

In 2005 I purchased film rolls from the Montana Historical society of their collection of the Mineral Argus newspaper. The photos were fairly clear and readable to the extent one could actually glean some insight to the daily lives of the pioneers, miners, and shopkeepers of the period.

Though many images were unreadable and in their current form of film rolls, I then had the microfiche rolls transferred to digital images. The collection takes up several DVD discs that make for interesting reading on long Montana Winter nights. Some of the highlights to those readings are listed below.

Mineral Argus

SCAN NUMBER PUBLISH DATE TOPIC

scan_0170.tif-april 24, 1884-Annual town meeting-april 22d, 1884 at Dunton Bros.-electing town recorder and three appraisers

scan_0170.tif-april 24, 1884-Washington Street-Frank Martin's new residence

scan_0182.tif-may 15, 1884-Maiden Reduction Works-articles of incorporation

scan_0192.tif-may 29,1884-Mineral argus moves to their "new building", corner of Montana and Hill streets

scan_0192.tif-may 29,1884-Sheriff's sale at Maiden, lots 8 and 9 in Block I and lot 5 in Block B....and 1/6th interest in Northern Pacific lode...John Dunham etal vs P.J. Gessner et.al.

scan_0192.tif-may 29,1884-Billings referred as "magic City"

scan_0199.tif-june 12, 1884-Maginnis Mining Company-articles of incorporation

scan_0199.tif-june 12, 1884-if you want a good town...buy local

scan_0201.tif-june 12, 1884-description of maginnis Mining Company improvements...including flume work

scan_0203.tif-june 19, 1884-baseball...Maiden vs maginnis 27 to 16

scan_0203.tif-june 19, 1884-International serves up 75 meals

scan_0205.tif-june 19, 1884-fire warden...sale of property...John Dunham etal vs P.J. Gessner et.al. James Fergus to speak at Fourth of July

scan_0207.tif-june 19, 1884-baseball...Maiden vs Lewistown 43 to 20...gold leaf sign painting Argus Office

scan_0209.tif-june 26,1884-Maiden Reduction Company balance sheet...Hamilton and Witherell renting V. Gies Building, formerly Mineral Argus office...David Jones "arrastre" experiment on Spotted horse ore

scan_0211.tif-july 3,1884-Stuart Wetherell opens saloon "The Shamrock" on Main next to City Bakery...

scan_0214.tif-july 3,1884-we are under obligation to L. Rotwitt, County Clerk, for a tracing of the official map of Meagher county executed by George M. Stafford, Deputy Mineral Surveyor, of White Sulper Springs. It is a piece of work in every particular. The mountain ranges, creeks and county roads are traced with skill and accuracy, showing that the executor was no novice in the business.

scan_0214.tif-july 3,1884-Maiden Base Ball club will play...at their grounds at Alpine

scan_0214.tif-july 3,1884-...Butte street cleaned up for races tommorrow

scan_0214.tif-july 3,1884-"Charles Owens and Charles Fallon", reporters story with diagram Fourth of July shootings

scan_0220.tif-july 3,1884-report of James Fergus oration on July 4, 1884 at Maiden...decription of horse racing and location down by Butte Street.

scan_0231.tif-july 3,1884-International Hotel...change of ownership..Jos.H. Wolfe to R. F. Craddock...Wolfe to manage Maginnis Mine boarding house.

scan_0233.tif-july 3,1884-Maiden the Terminus of the Junction City and Benton Southern Stage Line...reporters trip to the Kentuckey Favorite

scan_0236.tif-august 7,1884-David Jones sinking the Spotted Horse...Mineral Argus one year old...every birth in Maiden all girls except one...Wm. Culver returned to Maiden

scan2_0198.tif-september 25,1884-Wm. Culver ad...regarding art studio...Barney Trainor killed rattlesnake in Collar Gulch...smelter arrived, 16 miles per day...Wm. Culver took photo of H. Clark and Co teams on Main Street

scan2_0200.tif-september 25,1884-ad for Montana Labor Employment Bureau, C.L. Stammer, Maiden, M.T.,...ad John Arnold, freighter, Maiden, M.T.,died Ada Reece september 21st,funeral Monday,...born to Mr. and Mrs James Conley-son, september 20th

