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STERLING RECORDS
GIVEN TO UM

MISSOULA, Mont.---

A tip from newspaper publisher Ray Loman has turned up "one of the most complete sets of business records ever turned over to the University of Montana," according to K. Ross Toole, professor of Western history.

Loman, publisher of the Ronan Pioneer, suggested to UM Archivist Dale Johnson, that George Sterling, owner of a grocery business in Ronan, might have the type of material the UM was looking for.

When approached by Johnson, Sterling stated he did have old records and agreed to have them transferred to the UM.

Johnson describes the trove as ledgers, journals, correspondence and invoices that date back prior to 1905.

It was in that year that A.M. Sterling bought out the interest of Jesse Sear, operator of a general merchandise business in Ronan.

Robert Peterson, Hill Professor of Business History, stated that one of the reasons the records are so important is that they will provide an economic guide to the transitional period during which the reservation area was opened to whites.

Peterson feels the economic development of the upper Mission Valley should be accurately reflected from the records.

Johnson said that the material will first be indexed and later graduate students will use it for doctoral studies.

Johnson feels the Sterling business is very rich in lore. The present operation is a grocery business operated by George Sterling, a son of A.M. Sterling.

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