to build a toll bridge across the Arkansas River to make money; contains several letters explaining the bank situation to his parents and Mr. Fraker’s role in it; contains a letter to James R. Mead’s sister, Lizzie, on the back of a “land” broadside; contains a partial letter to his parents about Fraker and the bank.

Box 7 FF 24 Contains correspondence with parents (1874) in which JRM discusses the election of a board of directors for the bank, his business with Mathewson, and the success of other business ventures in which he is involved (cattle business and fur trade).

Box 7 FF 25 Contains correspondence with parents (1875) regarding JRM’s activity in the cattle business.

Box 7 FF 26 Contains correspondence with parents (1876) regarding the death of his father’s brother, Theodore, and the settlement of his estate; contains a letter to his parents (June 22, 1876) describing the various enterprises JRM is involved in (real estate and cattle business); contains a letter to his sister, Lizzie, (August 28, 1876) instructing her what to do with their mother’s bank stock; contains a letter to parents (October 2, 1876) telling them of the difficulties that the bank is experiencing and the role of the president, Mr. Fraker; contains a letter to his parents (October 8, 1876) advising them how to handle the situation to avoid losing money and describes his own financial situation.

Box 7 FF 27 Contains correspondence with his father, Enoch Mead, and his sister, Lizzie, (1877) regarding their financial situation after the failure of the First National Bank of Wichita.
| Box 7 | FF 28 | Contains a 4 letters to his sister and parents about his trip to the mountains (1878). |
| Box 7 | FF 29 | Contains letters to his parents and wife (1879). |
| Box 7 | FF 30 | Contains correspondence (1881-1884) between Bunnie and JRM. |
| Box 7 | FF 31 | Contains correspondence between family members and JRM while he is at Tin Cup, Colorado and his family is visiting in Davenport (1880); contains letters from JRM to his parents and sister (1880-1884). |
| Box 7 | FF 32 | Contains correspondence with parents and sister regarding events in the family, like the engagement of Lizzie (JRM’s oldest daughter) to G.W. Bartholemew (1885-1889). |
| Box 7 | FF 33 | Contains letters from JRM to his wife, Bunnie and family (1888). |
| Box 7 | FF 34 | Contains personal correspondence (1890-1896). Contains a letter from JRM to Bunnie (March 27, 1895) regarding his mother, Agnes; contains a letter (January 31, 1895) from JRM to Lizzie concerning hay shipments. |
| Box 7 | FF 35 | Contains letters from JRM to family members (1900-1909); contains a letter from JRM to Bunnie Mead (November 1909). |
| Box 7 | FF 36 | Contains photocopies of letters from JRM to Professor Dyche (1892). |
| Box 7 | FF 37 | Contains letters from JRM to L.B. “Bent” Murdock regarding Kansas history. |
| Box 7 | FF 38 | Contains two letters from JRM’s wife, Agnes (1861). |
| Box 7 | FF 39 | Contains letters from JRM’s wife, Lucy. |
| Box 7 | FF 40 | Contains a letter from JRM’s wife, Fern. |
| Box 7 | FF 41 | Contains letters to JRM from family members while he was at Tin Cup, Colorado. |
| Box 7 | FF 42 | Contains letters to JRM and Fern from family members (1906-1909). |
| Box 7 | FF 43 | Contains four letters to JRM from G.W. Bartholomew (1896). These letters were originally in a folder labeled “Bessie Bartholomew--granddaughter of JRM and Agnes Mead--mother Elizabeth Mead (Lizzie)--eldest daughter of JRM and Agnes Mead” all of these letters concern problems with Lizzie and the breakup of their marriage. |
| Box 7 | FF 44 | Contains letters and postcards to JRM from his father, Enoch Mead (1866-1885). Contains a letter (February 5, 1866) concerning the proposed purchase of the western farm; contains a letter (February 25, 1869) concerning politics and taxes; contains a letter (April 7, 1884) concerning Mead family history; contains a letter (September 23, 1885) concerning losses and words of encouragement. |
Box 7 FF 45 Contains letters to JRM from his sister, Lizzie (1855-1886). Contains a letter (December 18) from Lizzie congratulating JRM on his marriage; contains a letter (August 12, 1869) concerning “Little Willie’s” illness and death.

Box 7 FF 46 Contains four letters to JRM from L. Matthewson (1870-1871).

Box 7 FF 47 Contains two letters from Melanthon Mead to JRM (1858).

Box 7 FF 48 Contains letters, postcards and telegram to JRM from friends (1868-1904). Contains a letter from F.A.McCarty to JRM to arrange for ponies; contains a telegram informing JRM that his future son-in-law had died; contains a letter (May 28, 1896) informing JRM about his mother and sister’s situation; contains a letter (October 24, 1904) from J.Q. Potter in Colorado Springs.

Box 7 FF 49 Contains a partial letter (February 8, 1869) concerning hired help; the letter is unsigned and addressed to JRM; contains empty envelopes addressed to JRM.

Box 7 FF 50 Contains correspondence with family members (1900-1909); contains several letters from Margaret Riker, sister of JRM’s first wife; contains letters from H.B. Alley (February 1907) regarding a monument for JRM’s great grandfather.

Box 7 FF 51 Contains correspondence with family members (1906); contains letters from JRM’s children, Bunnie, Lizzie, and Mamie to JRM and Fern; contains a letter from Fern to JRM (May 13, 1906); contains correspondence with extended family seeking information for a family history; contains correspondence with friends, like Dr. Jacob S. Hackney.

Box 7 FF 52 Contains correspondence with relatives, mostly offering their condolences at Lizzie’s death (1909).

Box 7 FF 53 Contains a letter from the Journal of American History concerning JRM’s historical documents (February 18, 1907).

Box 7 FF 54 Personal correspondence of JRM (1859).

Box 7 FF 55 Personal correspondence of JRM (1860).

Box 7 FF 56 Personal correspondence of JRM (1861).

Box 7 FF 57 Personal correspondence of JRM (1862).

Box 7 FF 58 Personal correspondence of JRM (1863).

Box 7 FF 59 Personal correspondence of JRM (1864 and 1865).

Box 7 FF 60 Personal correspondence of JRM (1866).

Box 7 FF 61 Personal correspondence of JRM (1867).

Box 7 FF 62 Personal correspondence of JRM (1868).

