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**B.M. Bower Collection**

**Bower, B. M. (1871–1940). Papers, 1882–1951. 1.5 feet.**

Author. Business and personal correspondence (1924–1941) of western fiction writer B. M. Bower and family members; manuscripts and research notes (1904–1940) for books by Bower; publishing and copyright contracts (1904–1951); and photographs (1882–1911) of the Bower family.

**Box 1**

**Copyright and Publishing Information, 1912-1952**

**Folder:**

1. "Adam Chasers": 1927.
2. "Bellehelen Mine, The ": 1924.
3. "Black Thunder": 1926.
4. "Border Vengeance": Posthumous, 1951. (Ghost written by Oscar Friend)
5. "Cabin Fever": 1918.
6. "Casey Ryan": 1921.
7. "Cow Country": 1921.
8. "Dark Horse": 1931.
9. "Desert Brew": 1925.
10. "Dry Ridge Gang, The": 1935.
11. "Eagle's Wing, The": 1924.
12. "Family Failing, The": 1941.
13. "Five Furies of Leaning Ladder": 1936.
14. "Fool's Goal": 1930.
15. "Good Indian": 1912.
16. "Gringos, The": 1913.
17. "Haunted Hills, The": 1934.

18. "Hay Wire": 1928.
19. "Heritage of the Sioux, The": 1916.
20. "Jean Of The Lazy 'A'": 1915.

**Box 2**

**Copyright and Publishing Information, 1912-1952 (continued)**

**Folder:**

1. "Laughing Water": 1932.
2. "Lonesome Land": 1912.
3. "Long Loop, The": 1931.
4. "Lookout Man, The": 1917.
5. "Man on Horseback": 1940.
6. "Meadowlark Basin": 1925.
7. "North Wind Do Blow, The": 1937.
8. "Open Land": 1933.
9. "Outlaw Moon": 1952. (Ghost written by Oscar Friend)
10. "Parowan Bonanza, The": 1923.
11. "Phantom Herd, The": 1916.
12. "Pirates of the Range": 1937.
13. "Points West": 1928.
14. "Quirt, The": 1920.
15. "Ranch at the Wolverine, The": 1914.
16. "Rim O' the World": 1919.
17. "Rocking Arrow": 1932.
18. "Rodeo": 1928.

19. "Shadow Mountain": 1936.
20. "Singing Hill, The": 1939.

### **Box 3**

#### **Copyright and Publishing Information, 1912-1952 (continued)**

1. "Sky Rider": 1918.
2. "Spirit of the Range": 1940.
3. "Starr of the Desert": 1917.
4. "Starry Night, A": 1939.
5. "Swallowfork Bulls, The": 1929.
6. "Sweet Grass": 1940.
7. "Thunder Bird, The": 1919.
8. "Tiger Eye": 1930.
9. "Trail of the White Mule, The": 1922.
10. "Trails Meet": 1933.
11. "Trouble Rides the Wind": 1935.
12. "U's Last Stand, The": 1915.
13. "U Strikes, The": 1934.
14. "Uphill Climb, The": 1913.
15. "Van Patten": 1926.
16. "Voice at Johnny Water, The": 1923.
17. "White Wolves": 1927.
18. "Whoop-Up Trail V#1": Nov. 1933.
19. "Wind Blows West, The": 1938.

#### **Box 4**

##### **Contracts and Agreements, 1911-1940**

1. Agent Contracts, 1911-1951.
2. Little Brown and Co. Contracts and Foreign Contracts, 1920-1929.
3. Little Brown and Co. Contracts and Foreign Contracts, 1931-1939.
4. Little Brown and Co. Contracts and Foreign Contracts, 1940-1955.
5. Original agreement with Little Brown Publishing, 1911.
6. Correspondence from B. M. Bower.
7. Correspondence in relation to the "Chip of the Flying U", 1904-1906.
8. Correspondence from Dele Newman.
9. Miscellaneous correspondence of B. M. Bower, 1923.
10. Publisher's correspondence: G.W. Dillingham & Co., Street and Smith, Ainslee's Magazine, The Selig Polyscope, Crescent Pictures Corporation, 1908.

