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CREATOR: Reubens, John B.

TITLE: John B. Reubens papers

DATES: 1902–2000

BULK DATES: 1952–1998

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 11.21 linear feet (12 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, subject files, notebooks and slides.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Ragen MacKenzie on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2000.

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Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization. As a rule, descriptive information found in the Collection Contents section is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

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John B. Reubens

John B. Reubens, born July 11, 1917 in New York City to Raymond and Harriet (Stern) Reubens, was educated at the Horace Mann School (1935) in New York, Yale University (1939), and Columbia University (1942). After earning his law degree in 1942 he entered the family law firm of Stern and Reubens. Reubens joined the U.S. Army the same year and served in the 82nd Airborne and Sixth Armored Division Infantry until 1945. He returned to law practice from 1945 to 1952, when he moved his family to Colorado Springs, Colorado. For the next 40 years he worked in various writing-related jobs, as a reporter, editor, and contributing writer at newspapers and managing editor for engineering and technical magazines. Reubens also wrote articles on fishing and fly fishing, fiction, and film scripts. After spending time in Mexico during the 1960s and 1970s, Reubens and his family settled in Montana in 1978, where he wrote a weekly column for a Livingston paper and advocated for local environmental concerns. He and his wife Madonna "Hap" Curran had small roles in the popular 1992 film *A River Runs Through It*, filmed in parts of Montana and Wyoming. Reubens died July 1, 1999 in Livingston, Montana.

Biographical information taken from obituary published in the *Livingston Enterprise*, July 15, 1999.

Scope and Contents

The John B. Reubens papers contains material documenting the professional life of American author and editor John B. Reubens. Reubens settled in the American West after serving in the U.S. Army in the 1940s, and the papers document his professional activities as a newspaper reporter, technical writer, and author from the 1950s onward. Materials include drafts of writings, correspondence, personal papers, and subject files on such topics as fishing and fly fishing and environmental issues in Montana and Wyoming.

Arrangement

Organized into seven groupings: Writings, 1968-1997. Writings on Fishing, 1960-1990. General Correspondence, 1952-2000. Personal/Family Correspondence, 1942-1995. Writings on Fly Fishing and Related Articles, 1949-1977. Notebooks, 1940-1993. Subject Files and Writings, 1902-1999.

Collection Contents

Writings, 1968-1997

b.1	Doubtful Legacy <i>3 Folders</i>	1986
b.1	Esmeralda <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b.1	El Fego Baca <i>3 Folders</i>	1975
b.1	Freedom Regained <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b.1	Invitation to Murder <i>3 Folders</i>	1987
b.1	Marlowe <i>2 Folders</i>	1998
b.1	Various Stories <i>3 Folders</i>	1968-1978
b.2	Against the Current <i>5 Folders</i>	1995
b.2	Bitter Fruit <i>3 Folders</i>	1995
b.2	Cookbook <i>4 Folders</i>	1965
b.2	Deadly Legacy <i>3 Folders</i>	1991
b.2	Delight in Battle <i>2 Folders</i>	1997

Writings on Fishing, 1960-1990

b. 3	Angler's Beat	1968-1977
b. 3	Home Projects, Tool Ads	1960-1990
b. 3	Fly Fishing Casting Tips	1984-1991
b. 3	Fly Fishing Foreign	1980-1999
b. 3	France	undated
b. 3	Fish Management	1987-1991

General Correspondence, 1952-2000

b. 3	Avery	1980-1995
b. 3	Belin, Don and Harriet	1962-1993
b. 3	Birthday Cards	1960-1993
b. 3	Bower, Bill and Lorraine	1960-1995
b. 3	Bralower	1997
b. 3	Cox, Charles and Kirsten	1986-1993
b. 3	Crosswords	1989
b. 3	Dirks, John and Mary	1968-1999
b. 3	Eckhardt, Mac and Doris	1981-1996
b. 3	Fasanella, Rocko and Marion	1977-1999
b. 3	Frazier, William	1998
b. 3	Gamboa, Fidel	1976-1988
b. 3	Hadley, Arthur and Bush, George	1992-1997
b. 3	Haigh-Brown, Valerie	1952-1990
b. 3	Hamilburg, Michael	1988-1996
b. 3	Howard, Mac	1960-1990
b. 3	Howe, Dave	1974-1981
b. 3	Johnson, Ben	1972-1999
b. 3	Kelsey, Stephen	1987-1992
b. 3	Kemp, Vivian	1960-1980
b. 3	Knopf, Pat	1953-1992
b. 3	Kustich, Jerry	1983-1997
b. 3	Lorrey, Andrew	1994-1995
b. 3	Lorrey, Haidee	1994-1996
b. 3	Lorrey, Jeannie	1973-1994
b. 4	Lee-Ray, Jan	1996-1998
b. 4	Livingston, Tom	1980-1997
b. 4	Mann, David	1971-1990
b. 4	McCowen, Margaret	1970-1996

b. 4	McGuane, Thomas	1996
b. 4	Miscellaneous	1987-2000
b. 4	Montana Friends	1999
b. 4	McNulty, J. Munroe	1983-198[?]
b. 4	Murphy, Tom	1981-1990
b. 4	Mueller, Sawyer	1997-1998
b. 4	Orr, Larry	1969-1997
b. 4	Perry, William	1980-1989
b. 4	Peterson, Beryl	1980-1995
b. 4	Ramirez family	1971-1997
b. 4	Shannon, William	1997-1998
b. 4	Sheffer, Craig	2000
b. 4	Sprague, Mash <i>2 Folders</i>	1999
b. 4	Starr, Roger	undated
b. 4	Wenz, Skip <i>3 Folders</i>	1996
b. 4	Woelfer, Emerson	1967-1992
b. 4	Yale	1999