Box 7 FF 63 Personal correspondence of JRM (1869).
Box 7 FF 64 Personal correspondence of JRM (1870).
Box 7 FF 65 Personal correspondence of JRM (1871).
Box 7 FF 66 Personal correspondence of JRM (1872).
Box 7 FF 67 Personal correspondence of JRM (1873).
Box 7 FF 68 Personal correspondence of JRM (1874).
Box 7 FF 69 Personal correspondence of JRM (1875).
Box 7 FF 70 Personal correspondence of JRM (1876).
Box 7 FF 71 Personal correspondence of JRM (1877).
Box 7A FF 1 Personal correspondence of JRM (1878).
Box 7A FF 2 Personal correspondence of JRM (1879).
Box 7A FF 3 Contains excerpts from a diary of JRM concerning his mining activities in Colorado (1879).
Box 7A FF 4 Personal correspondence of JRM (1880-1889).
Box 7A FF 5 Personal correspondence of JRM (1890-1899).
Box 7A FF 6 Personal correspondence of JRM (1900-1910).
Box 7A FF 7 Contains photocopies of JRM's letters given to Ignace and Sky from Robert Mead; contains copies of 2 deeds concerning Bunnie’s property in Wichita; contains a revised table of insurance policies on Bunnie’s properties in Wichita.
Box 7A FF 8 Contains contents from a notebook that contains excerpts from letters of JRM (1859-1910), compiled by Bunnnie Mead, copied by Loreta Mead Almond and given to Ignace Mead Jones as a Christmas present in 1940.
Box 7A FF 9 The notebook given to Ignace Mead Jones from Loreta Mead Almond.

Series 4 -- Manuscripts and articles written by James R. Mead, biographical information and memorabilia

Box 8 FF 1 Contains letters to the Wichita Eagle on the subject of early Kansas history. Contains a manuscript entitled “Naming of Wichita”; contains a draft for a essay on hunting, Jesse Chisholm, William Ross, Moxely and Mosely, the Kansas Day Club and Pawnee Rock.
Box 8 FF 2  Contains essays written by JRM on topics of early Kansas history. Contains a manuscript in which JRM describes what attracted him to Kansas and a description of the 1860 drought; contains an incomplete manuscript about the Plains Indians, meeting Black Kettle, Satanta, Col. Leavenworth, Chisholm, Carson, cholera and the 19th Cavalry; contains a typed manuscript about the Otoe and Cheyenne Battle, Tin Mine and Tommy Thorn.

Box 8 FF 3  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: burial mounds, the mountain lion and a visit to Arkansas.

Box 8 FF 4  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: JRM’s opinion of Indians, Salina River days, and observations and recollections from 1859.

Box 8 FF 5  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: orchards in the Arkansas Valley, edible fruits, native wild fruits of Kansas.

Box 8 FF 6  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: “Notes on Birds of Southern Kansas” “Meteorite of 1833 as observed by a Native Kansan, “Wild Animals I Have Known in Sedgwick County, Kansas.”

Box 8 FF 7  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: origin of names of Kansas streams, origin of Wichita’s name.

Box 8 FF 8  Contains manuscripts on the following subjects: “About Trails” Osage and California Trails.

Box 8 FF 9  Contains manuscript on the following subject: possibly part of a travel diary kept by JRM on a trip to the southwest; describes the pueblo ruins and burial sites in New Mexico.

Box 8 FF 10  Contains a description of the Salina Raid in 1862 (original and photocopy).

Box 8 FF 11  Contains an essay written by JRM description of the buffalo in Kansas during the 1850s and 1860s; contains an article entitled “Why He Became a Trader.”

Box 8 FF 12  Contains a photocopy of JRM’s Saline River Diary (c. 1860).

Box 8 FF 13  Contains a travel journal (April 1889) while JRM was mining in Rimini, Colorado.

Box 8 FF 14  Sketch Tablet. Contains sketches made by JRM of the inscriptions or petroglyphs he found in the Smoky Hill (Saline River) region. Some are labeled with a location and what JRM believed them to represent.

Box 8 FF 15  Contains the complete manuscript of the story of JRM’s life as told to a stenographer (early 1890). Many of the stories are repeated from the manuscripts found in Box 8 FF 9.

Box 8 FF 16  Contains a typed manuscript entitled “Who was the first child born in Wichita?”
Box 8 FF 17  Contains a paper that JRM read before the Kansas State Historical Society, December 6, 1897, entitled “Little Arkansas.”

Box 8 FF 18  Contains two copies of an essay by W. A. White entitled “What’s the matter with Kansas.”

Box 8 FF 19  Contains essay on trails and the Arkansas Valley.

Box 8 FF 20  Contains essay entitled “The Pawnees as I Knew Them” by JRM; article was printed in the *Topeka Daily* (October 7, 1906).

Box 8 FF 21  Contains one typed and two rough drafts of “Saline River Country in 1859” article printed in the Kansas State Historical Society Collections, vol. IX, 1905-06.

Box 8 FF 22  Contains the manuscript entitled “Wichita Indians” article printed in the Kansas State Historical Society Collections, vol. VIII, 1903-04.


Box 8 FF 24  Contains articles by JRM that were printed in the Academy of Science publication:  “Camps of Prehistoric People in Sedgwick County” (1890), “A Dying River” (1894), “Were Quails Native to Kansas?” (1898), “Felis Concolor” (1898) and “Some Natural History Notes of 1859” (1898), “Flint Hills of Kansas” (1900), “Archeology of Catalina Island” (1900), “Notes on the Archeology of Butler County” (1903).

Box 8 FF 25  Contains a notebook labeled “Articles Written by James R. Mead, Clippings Saved by James R. Mead” compiled by daughter Loretta M. Almond, 1938. Typed and in original order; contains typed manuscripts, information on family genealogy, obituaries, and speeches.

Box 8 FF 26  Contains copy of “Reminiscences of Frontier Life” by JRM (1898). This manuscript was included in the notebook in 14.

Box 8 FF 27  Contains copy of “Reminiscences of Frontier Life” by JRM (1898). This manuscript was included in the notebook in 14.

Box 8 FF 28  Contains Academy of Science programs (1883-1906).

Box 8 FF 29  Contains Kansas State Historical Society Programs (1900-1908).


Box 8 FF 31  Contains two handwritten manuscripts of unknown author, but seem to be written by two different people. The subject is Satanta or White Bear.
Box 8 FF 32 Contains a manuscript found in a folder labeled “Mathewson—Most Important.” The manuscript was written during an interview with Mathewson.

Box 8 FF 33 Contains folder in which the above manuscript was found; it contains some information written by JRM’s daughter Ignace Mead Jones about the manuscript.

Box 8 FF 34 Contains two untitled poems written by JRM; one was written in 1855 while JRM was attending Iowa College.

Box 8 FF 35 Contains notes written by JRM about Wichita, concerning: location, character, industrial efforts, social functions, and education; contains copies of 3 handwritten essays entitled “Gave him a banquet,” “Satanta or White Bear,” and “The Great Indian War of 1864 and 1865.

Box 8 FF 36 Contains a partial article written by JRM for Scientific American.

Box 8 FF 37 Contains newspaper clippings of articles written by JRM.

Box 8 FF 38 Contains the program for JRM’s funeral service (1910); contains four copies of a biographical sketch or obituary of JRM’s life; contains a photocopy of a section about JRM that was printed in the United States Biographical Dictionary (Chicago: S. Lewis & Co., 1879): 364-5; contains photocopies of articles from the Wichita Eagle and The Salina Daily Union, concerning JRM’s death.