##### **Interview**

11. Interview by Ralph Sutter for Motion Picture Classics, 1940s

##### **Manuscript Record Books**

12. Manuscript Record Books, 1906, 1916, 1932.

#### **Box 5**

##### **Manuscripts, 1904-1939, and n.d.**

1. "As Handsome Does": 1935. (pp17)
2. "Back Trail": n.d. (pp30)
3. "Big Medicine": n.d. (pp31)
4. "Black Raiders, The": n.d. (pp15)
5. "Deserter, The": n.d. (pp28)
6. "Family Failing, The": 1906. (pp20)
7. *Family Failing, The*: 1930s (pp268)
8. "First Aid To Cupid": 1907. (pp18)

9. "Girl From Kilpatrick's, The": n.d. (pp22)
10. "Gray Wolf's Den, The": 1904. (pp23)
11. Happy Family Story #6: "Emancipation of Slim, The": n.d. (pp33)
12. Happy Family Story #9: "Hoodoo, The": n.d. (pp31)
13. Happy Family Story #11: "His Nibs": n.d. (pp27)
14. Happy Family Story #13: "Infernal Feminine, The": n.d. (pp29)
15. Happy Family Story #15: "Flaw In The Armor, The": n.d. (pp29)
16. Happy Family Story #17: "Andy The Liar": n.d. (pp31)
17. Happy Family Story: "Happy Jack Wild Man": 1910. (pp24)
18. " 'Happy Heart' Cowboy": n.d. (pp24)
19. "Land Shark, The": n.d. (pp30)
20. "Lonesome Trail, The": Overview of Manuscript and Synopsis, n.d.
21. "Lonesome Trail, The": 1904. (pp61)
22. "Long Kid's Change of Heart, The": n.d. (pp20)
23. "Long, Long Lane, The": n.d. (pp19)
24. "Mutiny of the Six, The": n.d. (pp33)

#### **Box 6**

##### **Manuscripts, 1904 – 1939, and n.d. (continued)**

1. *Nor Storm, Nor Tide*: 1912. (pp333)
2. "Object Matrimony": n.d. (pp20)
3. "On the Middle Ground": n.d. (pp17)
4. "On With The Dance": 1932. (pp34)
5. "Outlaw, The": (pp31)
6. "Santa Claus on Strike": 1914. (pp5)

7. "Shepherd, The": n.d. (pp18)
8. "Spirit of the Range": 1939. (pp266)
9. "Stayer, The": 1909. (pp30)
10. "Strike of the Dish-Pan Brigade, The" by Bertha May Happ: n.d. (pp30)
11. "Thirteen Rattles and a Button": 1933. (pp41)
12. "Thirteen Rattles and a Button": The Original Manuscript, 1933. (pp64)
13. "Trespasser, The": n.d. (pp23)
14. "Western Tone, The": n.d. (pp30)
15. "When the Storm Doctor Blundered": n.d. (pp21)
16. "White Horse of Drowning Ford, The": 1905. (pp25)
17. "Why Weary Went A-Wooing": Retitled Version- The Lonesome Trail, 1904.

## **Box 7**

### **Newspaper Clipping**

#### **Folder:**

1. *L.A. Examiner*, July 24, 1940.

### **Personal Papers**

2. Miles Standish genealogy, n.d.
3. Miscellaneous Personal Notes and Papers, 1916 - 1940.

### **Research Notes**

4. "Adam Chasers": Archaeological Material-Notes, 1924-1925.
5. Notes from *American Biography*, 1925.
6. Notes re: "Man On Horseback", n.d.

### **Biography**

7. "Bertha Muzzy Bower: A Montana Pioneer," by Kate Baird Anderson, 1997.
8. "B.M. Bower: A Western Pioneer," by Kate Baird Anderson, 2002.

## **Box 8**

**Folder:**

1. B.M. Bower's original research notes for "The Trollers," 1930-1938.
2. Television script and related correspondence of Dele N. Doke regarding "The Hero," which was based on the Bower novel "Van Patten," 1962.
3. Two pages of original B.M. Bower stationery, n.d.
4. Original typed manuscript of "The Family Failing," 1906? 268 pgs.
5. Original typed manuscript of "Nor Storm Nor Tide," 1939, 422 pgs.

**Certificates and Diplomas Collection:**

1. Marriage certificate of Bertha M. Bower and Bertrand W. Sinclair, August 12, 1905.