

**The Ariel Downing papers, 1959-1996**  
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## Descriptive summary

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<b>Title</b>	Ariel Downing papers
<b>Date(s)</b>	1959-1996
<b>Identification</b>	COU-AMRC-29
<b>Creator(s)</b>	Downing, Ariel Arden
<b>Repository</b>	The American Music Research Center University of Colorado at Boulder 288 UCB Boulder, CO 80309
<b>Location</b>	Housed in the American Music Research Center
<b>Physical Description</b>	5 Linear feet 5 boxes

## Scope and Contents

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Research materials related to the dissertation (University of Colorado, 1997) of Ariel Arden Downing, musician and music educator.

## Administrative Information

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### Arrangement

Arranged by informant and subject.

### Access

The collection is open for research. IRB approval is required before using any fieldwork files. Releases exist for most interviews.

### Usage Restrictions

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### Custodial history

Donated by Ariel Downing

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Ariel Downing papers, University of Colorado, Boulder

## Index Terms

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Access points related to this collection:

**Personal names**

Downing, Ariel Arden

**Corporate names**

American Music Research Center

**Subject headings**

Folk music -- Wyoming

Cowboys -- Wyoming

Cowboys -- Folklore

## Biography of Ariel Downing

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Downing has played tuba and bass trombone in numerous symphony orchestras, wind bands, and jazz ensembles in Northeast Wyoming and north-central Colorado. She is currently the music director (band, choir and strings) at Big Horn High School/Middle School in Big Horn, Wyoming.

Ariel Arden Downing was born in Wyoming and graduated from Sheridan High School in Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1974. She received a B.M. from the University of Wyoming in 1978, an M.M. in tuba performance from Colorado State University in 1986, and her Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1997. Her dissertation, prepared under the direction of Dr. William K. Kearns, is titled, "Let 'Er Buck! Music in Cowboy Culture of the Powder River Basin, Wyoming."

## Detailed Description

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### Field Work

Box	Cassette	
1	1	AD-AT-1 – C. F. Bill Davidson, C. L. “Sonny” Tibbets, Marie Tibbets
1	2	Field Interviews (AD-INT #15-28)
1	3	Field Interviews (AD-INT #29-42)
1	4	AD-AT-4 – Rily & Mary Lou Malli, Bob & Connie Moore & family, Arty & Chris Thomas & family
1	5	AD-AT-5 – Arty & Chris Thomas & family, Gil Powers & family & guests
1	6	AD-AT-6 – Gil Powers, Kenny Knudson
1	7	AD-AT-7 – Kenny Knudson, Muriel & Sue Packard, Terrill Foster
1	8	AD-AT-8 – Terrill Foster, Mike & Hedwik Meich
1	9	AD-AT-9 – Mike & Hedwik Meich, Gary Packard
1	10	AD-AT-10 – Muriel Packard, Packard family
1	11	AD-AT-11 – Gary Packard, Mike Kuzara
1	12	AD-AT-12 – Mike Kuzara, Tom Justin, C. L. “Sonny” & Marie Tibbets
1	13	AD-AT-13 – Marie Tibbets, Sonny Tibbets & kids, John Brug & Bill Cherne, John Brug
2	1	Cards to Audio Tapes (Downing’s notes on tapes she recorded)
2	2	Consent Forms
2	3	Field Notebooks (AD-FJ #1-2)
2	4	Field Observations (AD-FO #1-34)
2	5	Field Photographs and Information Cards (AD-FR-6 – Pictures #1-16) (AD-FR-A – Pictures #1-22, Johnson County War Photos)
2	6	Field Slides and Information Cards (AD-FR-1 – Pictures #1-24) (AD-FR-2 – Pictures #1-25) (AD-FR-3 – Pictures #1-27) (AD-FR-4 – Pictures #1-23) (AD-FR-5 – Pictures #1-22)
2	7	Computer Disks (AD-FD-#1-2) <i>Format Macintosh-formatted ClarisWorks 4.0 files on disk</i>