Personal/Family Correspondence, 1942-1995

b. 5	Military service and discharge	1942
b. 5	Petition for bar admission	1947
b. 5	Ailes, John <i>3 Folders</i>	1953-1987
b. 5	Britton, Edgar	1972
b. 5	Buchman, Harry	1961-1982
b. 5	Lorrey, Jean	1970-1979
b. 5	McClane, Al	1970-1995
b. 5	McCue, George	1962-1993
b. 5	Wright, Charles	1979-1991

Writings on Fly Fishing and Related Articles, 1949-1977

b. 5	Colorado Fishing Regulations	1959-1976
b. 5	Field Notes	1949-1953
b. 5	Sportsman's Corner <i>3 Folders</i>	1968-1977
b. 5	Angler's Beat <i>4 Folders</i>	1957-1967
b. 6	Hunting and fishing notes	1968
b. 6	Note cards	1970
b. 6	Paid in full <i>3 Folders</i>	undated

Notebooks, 1940-1993

b. 6	Fly Patterns <i>2 Folders</i>	1980-1990
b. 6	Montana Spring Creeks <i>2 Folders</i>	1986
b. 6	Environmental Issues	1993
b. 6	Forest Service Volumes 1-4 <i>4 Folders</i>	1940-1980
b. 6	General Fish Information	1970-1990
b. 6	Notes (general)	1970-1990

Subject Files and Writings, 1902-1999

b. 6	A to the Nth	1967
b. 6	Against the Current	1966
b. 6	Altered, Mutilated or Defaced	1998
b. 7	American Rivers	1995-1998
b. 7	Balanced is Better	1986
b. 7	Banks and Banking	1991-1993
b. 7	Baucus, Max	1991-1997
b. 7	Bees Wax	1993
b. 7	Bird and Animal Drawings	1976-1999
b. 7	Bison	1994
b. 7	Blowout	undated
b. 7	Calabi, Syl	1983-1998
b. 7	Candle Maker	1996
b. 7	Cartoons	undated
b. 7	Catalogue Running	1993
b. 7	Catalogue, Angler's Art	1994
b. 7	Catch and Release	1988
b. 7	Caterpillar	1998
b. 7	Certain Unpleasantness	1992-1995
b. 7	Character Part	1985
b. 7	Christmas Peril	1985
b. 7	Clean Water	1994-1996
b. 7	Common Cause	1992-1995
b. 7	Correct Legislature	1995
b. 7	County Commissioners	1969-1996
b. 7	Covers	1993
b. 7	Cracking the Refrigerator Code	1995
b. 7	Criminal Roster	1993
b. 7	Crossword Correspondence	1988-1997

b. 7	Crossword Forms	undated
b. 7	Congress-Reps	1998
b. 7	Consumer's Handbook	1992
b. 7	Construction Central States <i>2 Folders</i>	1965-1997
b. 7	C.U.T. Prophet	1987-1993
b. 7	Danger Sunshine	1985
b. 7	Delight In Battle	1995
b. 7	Decoys	undated
b. 7	Ducks	1981-1993
b. 7	Durango Story	1973
b. 7	Ecological Approach	1998
b. 7	Epidemics	1992
b. 7	E-Mails	1999
b. 7	Eyes Have It	1984
b. 8	Federation of Fly Fishers	1994
b. 8	F.E.R.C.	1991-1992
b. 8	Field and Stream	1997
b. 8	Fish and Game Commissions	1986-1996
b. 8	Fishing Spring Creeks	1979
b. 8	Fishing Miscellaneous	1988-1997
b. 8	Fishing Montana	1978-1992
b. 8	Fly Fishing Refs	1986
b. 8	Flying Suppliers	1950-1999
b. 8	Flowing Gold	1988
b. 8	Forestry Fraud	1991-1993
b. 8	Forestry Management	1988-1996
b. 8	Gingrich	1994-1999
b. 8	Grand Canyon Trip	1983
b. 8	Gray's Journal	1991-1992
b. 8	Grizzly Bears	1988

