

Scope of the Colorado Bibliography

Note- This project is supplementary. It seeks historical sources that have not yet been preserved through previous projects. The scope, therefore, is not meant to comprehensively cover the topic of agriculture and rural life in Colorado. Rather, it strives to fill in the gaps—to find the particular materials that need to be preserved.

Types of Publications

Included:

Published books and periodicals; Colorado State publications pertinent to agriculture and rural life (including theses, dissertations, Extension and Experiment Station publications, state legislative and census, and other publications applicable to agriculture and rural life.)

The following kinds of publications may be in our bigger bibliography, but are not included in the bibliography that we are asking you to review:

Pamphlets, broadsides, personal manuscripts, papers, correspondence, collections and other archival non-published materials; directories and catalogs; atlases and maps; audit reports; corporate papers and records (with a few exceptions); newspapers (with a few exceptions); almanacs; compilations of laws, court cases and judicial hearings; official publications below the county level; county histories; church histories; federal publications; photographs; promotional movies; relevant novels.

Political and Geographic Areas Searched

Colorado; pieces of territories that later became Colorado: Louisiana Territory, Missouri Territory, Mexican Territory, Utah Territory, New Mexico Territory, Nebraska Territory, Kansas Territory; Colorado Territory; South Platte River Valley; Arkansas River Valley; Colorado River watershed; Rocky Mountains, including: Front Range, Medicine Bow Range, Mosquito Range, Gore Range, Sawatch Range, Elk Range, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, San Juan Range, Continental Divide; San Luis Valley; Grand Mesa; Grand Valley; Mesa Country of Western Slope; Four Corners area; Santa Fe Trail; Overland Trail

Specific Subject Areas

1) Technical Agriculture:

Farming, food and nonfood agricultural products; major, minor and experimental crops; agronomic techniques, including plant breeding; animal science; forestry; crop insects, pests, diseases and their control; food science; home gardens and home food processing; agricultural engineering (farm equipment, farm structures, agricultural technology); irrigation; rural transportation, including railways, horse-drawn wagons, and automobile travel; natural resources pertaining to agriculture (soils, water, meteorology); conservation of natural resources pertaining to agriculture; beekeeping and honey.

2) Rural Economy:

Agricultural economics; Farm organization and management; production economics; food distribution; state food supply; statistical data; agricultural prices; marketing of agricultural products; small scale, home production and marketing of agricultural products (e.g., garden produce, orchards, poultry, eggs); agricultural and food policies (state level only); cooperatives; agricultural finance and land economics; land use; land tenure; rural industry and business connected with the processing and marketing of agricultural products; mining booms and busts; tourist industry; other rural economy; farm labor, including immigrants.

Exclusions: econometric methods; international trade in agricultural products.

3) Rural Life:

Family farming; the farm home and family; farm and ranching communities; mining communities and their lifestyle; recreation gateway communities; tourism promotion; rural organizations (e.g. agricultural societies, Grange, Farm and Home bureau, 4-H, church, improvement societies, school-related groups); rural political organizations; farmers' movements; farm demographics; child care and nutrition; rural communication/media; rural libraries and schools; home economics as a high school or college discipline (and by college extension service or other state services); rural-urban migration; country life movement; rural play and recreation activities; county and local fairs; nature study movement; cooperative extension service; development of rural leadership; selected mail order catalogs of interest to farm families; role of women in farm life and rural communities; automobiles and rural life; railroads and rural life; farm house architecture; tourist accommodations; tourist activities; rural health and medical care; rural social services, welfare, and social security; rural art; rural water supply and waste water treatment; engineering and efficiency aspects of a farm house (sanitation, water supply, safety, home design, equipment, electrification, and refrigeration); management of farm workers, domestic employees, and farm home; promotion of farming regions to prospective immigrants.