scan2_0204.tif-october 2,1884-assed valuation of Maiden district last year-\$104,837..small description of stores and town layout

scan2_0207.tif-october 2,1884-Fire-1/4 mile below town, near site of smelter

scan2_0213.tif-october 9,1884-Hook and Ladder co formed...Chas Archer, Jas. Wasburne, J.E. Davies, E.A. Parisot, John Beck

scan2_0222.tif-xx 00,1884-road building to War Eagle...Wm. Culver freighter picture onsale at post office...Kentucky Favorite, Comet, Keystone mines sold to Maginnis Mining Co. for \$100,000

scan2_0225.tif-October 23,1884-Details of first major mining property sale to Maginnis Mining Co...Fletcher sheriff or deputy at Maiden

scan2_0229.tif-October xx,1884-Wm Fergus and Andrew Fergus disolve partnership...Constable James Washburn?

scan2_0232.tif-October xx,1884-Tom Kerr part owner Silver Star lode...127 tons ore=over \$100.00 per ton-Montana and Oro Cache

scan2_0238.tif-October xx,1884-Maiden Hook and Ladder Co 24 members...Wm Culver, James Washburn and Walter Smith hunting trip to Snowys...school vote passed 57 to 62...

scan2_0241.tif-October xx,1884-Graham Bros freighter arrived from Junction City 25,000 pounds to L. Balanger...Abrams and Atkinson's threshing machine passed through town to jAMES cONLEY ranch, 4 miles below Maiden

scan3_0108.tif-March 12,1885-Application for patent-Montana Lode T16NR20E...Dexter vs Landusky sheriffs sale Lot one, Block I-Montana street...Application for patent-Oro Cache Lode T16NR20E...

scan3_0109.tif-March xx,1885-Pott and Rhodes coal mine just north of Alpine-225 foot tunnel-vein 4 foot wide

scan3_0124.tif-April 2,1885-landusky sheriff sale completed-across from Mineral Argus...description of judith Landing-describes fort Clagget(1866) and Cook(1871)...also mail route-Maiden and Judith Landing stage Line...James Fergus letter to editor re:Territorial government-must read for political junkies(14th Legislative Session)

scan3_0126.tif-April 2,1885-De Lacy for Surveyor General

scan3_0129.tif-April 9,1885-60 dinners served at the International

scan3_0132.tif-April 9,1885-Wm. Culver going to Musselshell valley...rail uprising

scan3_0134.tif-April 16,1885-at issue-Maiden Townsite-letter sent to Probate Judge-B.W. Badger with signitures of Maiden residents

scan3_0136.tif-April xx,1885-L. Belanger-largest shipment yet-100,000 pounds of goods-goes to Canada visits family...several new houses-East Montana street...dwelling out of Maginnis boarding house...Erwin street...X. Beidler takes Landusky for trail in the Dutch Louie shooting