Box 8 FF 39 Contains an biographical article about JRM (1888).

Box 8 FF 40 Contains JRM’s college memorabilia including a catalogue of officers and students of Iowa College, Davenport, Iowa (1849-50); and the College Newsletter (October 1877); concerns a pamphlet explaining a book about the history of Sedgwick County and Wichita to be published - JRM is a contributing author.

Box 8 FF 41 Contains a book of Proverbs given to JRM (January 10, 1871) from his mother, Mary E. Mead; contains poems, author unknown.

Box 8 FF 42 Contains recipes.

Box 8 FF 43 Contains certificates of membership and accomplishment from the Kansas Academy of Science and the Kansas State Historical Society; contains a certificate of Notary Public (May 1866); contains a United States Marshal’s Deputy certificate (May 1870).

Box 8 FF 44 Contains Academy of Science newspaper clippings (1880s).

Box 8 FF 45 Contains Bunnie Mead’s report card (June 1874); contains newspaper clippings; marriage announcement (February 5, 1873) and mining business in Montana.

Box 8 FF 46 Contains the Wichita Beacon (September 21, 1887).

Box 8 FF 47 Contains the Wichita Beacon (February 5, 1873); contains the Wichita Eagle (April 20, 1876).
| Box 8 | FF 48 | Contains miscellaneous documents concerning Mead family history, contains notes taken by James L. Mead (Bunnie) on his father’s letters and genealogy. |
| Box 8 | FF 49 | Contains clippings on Mary (Mamie) Mead’s marriage (June 3, 1892) and her obituary (March 30, 1951). |
| Box 8 | FF 50 | Contains a copy of the *Greenwich Graphic* (February 23, 1907) which has an article on Gen. Ebenezer Mead’s grave. |
| Box 8 | FF 51 | Contains a newspaper, *The Tin Cup*. |
| Box 8 | FF 52 | Contains various newspaper clippings about JRM. |
| Box 8 | FF 53 | Contains “Insect Eating Birds” by Frank Palmer (1873). |
| Box 8 | FF 54 | Contains Annals of Iowa (January 1882) ed. Samuel Storrs Howe. |
| Box 8 | FF 55 | Kansas Bill for Admission as a Free State; Charles Sumner’s speech “The Barbarism of Slavery” (June 4, 1860). |
| Box 8 | FF 56 | Contains “50 Years in Kansas; a Sketch of the Life of George W. Martin” by William E. Connelley (1907). |
| Box 8 | FF 57 | “Early History of the Seventh Kansas Cavalry” by S.M. Fox. |
| Box 8 | FF 58 | “Field Notes” H.A.Rowland with article by A.C. Spilman. |
| Box 8 | FF 58A | Contains a speech entitled “Peary’s Discovery of the North Pole,” delivered by the Hon. J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives on March 22, 1910. |
| Box 8 | FF 59 | Newspaper clippings 1876-1906. |
| Box 8 | FF 60 | Poems from newspapers. |
| Box 8 | FF 61 | Information on monuments. |
| Box 8 | FF 62 | Contains a journal about Yellowstone Trip by an unknown author who met up with Mr. and Mrs. Mead in Yellowstone. |
| Box 8 | FF 63 | Contains a souvenir booklet from Mackinac Island (pages are made of tree bark); contains passes to the “Pioneer’s Ball” in Wichita; contains contents found in JRM’s billfold. |
| Box 8 | FF 64 | Contains a letter to JRM from D.L. Thomas (May 13), concerning an article (“Rasping the Reds”), written by JRM. |

**Series 5 -- Photographs**

| Box 9 | FF 1 | Contains photographs found in album 1 (see Box 21). |
| Box 9 | FF 2 | Contains photographs found in album 1 (see Box 21). |
| Box 9 FF 3 | Contains photographs found in album 1 (see Box 21). |
| Box 9 FF 4 | Contains photographs found in album 2 (see Box 22). |
| Box 9 FF 5 | Contains photographs found in album 3 (see Box 23). |
| Box 9 FF 6 | Contains photographs found in album 3 (see Box 23). |
| Box 9 FF 7 | Contains photographs found in album 3 (see Box 23). |
| Box 9 FF 8 | Contains photographs of the Mead family (originals and prints), all labeled on the back, photographs of: Enoch and Mary (James) Mead, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Mead, Agnes (Barcome) Mead, and Lucy (Inman) Mead. |
| Box 9 FF 9 | Contains photographs and negatives of James R. Mead. |
| Box 9 FF 10 | Contains photographs and negatives of James R. Mead. |
| Box 9 FF 11 | Contains photographs of JRM's children. |
| Box 9 FF 12 | Contains photographs of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all labeled. |
| Box 9 FF 13 | Contains photographs of unknown people, included in the folder labeled "Mead Family Portraits". |
| Box 9 FF 14 | Contains three photographs of JRM's home on East Central, Wichita (1872); contains a sketch of JRM's Ranch and Trading Post, Towanda, Kansas (1863-69). |
| Box 9 FF 15 | Contains two photographs: (1) labeled Prewett & Perry, Rimini, Montana near Helena; (2) labeled cabins at Tin Cup, Colorado. |
| Box 9 FF 16 | Contains photographs of the Elwood Flood (April 1881); contains 8 photographs of places/towns in Kansas, all labeled; contains 2 panoramic views one of Lawrence (1858) and Topeka (1880), these are photographs taken of the originals. |
| Box 9 FF 17 | Contains photographs of the Wichita Flood (1904), and a souvenir booklet and postcards. |
| Box 9 FF 18 | Contains the original photograph of Jesse Chisholm, one print and a negative; contains obituaries and articles written about him. |
| Box 9 FF 19 | Contains photographs of Alexander C. Spilman, J.M. Steel and the negative for a photograph of N.A. English. |
| Box 9 FF 20 | Contains three photographs of Lewis L. Dyche and an incomplete obituary. |
| Box 9 FF 21 | Contains six photographs of William Mathewson. |
| Box 9 FF 22 | Contains a photograph of Elizabeth Mathewson. |
| Box 9 FF 23 | Contains photograph of William Greiffenstein. |
| Box 9 FF 24 | Contains photographs (and photocopies of images) of Native Americans, labeled by Schuyler Jones. |
Box 9 FF 25 Contains original photographs of Native Americans.

Box 9 FF 26 Contains JRM’s vacation photographs of Alaska and Yellowstone.

Box 9 FF 27 Contains JRM’s vacation photographs of Alaska.

Box 9 FF 28 Contains pictures and stereo postcards of various places, such as: Lincoln’s grave, a resort in Long Island, etc.

Box 9A FF 1 Contains a daguerreotype of Rev. Enoch Mead, JRM’s father.

Box 9A FF 2 Contains a tintype of Enoch Mead.

Box 9A FF 3 Contains a tintype of James R. Mead (faded).

