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MISSOULA BREWING CO. RECORDS DONATED TO UM BY POLSON WOMAN

MISSOULA --

Financial records, correspondence and photographs of the Missoula Brewing Co. recently were donated to the University of Montana Library Archives by Mrs. Anita Taylor of Finley Point, Polson.

The 15-cubic-foot collection covers the periods from 1915-19 and from 1933-54. The brewery, which ceased operation in 1964, manufactured Highlander Beer in the Garden City. The firm was one of Montana's last brewing companies.

Dale Johnson, UM Library archivist, said there are no longer any breweries operating in Montana, although before prohibition almost all the larger communities in the state had breweries.

Besides having the material of the Missoula Brewing Co., the UM Library Archives also has on permanent file the papers and records of the Great Falls Breweries, Billings Brewery and the Anaconda Brewery.

Johnson said the Missoula Brewing Co. formerly was located at the base of Waterworks Hill at the north edge of Missoula. The brewery was torn down in the 1960s to make way for Interstate 90.