

<b>Collection</b>	Parsons, Pete & Otto Witt Collection	<b>Status</b>	
<b>Object ID</b>	MS2020.001	<b>Accessn/Loan</b>	2020.004
<b>Object Name</b>	Manuscript Collection	<b>Source</b>	Bassett, Ursula
<b>Other Name</b>		<b>Other No</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection	<b>Old No</b>	
<b>Date</b>		<b>Year Range</b>	1912-1930

**Location**

**Description** The Pete L. Parsons and Otto Witt Collection include travel diaries, family scrapbooks, personal correspondence, photographs, and negatives from Parsons' travels around the Pacific Northwest and Canada between 1912 and 1930.

Of particular interest is Parsons trip in 1924 from the Mexico border to the Canadian border before the creation of the Continental Divide Trail, he may be the first person to do so. The collection contains his extensive diaries and photographs from that trip.

## Multilevel Linking

**Multilevel Linking** Fonds  
**Level of Description**

**Parent Record Information**

**Object ID** MS2020.001  
**Level** Fonds  
**Object Name** Manuscript Collection

## Records in Next Lower Level

Object ID	Level	Object Name	Title	Description
MS2020.001.003	Series	Journal	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 3: journals	This series contains Pete Parsons' journals from 1912 through 1930.
MS2020.001.001	Series	Clipping, Newspaper	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 1: Newspaper clippings	This series contains five newspaper and magazine clippings.
MS2020.001.002	Series	Drawing	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 2: Drawings and sketches	This series contains drawings and sketches by Pete Parsons.
MS2020.001.004	Series	Map	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 4: maps	A collection of hand-drawn and commercially produced maps.
MS2020.001.005	Series	Manuscript	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 6: poems	A collection of hand-copied Robert Service poems

Object ID	Level	Object Name	Title	Description
MS2020.001.006	Series	Postcard	Pete Parsons and Otto Witt Manuscript Collection series 6: postcards	A collection of postcards sent from Pete Parsons to Otto Witt during his travels around the western United States.

## Notes, Legal, Provenance

### Notes

The Parsons Witt collection spans from 1912 to 1930 and contains not only prints and negatives from Parsons travels but also his detailed handwritten journals, postcards, maps, and other material related to his life. Over those eighteen years, Parsons travels took him as far north as Alaska and south to Panama City, Panama. He spent the falls and winters in Mill City, Oregon, and his springs and summer walking the Cascades, Sierra Nevada, and Rocky Mountain ranges.

In addition to his long walks, the photograph collection documents his interest in tall-masted sailing ships and airplanes. His journals, however, give insight into his wide range of interests, from aeronautics to electronics to celestial navigation.

### Provenance

Pete Parsons sent, or gave, these materials to Otto Witt between 1912 and the time of his death in 1930. Following Parsons death, they became the property of Otto Witt, and later his daughter, Ursula Bassett. The materials came into possession of the Mazama Library and Historical Collections by deed of gift in 2020.

### Legal Status

Owned by the Mazamas

### Web Rights

## People, Subjects, Classification, Search Terms

### People

Parsons, Pete L.

### Subjects

Hiking; Hiking--California; Hiking--California, Northern; Hiking--California, Southern; Hiking--Oregon; Hiking--Washington (State); Mountaineering; Mountaineering--California; Mountaineering--Colorado; Mountaineering--Washington (State); Mountaineering--Oregon; Mountaineering--Oregon--Jefferson, Mount--Map; New Mexico; Hiking--New Mexico; Outdoor recreation--New Mexico; Trails--New Mexico

### Classification

### Search Terms

Mount Jefferson; Jefferson, Mount (Or.); Jefferson, Mount

## Relations

### Related

### Notes on Related

**Publications****Items****Related Items**

Type	Object ID	Object Name
A	VM2020.001	Photographs Collection
A	MS2020.001.003	Journal
A	MS2020.001.001	Clipping, Newspaper
A	MS2020.001.002	Drawing
A	MS2020.001.004	Map
A	MS2020.001.005	Manuscript
A	MS2020.001.006	Postcard

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