Box 9A FF 4 Contains a tintype of JRM.

Box 9A FF 5 Contains an ambrotype of Enoch, Mary, James and Lizzie Mead, as well as other unidentified people.

Box 9A FF 6 Contains a daguerreotype of JRM.

Box 9A FF 7 Contains a daguerreotype of JRM.

Box 9A FF 8 Contains a ferrotype of JRM mounted on a block of wood.

Box 9A FF 9 Contains a daguerreotype of Lizzie Mead.

Box 9A FF 10 Contains a tintype of two unidentified males.

Box 9A FF 11 Contains a tintype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 12 Contains a daguerreotype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 13 Contains a daguerreotype of an unidentified woman.

Box 9A FF 14 Contains a daguerreotype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 15 Contains a tintype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 16 Contains an ambrotype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 17 Contains a daguerreotype of an unidentified woman.

Box 9A FF 18 Contains a daguerreotype of an unidentified male.

Box 9A FF 19 Contains a tintype of an unidentified male.

Box 10 FF 1 Contains photographs of the following Kiowa Indians: Satanta (or Sitting Bear) 1870; Satanta (White Bear); Guipago (or Lone Wolf) (2); Tarlo (or Lone Bear) 1871; Monona; Kiowa Camp, near Canadian River 1869, Kicking Bird died here in 1875 (labeled Arapho Camp); Ermaoke, Kiowa Chief and Kiowas, (left to right: Poor Buffalo, Short Greasy Hair, Buffalo Chap, Never Got Shot, Feather Head); Toneonko (Kicking Bird), Head Chief of Kiowas (Note: This photograph does not appear in the book.); Aquin and Husband, Satanta’s daughter (Note: This photograph does not appear in the book.).
Box 10  FF 2  Contains photographs of the following Arapaho Indians: Powder Face, War Chief of Arapahoes; Little Raven, Head Chief of Arapahoes; Three Arapaho Braves (indentified as Jack Fitzpatrick, "?" and Striking First); Bahaba, Little Raven’s Son; Arapaho Camp (Note:this photograph does not appear in the book). Contains photographs of the following Comanche Indians: Asatuet (Grey Leggings); Toshawa (Silver Brooch), Head Chief of Comanche’s, 1870; three women and a child, Comanche (these women are identified as Wappah, Marmme, Qnamoth-Kee, they were taken prisoner by the United States Troops on the Staked Plains near Adobe Walls, Texas, 1868). Contains photographs of the following Indians of the Cadd and Wichita tribes: Three Graces (three women identified as Nawatry, Dudu, and Skekizt); Wichitaw. Contains photographs of the following Cheyenne Indians: Cheyenne Camp, 1868; Sock and Hoppy; three men (identified as Young Man Afraid of His Horses, Spotted Tail and “?”); Medicine BluCreek, the bend near Fort Sill, Indian Territory. (Note: Some of these photographs do not appear in the book.)

Box 10  FF 3  Contains a “Carrier’s Address to the Patrons of the Daily Democrat and News”. (1861)

Box 10  FF 4  Contains two certificates granting James R. Mead title to land in Sedgwick County. Signed by President Grant and Buchanan.

Box 10  FF 5  Contains a photograph labeled “U.S. Surveyors -- Surveying Sedgwick County, 1867.”

Box 10  FF 6  Contains a Scrapbook presented to Such-ah for her help in building the Council Lodge of the Wichita Indians on Mead Island, Wichita, Kansas, June 1, 1927. This scrapbook was put together by the Wichita Indian Historical Society, November 1927, (Fern Mead Jordan served as vice president) to document the events of May-June 1927 when member of the Wichita tribe returned to Kansas to reconstruct a Council Lodge. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and photographs. The photographs, which were taken by Fern Mead Jordan, illustrate the building progress. The newspaper clippings are from area newspapers which carried stories about the project.

Series 6 -- General Family Correspondence

Box 11  FF 1  Contains letters from Enoch Mead to his daughter, Lizzie (1856 - 1857).

Box 11  FF 2  Contains letters from Enoch Mead to his daughter, Lizzie (1860 - 1861).

Box 11  FF 3  Contains photocopied letters from Enoch Mead to his wife and daughter while he was in Wichita, Kansas (February 1871); contains two photocopied letters from Enoch Mead to his wife and daughter concerning bank stock (February 1872).

Box 11  FF 4  Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1835 - 1836).
Box 11 FF 5 Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1850 - 1859). Contains several letters from Enoch’s brother, Theodore.

Box 11 FF 6 Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1860 - 1869). Contains several letters to Enoch from his wife, Mary; contains several letters from his daughter, Lizzie.

Box 11 FF 7 Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1870 - 1879). Contains a letter from his sister, Almira Platt; contains a letter from John Q. Potter.

Box 11 FF 8 Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1880 - 1889). Contains congratulatory remarks from family and friends concerning the Mead’s fiftieth wedding anniversary; contains a postcard announcing the 24th Annual Festival of the Scott County Pioneer Settlers association.

Box 11 FF 9 Personal correspondence of Enoch Mead (1890). Contains several letters and empty envelopes addressed to E. Mead.

Box 11 FF 10 Contains a letter of Commission from the Presbyterian Church (December 1842).

Box 11 FF 10A Contains papers found in Enoch Mead’s pocket books; contains receipts, letters, notes, etc. (1821-1890).

Box 11 FF 11 Contains programs from the Scott County Old Settlers Day; contains an essay entitled “Sign of the Times,” Yale College (April 2, 1830); contains an address delivered by Rev. George F. Magoun, at the Festival of the New England Society, of Scott County, at the Butis House, Davenport, Iowa (December 21, 1860); contains newspaper clippings and obituaries.

Box 11 FF 12 Contains Enoch Mead Book, Yale College, New Haven; July 1827.

Box 11 FF 13 Lecture on The West and c. by Enoch Mead.

Box 11 FF 14 Polemic Theology. This book appears to be notes written by Enoch Mead on a class entitled “Polemic theology at Auburn Theological Seminary, dated 1832 - 1833.

Box 11 FF 15 Didactic Theology. Preliminary inquiries to the study of theology by James Richards, D.D.

Box 11 FF 16 Contains Enoch Mead’s Account book.

Box 11 FF 17 Contains Enoch Mead’s Account Book.

Box 11 FF 17A Contains a mortgage (January 5, 1880) between Enoch and his wife Mary Mead and (their daughter) Lizzie Mead and the German Savings Bank in Iowa; contains a sworn statement (February 13, 1880) made by Mary Mead (Sedgwick County) that her daughter, Lizzie, is single.

Box 11 FF 18 Contains copies of sermons; such as: an 1830 sermon book by William B. Sprague D.D.; an 1856 book, entitled How to be Rich or Key to Honest Wealth; and a sermon delivered at the funeral of Reverend James Cogswell, D.O.; contains an 1863 sermon entitled “Farewell Sermon” by Rev. A.T.Twing, A.M.
Box 11 FF 19 Contains correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Mead concerning their fiftieth wedding anniversary (January 20, 1855).

