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Dr. Melvin C. Wren, chairman of the Montana State University History Department, has donated books and copies of original documents valued at more than \$1,000 to the MSU Library. The collection is the first major gift made through the Friends of the Library, a group of University faculty and students and interested Montana citizens organized to aid the library, according to Dr. Jacob Vinocur, assistant professor of English and publicity chairman of the group.

Dr. Wren's ^{collection}~~gift~~ of about 200 volumes and documents deals primarily with English social, political and economic history but also includes many works on Russian history in both Russian and English. About half the collection consists of copies of 16th and 17th century documents that are now in British museums and private collections. Dr. Wren said he acquired most of them by rummaging through bookshops in London.

Gary Beiswanger of Billings, student director of the Friends of the Library, said bookplates will be printed for all books donated to the library through the group.

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