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MS188
Memorandum and Notebook of E. A. Barber
1875

1.5 inches (linear)

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Donated by Col. David K. Doyle, 1975.

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Biographical Sketch

Edwin Atlee Barber was born in Baltimore, Maryland on 13 August 1851. He entered Lafayette College in 1869 but left before graduating to assume a position as an assistant naturalist for the Hayden Survey, the first U.S. Government-sponsored expedition to explore what is now the Four Corners area of the Southwest. He developed an interest in decorated pottery and rapidly became an authority in Pueblo ceramic art. He contributed several articles to the *New York Herald* and *American Naturalist* about his work with the Hayden Survey. After the Hayden Survey ended, he returned to Lafayette College and graduated in 1877. Edwin received a graduate degree from Lafayette College in 1893. He began working as curator of ceramics at the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, becoming the Museum's director in 1907, a position he held until his death from pneumonia on 12 December 1916 at age 65.

The Hayden Survey of 1875 is described in McPherson, R. S. and Neel, S. R. (2016). *Mapping the Four Corners: Narrating the Hayden Survey of 1875*. Norman, OK, University of Oklahoma Press.

Source: "Edwin Atlee Barber" in Wikipedia, retrieved 2 February 2019.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_Atlee_Barber

Series Description or Arrangement

This collection consists of two plastic comb-bound photocopies of Barber's handwritten notebook from the Hayden Expedition of 1875. Barber's notes have the character of a diary, with detailed descriptions of people, places and events encountered on this expedition. A very few pencil-drawings are included.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of photocopies of notebooks written by Edwin Atlee Barber, correspondent of the *New York Herald*, during his travels with the Hayden Survey of 1875. The notes in this collection are raw and unedited. Although the author's handwriting is usually good, large and clear, many of the copied pages are of low contrast and are only marginally legible. Barber makes only minimal mention of the surveyors' brief armed clash with members of the Ute tribe toward the end of the Expedition, an incident that in historical retrospect is now the most well-remembered and controversial part of the Survey.

Provenance Statement

The original of these notes may be held at the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. The copies were donated to the UTEP Library in 1975 by Col. David K. Doyle of Fairfax, VT.

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Notes to the Researcher

None.

Container List

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1	1	Memorandum and Notebook of E.A. Barber, Correspondent of the <i>New York Herald</i> . Two different bound photocopies of original handwritten notes.	1875