Box 11 FF 20 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1850-1855).

Box 11 FF 21 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1856-1859).

Box 11 FF 22 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1860).

Box 11 FF 23 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1861).

Box 11 FF 24 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1863).

Box 11 FF 25 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (year unknown).

Box 11 FF 26 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1850-1859). Contains letters to Mary Mead from family and friends.

Box 11 FF 27 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1860-1869). Contains one letter (March 27, 1863) from Theodore Day while he was in the Union Army. The letter describes a battle which took place on January 8, 1863.

Box 11 FF 28 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1880-1889). Contains letters from family members; contains a telegram (June 7, 1884) informing her of her father’s death.

Box 11 FF 29 Personal correspondence of Mary Mead (1890-1899). Contains letters from family members and empty envelopes.

Box 11 FF 30 Contains a memorandum by Mary Mead concerning her Brooklyn, New York trip (August 28, 1855).

Box 11 FF 31 Contains a book entitled *Annals of Iowa*, vol. 1, 1882. This book was the property of Mary Mead.

Box 11 FF 32 Contains an autograph album to Mary James (Mead) with writings from her family and friends. The earliest entry is dated 1831.

Box 11 FF 33 Contains a book of writings and locks of hair.

Box 11 FF 34 Contains a recipe book belonging to Mary E. Mead dated 1835.

Box 12 FF 1 Contains four letters written by Lizzie to her parents while she was in Dubuque, Iowa.

Box 12 FF 2 Contains two letters (December 19, 1855) and (December 19, 1858) from Lizzie to her mother.

Box 12 FF 3 Contains 11 letters from Lizzie to her mother (1860).

Box 12 FF 4 Contains 10 letters from Lizzie to her mother (1861).

Box 12 FF 5 Contains 11 letters from Lizzie to her mother (1868).

Box 12 FF 6 Contains 3 letters from Lizzie to her mother (year unknown).

Box 12 FF 7 Contains letters from Lizzie to others (1856-1869).
Box 12  FF 8  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1853).  Contains 2 letters concerning religion; contains a valentine.

Box 12  FF 9  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1854).  Contains a poem, an invitation and general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 10  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1855).  Contains general correspondence from relatives and friends; contains two letters (February 7, 1855) and (February 15, 1855) concerning a religious revival taking place in Davenport, Iowa.

Box 12  FF 11  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1856).  Contains general correspondence and a valentine.

Box 12  FF 12  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1857).  Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 13  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1858).  Contains general correspondence and a valentine.

Box 12  FF 14  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1860).  Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 15  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1861).  Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 16  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1862).  Contains general correspondence; contains 2 letters from Union soldiers, John Potter (October 15, 1862) wrote about food and conditions in camp; Lizzie’s cousin, Theodore Day, (November 26, 1862) wrote about a series of small engagements, the strength of the regiment, disease, and expresses hope in the Army of the Potomac’s new commander, General Burnside.

Box 12  FF 17  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1863).  Contains general correspondence; contains a letter (January 2, 1863) from John Potter concerning life and food in the camps, he also mentions several Union generals; contains a letter (March 14, 1863) from John Potter concerning a march he was on; contains a letter (April 16, 1863) from John Potter concerning a recent engagement he was in; contains a letter (July 21, 1863) from John Potter concerning the march to Jackson; contains 2 letters (September 1, 1863) and (November 21, 1863) from John Potter concerning his engagements.

Box 12  FF 18  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1864).  Contains general correspondence; contains a letter (July 3, 1864) with a picture of John Potter; contains a letter (July 20, 1864) from John Potter concerning life as a soldier.

Box 12  FF 19  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1865).  Contains general correspondence; contains a letter (April 28, 1865) from John Potter asking Lizzie to congratulate her brother JRM on his election win, Potter also makes reference to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln; contains a letter (November 2, 1865) from Anna Lawrence concerning general correspondence and a description of Lincoln’s grave in Springfield.
Box 12  FF 20  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1866). Contains general correspondence; contains a letter (May 21, 1866) from John Potter concerning general news and a description of returned Union soldiers; contains a letter (July 25, 1866) from Anna Lawrence at Freedman’s Village in Arlington Heights, VA. Lawrence writes about Arlington and the village, included are her views concerning Robert E. Lee, his wife, and the estate becoming a National Cemetery; contains a letter (August 15, 1866) from John Potter with a picture of himself and his wife; contains a letter (December 9, 1866) from Anna Lawrence concerning the problems of finding employment for the freedmen, and describes Washington, D.C.

Box 12  FF 21  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1866). Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 22  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1868). Contains general correspondence; contains a letter (November 20, 1868) from Alfred Blease concerning the railroad in Colorado.

Box 12  FF 23  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1869). Contains general correspondence; contains a “Dear Teacher” letter (July 24, 1869); contains a letter (March 10, 1869) from Alfred Blease where he looks to Grant as the “conservative element of this country.”

Box 12  FF 24  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1870-1878). Contains general correspondence; contains a letter of condolence (January 14, 1870) from Alfred Blease over the death of Lizzie’s grandfather; contains a letter (July 12, 1870) from Alfred Blease describing the landscape of New Mexico he has seen while on a trading trip to the silver mines of Los Cruces.

Box 12  FF 25  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (1880-1901). Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 26  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (Dated, but no year given). Contains letters to Lizzie from Alfred Blease; contains a partial letter concerning a life-long “companionship”; contains words of condolence to Lizzie over the loss of JRM’s son, Willie; contains a letter (July 7) concerning 4th of July events and the presidential campaign of Grant/Colfax, and mining; contains a letter (August 29) concerning an Indian raid; contains a letter of condolence (June 26) over the loss of JRM’s wife Agnes.

Box 12  FF 27  Personal correspondence of Lizzie Mead (no date). Contains general correspondence.

Box 12  FF 28  Contains empty envelopes.
Box 12 FF 29 Contains Lizzie Mead’s certification to teach in school; contains an announcement of the Iowa Teachers Association Meeting; contains a program for the 29th Annual Festival of the Pioneers Settlers Association; contains The Literary Advertiser and Public School Advocate 9 (February, 1860) Des Moines, Iowa; contains Daily Commercial Report and Market Review 5436 (May 18, 1874) Chicago, Illinois.

Box 12 FF 30 Contains Lizzie Mead’s report card from the Fort Plain Seminary for the Fall Term of 1855, the Spring Term of 1855, and the winter Term, 1856; contains a flier about Fort Plain Seminary.

Box 12 FF 31 Contains sheet music for “Columbia & c.” written by Lizzie Mead; contains the lyrics to the “Star Spangled Banner;” contains a music book of anniversary hymns; contains a program for a concert, May 23, 1855.

Box 12 FF 32 Contains poetry, presumably written in Lizzie Mead’s handwriting.

