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**Biographical/Historical Note:** Ron Anglin began his search for John Colter in 1997. Many researchers have tried and encountered immense hurdles in discovery of much of Colter's life because he did not leave any personal journals or correspondence behind. Much of what we know or presume to know about Colter comes from, at best, secondhand sources. Anglin collected materials from multiple researchers of Colter to use in writing his published book chronicling Colter's life, *The Mystery of John Colter the Man who Discovered Yellowstone*.

Ron Anglin delivered this collection to the LCTHF in 2018. Originally contained in 14 banker's boxes, much of the original files were copies of research from books and archival collections which have been removed from the collection to protect copyright. These original works are referenced in the removed materials section so other researchers may access the materials themselves.

**Scope and Contents:** The collection contains the research, notes, correspondence, and drafts of Ron Anglin for his book on John Colter, *The Mystery of John Colter the Man who Discovered Yellowstone*.

**Arrangement:** Chronological

**Acquisition Date:** 2018

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