b. 8	Henry's Fork Foundation	1989-1995
b. 8	High County News	1986-1994
b. 8	Hooked On Caddis	1991
b. 8	Hot Chestnuts	1995
b. 8	Humor	1987-1996
b. 8	Humor, Miscellaneous	1960-1990
b. 8	Humor, Pogo and Pfeiffer	1960-1990
b. 8	Ideas Unfinished	undated
b. 8	Invitation To Murder	1987
b. 8	Jewelry	1993
b. 8	Job Hunt	1991
b. 8	Ladies of the Angle	undated
b. 8	Lands End	1987
b. 8	Leaders	1983
b. 8	Limmericks	1973-1985
b. 8	Long Way Down	1986
b. 8	Luck of the Draw	1996
b. 9	Magic Wands	1987
b. 9	Mail Fraud	1996
b. 9	Man Will Be Convicted	1993-1994
b. 9	Map of Boulder	1902
b. 9	Marketing	1992-1997
b. 9	Marlowe	1987-1999
b. 9	Marty Sherman	1987-1997
b. 9	Matter of Choice	1992
b. 9	Measure of the Year	1979-1993
b. 9	Miles	undated
b. 9	Ministry of Fear	1991
b. 9	Mirada Larga Press	1981-1998
b. 9	Missoula Carousel	1995

b. 9	Mithra	1986
b. 9	Modest Proposal	1997
b. 9	Morrison Knudson	1998
b. 9	Montana Regulations	1984-1988
b. 9	Montana Environment	1990-1999
b. 9	Montana Trout Foundation	1989-1994
b. 9	Montana Alliance	1989-1995
b. 9	Motion Picture-River Runs Through It: acting contracts, opening invitations, screenplay, final crew lists, newspaper articles on production, correspondence with Robert Redford <i>3 Folders</i>	1996-1997
b. 9	Music to Buy	1987
b. 9	National Parks	1986-1998
b. 9	Nature Conservancy	1988-1999
b. 9	Neat-Messy	undated
b. 9	Neglected Genius	1996
b. 9	Nick Lyons	1983-1996
b. 9	No Spill Cement Holder	1988
b. 9	Not the Khan	1992
b. 9	Not the River	1983
b. 9	Office Supplies	1998
b. 9	Orvis	1996
b. 9	Outdoor Fiction	1986
b. 9	Overmuch Reading	1992
b. 9	Paper Chase	1987
b. 9	Parks	1986-1996
b. 9	Park City Environmental Council	1997
b. 9	Park County Weekly Articles	1997-1998
b. 9	People For the American Way	1993
b. 9	Personalities	1989-1999
b. 10	Pesticides	1968-1990

b. 10	Poetry <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 10	Pollution Air	1989-1998
b. 10	Pollution Water	1969-1992
b. 10	Postage Due	1995
b. 10	Pou-Pou	1963
b. 10	Pretty Woman II	1995
b. 10	Preserved In Amber	1985
b. 10	Proper Credit	1995
b. 10	Proposals for Aero Space <i>2 Folders</i>	1968
b. 10	Publications List	undated
b. 10	Range Conservation and Anti- Conservation <i>2 Folders</i>	1984-1998
b. 10	Redford	1995-1999
b. 10	Regional Rap	1988-1991
b. 10	Restored Glory Railway Car	1996
b. 10	Rest Stop	1989
b. 10	Resume	1976-1994
b. 10	Rifle Pointers	1995
b. 10	Rowers	1992
b. 10	Safety and Speed	1978
b. 10	Salmon	1990-1992
b. 10	School Board	1983-1996
b. 10	Scientific Writing	1965-1985
b. 10	Serpent's Tooth	undated
b. 10	Shoshone River	1994-1996
b. 10	Smallmouth of West Virginia	1991
b. 10	Small Stream Addicts	1993
b. 10	Smith, Daniel	1998
b. 10	Smithsonian	1998
b. 10	Souvenir Magazines Brochures	1967-1976

b. 10	Speculator	1996
b. 10	Spring Creek Restoration	1996
b. 10	Suspect	1995
b. 10	Syndication	1981-1998
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b. 11	Tag lines	1994-1997
b. 11	Teaching Tolerance	1993-1997
b. 11	Tear Sheets	1954-1990
b. 11	Technical Writing	1958-1968
b. 11	Theater Programs	1980-1998
b. 11	Trains	1993
b. 11	Travel Aid Supreme	undated
b. 11	Treble Play	1982
b. 11	Trout Spawned Dollars	1986
b. 11	Tumbleweed Cartoons	1980-1999
b. 11	Unlucky One	1993
b. 11	Virginia City	1995
b. 11	Vengeance	1994
b. 11	Washroom Wipeout	1997
b. 11	Wilderness Bill	1992
b. 11	With My Own Hands	1974
b. 11	Wilderness Association	1993-1998
b. 11	Works, Nels	1964-1979
b. 11	Writing A Better Paper	1976
b. 11	Wyoming Sellout	1975
b. 11	Yellowstone Threat	1981-1995
b. 11	Yellowstone Task Force	1997

b. 11	You Can Not Have My Rose Garden	1971
b. 11	Empty folders	undated
b. 11	Slides <i>2 Folders</i>	1973-1978

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Fishing -- United States
Fly fishing -- United States

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