Box 12 FF 33 Contains a booklet of two watercolor pictures, painted by Lizzie Mead and locks of Lizzie Mead’s hair.

Box 12 FF 34 Contains various newspaper clippings.

Box 12 FF 35 Contains 2 recipes; one for Boston Brown Bread, and one for Indian Bread; contains 2 price lists.

Box 12 FF 36 Contains 1 steamer ticket and 2 calling cards; contains a paper entitled “Enigmatical Dinner Table.”

Box 12 FF 37 Contains receipt for dental work performed on Miss E. Mead, December 8, 1860; receipt for cement for Miss M. E. Mead, July 31, 1902. Businesses located in Davenport, Iowa.

Box 12 FF 38 Contains a funeral announcement for Dr. John James.

Box 12 FF 39 Contains Agnes (Barcome) Mead’s personal correspondence (1866-1868). (three photocopied letters) The letters contain descriptions of the children, Bunnie and Lizzie; contains 2 handwritten letters to Lizzie and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Mead; contains a letter (January 20, 1869) from Lizzie to Agnes.

Box 12 FF 40 Contains a letter (February 5, 1890) from Lucy Mead to JRM’s mother, Mary E. Mead.

Box 12 FF 41 Contains Zetta (Mead) Day’s personal correspondence (1830s). (photocopy and original). (Note to researcher: Included in this folder is an explanatory note written by RDM, who went through JRM’s papers.)

Box 12 FF 42 Contains Mary (Mamie) Mead’s personal correspondence (1888-1946). Contains a letter to her grandparents announcing her engagement (April 1, 1888); contains letters to Ignace and Fern (1930s); contains a letter to James and Madge (1946) regarding the letters from Zetta Mead Day and the burning of Rev. Enoch Mead’s sermons.
Box 12   FF 43  Contains Loretta Mead’s personal correspondence (1940) and a copy of a petition for Roger Price Almond to the Kansas Bar Association.

Box 12   FF 44  Contains Ignace Mead Jones correspondence (1968-1989). Contains correspondence and articles sent to her related to research of local history. Contains a copy of “The Meaning of Wichita”; contains a copy of the “Mooney Memorial Christian Church” by Dorothy Starr; contains a letter from Jeand Audrey Walsmsley (May 8, 1989) with photographs of the Wilson sandstone cliffs and caves.

Box 12   FF 45  Contains “John Marion Steele: Charter Member of the First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas” and correspondence related to the subject with Ignace Mead Jones (1980).

Box 12   FF 46  Contains Dr. Schuyler Jones’ correspondence. Contains correspondence related to research and items sent to him including a photograph of JRM’s signature, information about A.C. Spilman, and photographs that he sent to Fort Sill Museum for identification; contains a copy of “The Wichita Grass Lodge” by Schuyler Jones.

Series 7 -- Oversized Documents

Box 13   FF 1  Contains a certificate for land granted to JRM (August 1860) and signed by President Buchanan.

Box 13   FF 2  Contains a sketch labeled “Drouthy Kansas.”

Box 13   FF 3  Contains an address, entitled “Carries Address to the Patrons of the Daily Democrat and News” (January 1, 1861).

Box 13   FF 4  Broadside for “The Iowa Book Rooms,” 1885.

Box 13   FF 5  Certificates:  J. R. Mead as a Life Member of the Kansas State Historical Society, 1906; J.R. Mead Master of the Royal Secret of the 32nd Degree from the Scottish Rite, 1900.

Box 13   FF 6  The National Platform as adopted by the Chicago Republican Convention 1868, written text becomes a portrait of Ulysses S. Grant.

Box 13   FF 7  Pictorial Monogram of the State Government of Kansas, 1870.

Box 13   FF 8  Photographs: Wichita High School Class of 1921; James R. Mead

Box 13   FF 9  Transparencies of maps used in Mead’s book, Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains, 1859-1875.

Box 13   FF 10 Map of J. P. Hilton’s Addition to the City of Wichita. On Verso: Hand drawn map “Map of J. R. Meads addition to the city of Wichita, Kansas.

Box 13   FF 11 Map of Hawthorne Place Fort Smith Arkansas.
| Box 13 FF 12 | 2 copies of Princess Addition to Wichita, Kansas with handwritten annotations. 1 has handwritten note: “Only lots marked by Red line belong to us. You have planted some fruit on lots not ours. Keep this for Reference.” |
| Box 13 FF 13 | Photographs of J.R. Mead, James L. Mead, and Fern Mead. |
| Box 13 FF 13 | Copy of Mathewson’s Addition, 1883. |
| Box 13 FF14 | Copy of Anna Mae Bradshaw sketch “Mule Drawn Street Car.” |
| Oversized Storage | Nebraska-Kansas map (1857). Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1857-0005 |
| Oversized Storage | Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, drawn by D. D. Morse, 1878. (Photograph of map.) Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1878-0002. |
| Oversized Storage | Map labeled “James R. Mead’s Addition to Wichita”, 1870. Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1870-0005 |
| Oversized Storage | Wichita, Kansas, Bird’s Eye View, Drawn by E. S. Glover (2 Copies) 1873. Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1873-0005 |
| Oversized Storage | Map of Wichita, Kansas, 1887. Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1887-0012. |
| Oversized Storage | Map of the United States showing Routes of Principal Explorers and Early Roads and Highways, 1908. Moved to Map Collection; call number MAP 1908-0003. |
| Oversized Storage | Reproduction poster “Lewis Lindsay Dyche Naturalist and Explorer,” Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, 1977; Certificate: James Richards Mead as a member of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1897; pages showing views of Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita. Kansas, unknown date; print of the engraving “Garfield’s Home - ‘Lawnfield,’ Mentor, Ohio, supplement of the American Agriculturist, Vol. XLVI, No. 10, October, 1887. |
| Oversized Storage | Maps: Plat of East Wichita, 1910; plat of Douglas Avenue Addition to Wichita Kansas, 1914; Princess Addition to Wichita, Kansas, circa 1887; Town of Wichita Sedgwick County Kansas East Half of North East Quarter Section20 Township 27 South Range 1 East 80 Acres by William Griffenstein, 1876; Meads Addition; J. R. Mead’s Addition to Wichita. |

**Series 8 -- Wichita Grass Lodge on Mead Island**

| Box 14 FF 1 | Contains newspaper clippings about stamps and stamp collecting. |
Box 14  FF 2  Contains programs (after 1910).
Box 14  FF 3  Contains a sale advertisement for Payne’s land in Wichita (1929).
Box 14  FF 4  Contains Bliss Isely correspondence (1924-5) regarding the Indian Lodge.
Box 14  FF 5  Contains duplicate photographs of those found in the scrapbook.
Box 14  FF 6  Contains duplicate photographs of those found in the scrapbook (16).
Box 14  FF 7  Contains photographs originally in a folder labeled “Prints of Wichita Grass Lodge -- made from Jordan negatives and printed in Oxford, England, 1985, at Pitt Rivers Museum, Dr. Schuyler Jones, Curator.”
Box 14  FF 8  Contains newspaper articles concerning the Wichita Grass Lodge.
Box 14  FF 10  Contains newspapers clippings from local papers on topics of local history (1910-1989), including William Mathewson, Jesse Chisholm, L.L. Dyche, and Tin Cup.
Box 14  FF 11  Contains newspaper articles concerning Kansas history.
Box 14  FF 12  Contains newspaper articles concerning Kansas history.
Box 14  FF 13  Contains newspaper articles concerning Kansas history.

