

C Wibaux, Pierre A. V., (1858-1913), Papers, 1881-1927
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INTRODUCTION

The papers contain negative Photostats of letters from Wibaux, who emigrated from France to Montana in 1881, to his brother Joseph. The Papers include business letters and a contract regarding his cattle ranch and gold mine, newspaper articles, photographs and Joseph's notes. English translation follows each item.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Robert Wibaux on 10 July 1952 (Accession No. 3139). An addition was made on 29 December 1952 by Robert Wibaux (Accession No. 3148).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Pierre Achille Valery Wibaux was born in 1858 into a wealthy industrial family in Roubaix, France. After serving in the military and training in England to enter the family business, he went to America, accompanied by his wife, Mary Ellen (Cooper) Wibaux, to try cattle breeding. He made a fortune becoming an innovator in ranching practices. In later years he lost half of his fortune on a gold mine venture. He started several philanthropic projects in north France. Wibaux died in 1913.

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