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MANSFIELD LIBRARY RECEIVES MERRIAM PAPERS

MISSOULA--

A collection of letters, manuscripts and memorabilia from the late University of Montana professor H. G. Merriam's personal files has been donated to the UM Archives, according to Dale Johnson, UM archivist.

Included in the collection is correspondence with poets Ezra Pound and Grace Stone Coates and authors Andrew Garcia and Dorothy M. Johnson, among many others. Johnson said the collection would be most valuable for its historical information on Frontier and Midland, a regional literary magazine, as well as on the Montana Institute of the Arts, which Merriam co-founded.

Merriam was a UM professor of English and humanities from 1919 until his retirement in 1954. He edited Frontier and Midland, which was published from 1920-1939, wrote and edited a number of books, and in 1970 wrote "The University of Montana: A History." He was one of the first Americans to attend Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar in 1904.

Merriam died at his home in Missoula on March 26, 1980. He was 96. The collection was donated by his daughter, Alison Merriam Payne, a UM graduate living in Alexandria, Va.

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