Series 9 -- Business and Personal Correspondence of JRM's wife Fern, his son Bunnie and daughter Loreta

Box 15  FF 1  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1910).
Box 15  FF 2  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1912).
Box 15  FF 3  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1913).
Box 15  FF 4  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1914).
Box 15  FF 5  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1915).
Box 15  FF 6  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1916).
Box 15  FF 7  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1922).
Box 15  FF 8  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1923).
Box 15  FF 9  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1924).
Box 15  FF 10  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1926).
Box 15  FF 11  Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1927).
Box 15 FF 12 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1928).
Box 15 FF 13 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1929).
Box 15 FF 14 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1930).
Box 15 FF 15 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1931).
Box 15 FF 16 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1932).
Box 15 FF 17 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1935).
Box 15 FF 18 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1936).
Box 15 FF 19 Business correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1937-1944). Contains general correspondence and Fern Mead Jordan’s last Will and Testament.
Box 15 FF 20 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan. Contains letters to Fern from L.L. Dyche (1904-1915).
Box 15 FF 21 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1910-1912).
Box 15 FF 22 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1913).
Box 15 FF 23 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1914).
Box 15 FF 24 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1915-1919).
Box 15 FF 25 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan (1920-1930).
Box 15 FF 26 Personal correspondence of Fern Mead Jordan. Contains letters from radio personality, “Lola” (1928-1930).
Box 15 FF 27 Fern Mead Jordan’s Memorabilia. Contains a cartoon, entitled “Bringing up Fern;” contains certificates from the American Red Cross and the Sedgwick County War Funds Association; contains a war ration book; contains a brochure from the Braley Flying School and an agreement (signed by Fern and Loreta) of the Braley Flying Women’s Club.
Box 15 FF 28 Contains various correspondence and documents that are not dated.
Box 15 FF 29 Contains empty envelopes addressed to Fern Mead Jordan.
Box 15 FF 30 Account notebook of Bunnie Mead’s bicycle business.
Box 15 FF 31 Account book of Bunnie Mead’s dated 1917.
Box 15 FF 32 Account book of Bunnie Mead’s dated 1934.
Box 15 FF 33 Business correspondence of Bunnie Mead. Contains correspondence (1890-1899), written by Bunnie to his Father, JRM and aunt, Lizzie, concerning business issues.
Box 15 FF 34 Business correspondence of Bunnie Mead. Contains correspondence (1900-1907), written by Bunnie to his Father, JRM and aunt, Lizzie, concerning business issues.
| Box 15 | FF 58 | Contains a catalog and price list illustrating Mead Cycle Company’s genuine British-made bicycles, 1906. |
| Box 15 | FF 59 | Contains an article entitled “The New Mead Programme” in *Bicycling News*. |
| Box 15 | FF 60 | Contains a program of the Tercentenary Celebration of the Town of Greenwich and the dedication of the stone in memory of Maj. General Ebenezer Mead (June 23, 1940). |
| Box 15 | FF 61 | Contains newspaper clippings concerning James L. Mead’s estranged wife, Cora, her death and the investigation to determine if the cause of her death was murder or suicide. |
| Box 15 | FF 62 | Contains newspaper clippings about the death of James L. Mead; contains James L. Mead’s Last Will and Testament. |
| Box 15 | FF 63 | Contains empty envelopes addressed to James L. Mead. |
| Box 15 | FF 64 | Contains a photograph of James L. Mead with his son, James R. Mead. |
| Box 15 | FF 65 | Business correspondence and related documents of Loreta Mead Almond. |
| Box 15 | FF 66 | Contains a letter (November 12, 1914) from Loreta Mead to her mother, Fern Mead Jordan, listing different gift items she would like. |
| Box 15 | FF 67 | Contains two letters to Loreta from Ruth Dyche. |
| Box 15 | FF 68 | Contains postcards written to Loreta. |
| Box 15 | FF 69 | Contains a membership card to the American Red Cross; contains receipts for United States Bonds of the 4th Liberty Loan and pin. |
| Box 15 | FF 70 | Contains Loreta Mead’s monthly report card from Washington School, 2nd grade class; contains Commencement Exercise Program from Wichita High School (June 1, 1923). |

**Series 10 -- Personal Correspondence of JRM’s daughter Ignace Mead Jones and family**

| Box 16 | FF 1 | Personal correspondence of Ignace Mead Jones (1913-1918). Contains letters written by Ignace to her mother, Fern, her stepfather, Mr. Jordan, and sister, Loreta. |
| Box 16 | FF 2 | Personal correspondence of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains letters written by Ignace to her husband Schuyler and Olive Ann Beech. |
| Box 16 | FF 3 | Personal correspondence of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains letters from friends; two letters from Bunnie Mead, and a letter from Ignace’s half-sister, Lizzie. |
| Box 16 | FF 4 | Personal correspondence of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains 2 telegrams from her husband, Schuyler; a letter from Schuyler concerning his White House visit to measure Eleanor Roosevelt for a pair of boots. |
Box 16  FF 5  Personal correspondence of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains postcards and greeting cards from her friends.


Box 16  FF 7  Business Documents of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains a warranty deed (January 11, 1950) and a petition to sell real estate between Loreta and Ignace Mead.

Box 16  FF 8  Contains a small notebook with a quote from a book.

Box 16  FF 9  Contains 2 small notebooks with reminders.

Box 16  FF 10  Memorabilia of Ignace Mead Jones. Contains a membership card to the American Red Cross; a ration book; a letter from the principal of the Wichita Public Schools.

Box 16  FF 11  Correspondence of Schuyler Jones (Ignace’s husband). Contains business and personal correspondence (1930-1980).

Box 16  FF 12  Contains a brochure for the Teitzel Jones Boot Company, and ration books for Schuyler III and Schuyler Jr.

Box 16  FF 13  Contains an account book, dated 1901-1917.

Box 16  FF 14  Photographs. Contains photographs of unidentified individuals.

Box 16  FF 15  Photographs. Contains photographs of buildings damaged by a storm; contains photographs of Ignace or Loreta on horseback near their home at 134 North Belmont Avenue in Wichita; other unidentified snapshots, several including airplanes.

Box 16  FF 16  Photographs. Contains pictures of unidentified people.

Box 16  FF 17  Photographs. Contains photographs of Fern, Loreta and Ignace Mead.