### Background material

Box	Folder	
3	1	AD-NB – Brug, John, Documents, Song Lists
3	2	AD-NB – Buffalo (Wyo.) Bulletin historical and interest clippings, dated 7/1/1993 to 3/21/1996
3	3	Correspondence

- 3 4 AD-NB – Cowboys (in general), dated 2/10/1991 to 1/27/1997 plus undated materials
- 3 5 AD-NB – Cowboy culture “once removed,” dated 12/16/1990 to 2/26/1997 plus undated materials
- 3 6 AD-NB – Cowboy songs/singers/Country-Western music, dated 11/23/1990 to 3/29/1996
- 3 7 AD-NB – Front Range, Colo. Area, dated 1/7/1990 to 9/20/1996
- 3 8 AD-NB – Great American Cattle Drive, (Texas to Montana), 1995
- 3 9 AD-NB – “In Search of the Marlboro Man,” dated 1/13/1991 to 1/26/1991 (Denver Post Series)
- 3 10 Instructor’s Manual, Mus 2752, History of United States Folk and Popular Music.
- 3 11 AD-NB – Johnson County Cattle War Materials
- 3 12 Obituaries
- 3 13 AD-NB – “Sage Brush Sven” Column from the Buffalo (Wyo.) Bulletin, dated 9/3/1992 to 7/27/1995
- 3 14 AD-NB – Sheridan (Wyo.) Press historical and interest clippings, dated 7/29/1994 to 6/13/1996
- 3 15 AD-NB – Sheridan, Wyo. Area Cowboys, dated 12/15/1960 to 3/28/1997 plus undated materials.
- 3 16 AD-NB – Sheridan, Wyo., Sheridan County, & Powder River Basin area and people, dated 1984 to 12/3/1996 plus undated materials.
- 3 17 AD-NB – “Willie & Sunshine” column by C. L. Tibbets, dated 3/19/1993 to 2/21/1994 plus several undated

## Recordings

- | Box | Cassette |   |
|-----|----------|---|
| 4   | 1        | Ackerley, Billy Lee, Space Age Cowboy (BLA-1986) Sheridan, Wyo, Autographed   |
| 4   | 2        | Ackerley, Billy Lee, Wyoming’s Centennial (BLA-1990) Sheridan, Wyo,   |
| 4   | 3        | Amateur & Professional Informants Compilation Tape, 1990’s  |
| 4   | 4        | Brown, Roz, Colorado and the West (ELP-101) 1990  |
| 4   | 5        | Brug, John and Band, Cassette 1 (AD-BRUG-1) late 1980’s, Sheridan, Wyo. Popular standards. John plays accordion, Robert plays bass & mandolin, and Boley plays drums. (See also AD-Int-7) |
| 4   | 6        | Carter Family   |
| 4   | 7        | Carter Family and Sons of the Pioneers  |
| 4   | 8        | CC & the Sidekicks, At Home on the Range (NR18792) Thermopolis, Wyo. Autographed  |

