

# Guide to the Buffalo Bill Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-197

**CREATOR:** Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917

**TITLE:** Buffalo Bill papers

**DATES:** 1894-1916

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Mostly correspondence with Buffalo Bill and a document regarding his Wild West Show.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unspecified, please consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Preferred Citation**

Buffalo Bill Papers. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The papers consist mainly of correspondence with Buffalo Bill, and are accompanied by a document regarding his Wild West Show.

## Collection Contents

Chamberlin, John F.		
b. 1, f. 1	2 ALS to W. F. Cody. Fort Monroe, Va. 1896 Apr 30, Jun 21.	1896 Apr-Jun
Cody, William Frederick		
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to "My Dear Davenport". Natchez, Miss. Accompanied by TLS of transmittal from R. Valentine Chappell to William Robertson Coe.	1900 Oct 31
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to James Russell. Milan, Italy.	1916 May 4
b. 1, f. 4	Col. Cody's Wild West. Route & Address.	1895
b. 1, f. 5-6	42 letters and telegrams to M. R. Russell. V.p.	1893-98
b. 1, f. 7	6 ALS & 1 TLS to William Robertson Coe. Denver and New York.	1910 Jan-May
Heimer, Elsie		
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to James Russell. Cody, Wyo. Signed: Elsie and Albert Heimer. On p. [2] is a note "My dear Jim" signed "Mother".	1906 Mar 15
Russell, Michael R.		
b. 1, f. 9	TL (copy) to Meyer Frank. Deadwood, S.D.	1894 Feb 4
b. 1, f. 9	TL (copy) to W. F. Cody. Deadwood, S.D. Recommends Col. W. R. Steele for a federal judgeship.	1896 Aug 28
b. 1, f. 9	TL (copy) to W. F. Cody. Deadwood, S.D.	1897 Apr 15
Thurber, Henry T.		
b. 1, f. 10	TLS to W. F. Cody. Acknowledges Pres. McKinley's receipt of Cody's recommendation of W. R. Steele.	n.d.

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Courts -- United States

### **Names**

Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917

Chamberlin, John F.

Chappell, R. Valentine

Coe, William Robertson, 1869-1955

Heimer, Albert

Heimer, Elsie

Meyer, Frank, fl. 1894

Russell, James Emmett, 1879

Russell, Michael R.

Steele, William R.

Thurber, Henry T.

### **Corporate Body**

Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Great  
Far East (Show)