Box 16  FF 18  Photographs. Contains photographs of Wichita and Ft. Dodge; woodblock prints of Ft. Smith and the New York Chamber of Commerce building.

Series 11 -- Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains, 1859-1875

Box 16  FF 19  Contains general correspondence to Ignace from other researchers requesting information on various subjects.

Box 16  FF 20  Contains correspondence between Ignace and her son, Schuyler, concerning the book (1978-1980).

Box 16  FF 21  Reminiscences of Frontier Life. Contains 168 pages of the memoirs of J. R. Mead family history.

Box 16  FF 22  Reminiscences of Frontier Life. Contains 168 pages of the memoirs of J. R. Mead family history.
Box 16 FF 23 *Reminiscences of Frontier Life.* Contains 168 pages of the memoirs of J. R. Mead family history.

Box 16 FF 24 Contains excerpts of transcribed JRM letters by Robert D. Mead (JRM’s grandson) sent to Ignace from James E. Mead, October 20, 1988.

Box 16 FF 25 Photocopies of original JRM letters.

Box 16 FF 26 Contains photocopies of original JRM letters.

Box 16 FF 27 Contains excerpts of transcribed JRM letters by Robert D. Mead (JRM’s grandson) sent to Ignace from James E. Mead, October 20, 1988.

Box 16 FF 28 Contains excerpts of transcribed JRM letters by Robert D. Mead (JRM’s grandson) sent to Ignace from James E. Mead, October 20, 1988.

Box 16 FF 29 Contains photocopies of transcribed JRM letters by his son, Bunnie Mead.

Box 16 FF 30 Contains excerpts of transcribed JRM letters by Robert D. Mead (JRM’s grandson), with a note from Ignace and Schuyler.

Box 16 FF 31 Contains photocopies of original handwritten JRM letters.

Box 17 FF 1 Contains photocopies of the transcribed diary of Mary Emmes James Mead (JRM’s mother), January 1888 - December 1890.

Box 17 FF 2 Contains a photocopy of transcribed JRM journal entitled “Journal of Incidents and Events Occurring During an Excursion to the Rocky Mountains” dated May 4, 1859-June 14, 1859.

Box 17 FF 3 Contains 2 sets of photocopies taken from a tablet filled with drawings, sketched by JRM of the cane figures.

Box 17 FF 4 Contains photocopies of a JRM journal, dated March 5, 1879 - September 12, 1879.

Box 17 FF 5 Contains photocopies of JRM’s account ledgers.

Box 17 FF 6 Contains photocopies of addresses written and delivered by JRM; contains a letter to the editor of *Eldorado Times* (February 19, 1892).

Box 17 FF 7 Contains correspondence to Schuyler Jones from researchers providing him with information and pictures of Alexander Spilman and other issues.

Box 17 FF 8 Contains photocopies of published articles that mention JRM.

Box 17 FF 9 Contains a photocopy of the “Addendum to the Explanation of Trust Agreements (JEM) of the James L. Mead Wichita Trust.”

Box 17 FF 10 Contains notes from published books and maps.

Box 17 FF 11 Contains 2 notebooks.

Box 17 FF 12 Contains 2 legal pads with notes.
Box 17 FF 13 Contains list of items photocopied; handwritten excerpts from letters; contains 2 articles written by Craig Miner, entitled “Plain Talk” and “Two Wichita Fathers.”

Box 17 FF 14 Contains notes for the book.

Box 17 FF 15 Contains notes for the book.

Box 17 FF 16 Contains part of the manuscript in handwriting and the Epilogue.

Box 17 FF 17 Contains part of the manuscript in handwriting and the Epilogue.

Box 17 FF 18 Contains notes about the route taken by JRM in 1859; excerpts from JRM's writings concerning certain topics; part of the manuscript.

Box 17 FF 19 Contains photocopies requested by Schuyler from Ignace.

Box 17 FF 20 Contains notes, photocopies and news clippings. Included are letters between Shuyler and Ignace about the book.

Box 17 FF 21 Contains notes, photocopies and news clippings. Included are letters between Shuyler and Ignace about the book.

Box 17 FF 22 Contains notes, photocopies and news clippings. Included are letters between Shuyler and Ignace about the book.

Box 17 FF 23 Contains maps and their descriptions for the book.

Box 17 FF 24 Contains maps and their descriptions for the book.

Box 17 FF 25 Contains photographs for the book.

Box 17 FF 26 Contains photographs for the book.

Box 17 FF 27 Contains photocopies of maps and photographs for the book.

Box 17 FF 28 Contains miscellaneous articles for the book.

Box 18 FF 1 Contains the October 1979 draft copy of Chisholm Trail the Life of a Hunter on the Great Plains of America 1859-1875.

Box 18 FF 2 Contains the October 1979 draft copy of Chisholm Trail the Life of a Hunter on the Great Plains of America 1859-1875.

Box 18 FF 3 Contains marked-up copies of the second draft, dated January 1980 (Chapters 1-5; 12-14; 16).

Box 18 FF 4 Contains marked-up copies of the second draft, dated January 1980 (Chapters 1-3; 5-6; 17).

Box 18 FF 5 Contains the editor’s changes to the book.

Box 18 FF 6 Contains the editors changes to the book.

Box 18 FF 7 Contains the footnotes.

Box 18 FF 8 Contains the index.

Box 18 FF 9 Contains the epilogue.
Box 18 FF 10 Contains the introduction, written by Ignace.

Box 18 FF 11 Contains the appendix.

Box 18 FF 12 Contains a record book of the revisions made and notes on the final draft.

Box 18 FF 13 Contains the “miscellaneous proofs of final corrections” for the book.

Box 18 FF 14 Contains the Master copy of Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains 1859-1875.


Box 18 FF 16 Contains the correspondence of Schuyler Jones concerning the book (1980-1987).

Box 18 FF 17 Contains “About the Author” forms.

Box 18 FF 18 Contains the contracts between Schuyler Jones and the University of Oklahoma Press.

Box 18 FF 19 Contains University of Oklahoma Press “Readers Reports.”

Box 18 FF 20 Contains book reviews for Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains 1859-1875.

Box 18 FF 21 Contains True West magazine (November 1986), which published a chapter from the book entitled “Paradise Valley.”

Box 18 FF 22 Contains computer disks of the transcribed JRM letters.

Box 18 FF 23 Contains photographs of the book; contains photographs of Ignace and Schuyler at their 61st wedding anniversary.

Series 12 -- Scrapbooks

Box 19 FF 1 Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings of obituaries.

Box 19 FF 2 Scrapbook containing photographs, newspaper clippings and poetry.

Box 19 FF 3 Scrapbook containing JRM’s transcribed letters compiled by Loreta Mead (1938).

Box 20 FF 1 Scrapbook containing maps and photographs.

Box 20 FF 2 Scrapbook concerning the Wichita Grass Lodge on Mead Island.

Box 20 FF 3 Scrapbook concerning the “Old Settlers Society” and obituaries.

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