- 4 9 Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Arvada, Colo. 1992 (1 of 2) Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities: Ray Reed, Roz Brown, Gary McMahan, Tom Munn, Richard Ormsby, Benito Valdez
- 4 10 Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Arvada, Colo. 1992 (2 of 2) Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities: John Nielson, Karen Lee, Peggy Malone, Gary McMahan, Ed Stabler, Ray Reed
- 4 11 Deepwater Family, Live at El Caballero, Vol. 1 St. Augustine, Fl., 1986
- 4 12 Deepwater Family, Live at El Caballero, Vol. 2 St. Augustine, Fl., 1986
- 4 13 Devoe, Lonnie, Johnson County, Wyo, Cassette 1 (AD-LD-1) Feb. 1985. The original tape is located in the Johnson County Public Library (Buffalo, Wyo.), call #D49 OH-Music. (See also AD-Int-42)
- 4 14 Devoe, Lonnie, Johnson County, Wyo., Cassette 2, same as above.
- 4 15 Horse Sense, Songs of the Western Soil (CTHS 001) Denver, CO, 1982; John Nielson & Justin Bishop.
- 4 16 Lazy B Wranglers, Where in the World Did the Real Cowboys Go? Estes Park, CO. Autographed (See also AD-Int-13)
- 4 17 LeDoux, Chris, Old Cowboy Heros (ACS 12001) Mt. Juliet, TN, 1981
- 4 18 LeDoux, Chris, Rodeo Songs "Old and New" (LM249-2) Mt. Juliet, TN, 1973
- 4 19 LeDoux, Chris, Saddle Boogie Band, Nashville, TN, 1981, 1988
- 4 20 LeDoux, Chris, Under This Old Hat, Nashville, TN, 1993
- 4 21 LeDoux, Chris, Western Country (LM9175-8) Mt. Juliet, TN, 1978
- 4 22 LeDoux, Chris, Western Underground, Nashville, TN, 1991
- 4 23 Lomax, Bess -Hawkes Lecture, University of Colorado (AD-LH-1) Boulder, CO, Nov. 16, 1994. Lecture took place in the Imig Music Building Auditorium between 8-9:15 am. Discussed the career of her father, John A. Lomax.
- 4 24 McMahan, Gary, Colorado Blue (C205007) Bellvue, CO. (See also AD-Int-19)
- 4 25 McMahan, Gary, Cowboyin' Day, Belvue, CO, 1992.
- 4 26 McMahan, Gary, Poems & Yodels (HAR 005) Bellvue, CO , 1996 (See also AD-Int-19)
- 4 27 Munsick, Dave, Buckaroo Ball, Bighorn, WY, 1996
- 4 28 One-Room Country School, Eithth Graduation Ceremony, Hanging Woman School, Wyo. (AD-HWS-1) May 23, 1984. Graduate was Miss Amy Helen Porter.
- 4 29 Rockin' Reveliers & Martin Pickett, Chautauqua Series, June 14, 1989, Tape made by the group of one of their performances.
- 4 30 Thex, Clifford Cassette 1, (AD-THEX-1), 1986. Recorded live at a house party in 1986. (See also AD-Int-35)
- 4 31 Thex, Clifford Cassette 2, (AD-THEX-2), Otter, Montana, late 1980's. Some songs are his original compositions. (See also AD-Int-35)
- 4 32 Wild West (35828-4) Hollywood, CA, 1993. Soundtrack from mini-series.
- 4 33 Wyoming Country Music Foundation, Vol. II, Wyoming Centennial, 1991

- 4 34 Early Country Music Archive (AMRC) Cowboy-Western Music Collection  
Cassette No. 1
- 4 35 Early Country Music Archive (AMRC) Cowboy-Western Music Collection  
Cassette No. 2
- 4 36 Early Country Music Archive (AMRC) Cowboy-Western Music Collection  
Cassette No. 3
- 4 37 Early Country Music Archive (AMRC) Cowboy-Western Music Collection  
Cassette No. 4
- 4 38 Early Country Music Archive (AMRC) Cowboy-Western Music Collection  
Cassette No. 5
- 4 39 "... You know that Wyoming will be your new home." Songs and stories of  
Wyoming Settlement by Wyoming Council on the Arts, 1986
- 4 40 "... You know that Wyoming will be your new home." Songs and stories of  
Wyoming Settlement by Wyoming Council on the Arts, 1986
- 4 41 "... You know that Wyoming will be your new home." Songs and stories of  
Wyoming Settlement by Wyoming Council on the Arts, 1986
- 4 42 "... You know that Wyoming will be your new home." Songs and stories of  
Wyoming Settlement by Wyoming Council on the Arts, 1986
- 5 1 Agins, Sam, Singin' Sam & Friends (HRC 32575) West Sedona, AZ, 1978,  
Autographed
- 5 2 Landrey, Jerry, Hangin On to Memories (R-1204) David City, NE. Landrey's  
first release; he is from Buffalo, WY.
- 5 3 LeDoux, Chris, Songs of Rodeo Life (LM-8650-1) Mt. Juliet, TN, 1977
- 5 4 Orestads, Big Horn River (BR-2-89) Burlington, WA, 1989
- 5 5 Ralph Hunter Choir, The Wild Wild West (LPM-1968), New York, NY, 1959,  
Ralph Hunter, conductor.