scan3_0139.tif-April 23,1885-Grand Jury Report-Granville Stuart

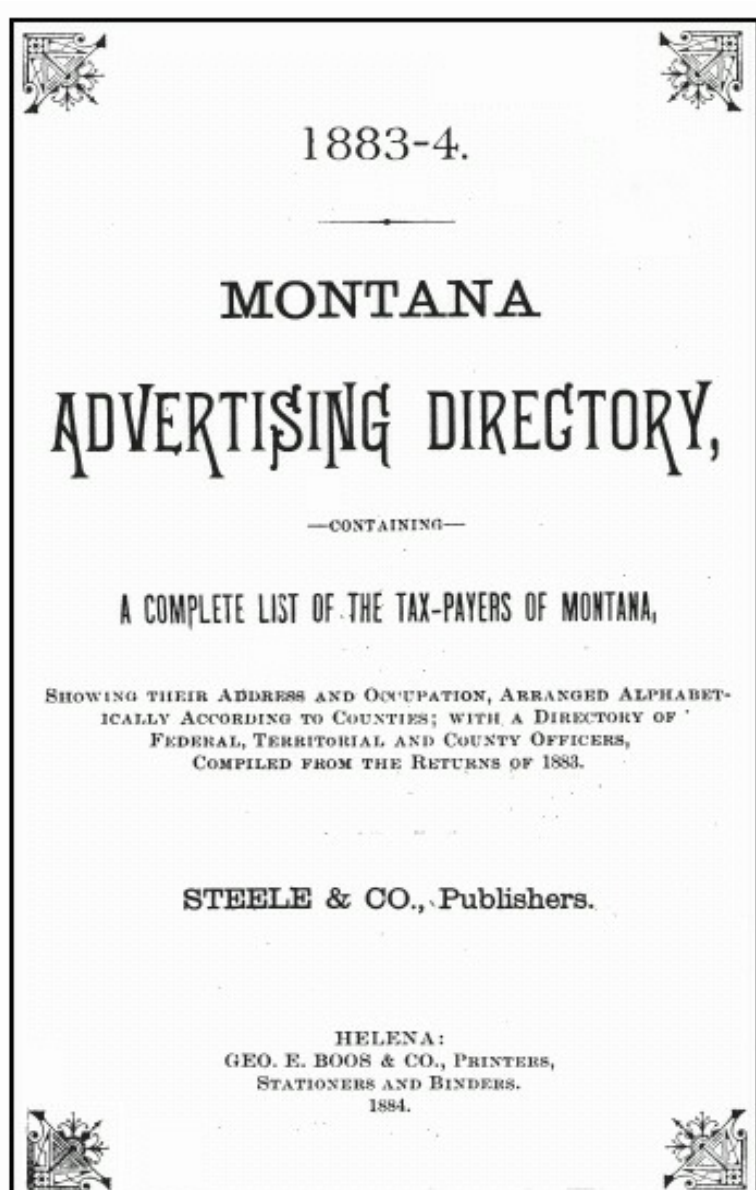
scan3_0147.tif-April 23,1885-A.M. Esler sells out his share of Maginnis to Hauser and Holter...Collar mill and mine sold at sheriff sale to S.S. Eaton, C.A. DeGraf and E.N. Saunders...Esler interview

scan3_0148.tif-April xx,1885-Wolfe's Road House-15 miles from Ft. Maginnis and 40 miles from Rocky Point-tables, beds and stables

scan3_0152.tif-April xx,1885-2 sheriffs sales-Lot 3 Block B and Lot 15 Block D-Wetzel vs Gessner...Lot 4 Block B and Lot 1 and 2 Block I-Burk vs Eaton

In the future a database will be instituted to help the reader search for topics of their choice and particular subject matter.

Thank You for your visit.



159-John Kehl-Maiden-unknown
 159-Joseph Kroll-Maiden-unknown
 159-Louis Landt-Maiden-unknown
 159-Landusky and Hamilton-Maiden-unknown
 159-L. A. Lapaline-Reedsfort-unknown
 159-Prosper Lapene-Reedsfort-Farmer
 159-E. W. Laraway-Maginnis-Farmer
 160-Medel Longevin-Reedsfort-Farmer
 160-N. A. Lewis-Reedsfort-Stock
 160-Theodore Lindsay-Andersonville-Stock
 160-Ed Lyons-Maiden-unknown
 160-Landusky and Hamilton-Maiden-Stock
 160 George Lenhart-Andersonville-unknown
 160-L. T. Marshall-Reedsfort-Farmer
 161-P. W. McAdow-Andersonville-unknown
 161-D. L. McFarland-Maginnis-unknown
 161-Pat McKelvey-Maiden-Stock
 161-D. A. Meagher-Reedsfort-unknown
 161-Sam W. Merrill-Andersonville-Farmer
 162-Francis Mills-Maginnis-unknown
 162-R. R. Mills-Andersonville-unknown
 162-Montana Sheep Co-Maginnis-Stock
 162-Jas E. Moran-Maginnis-Farmer
 162-Paul Moran-Reedsfort-Farmer
 162-C. W. Meyer-Andersonville
 162-McGaven and Johnston-Maiden-Stock
 162-Maginnis Manf Co-Maiden-unknown
 162-Wm Neal-Reedsfort-unknown
 162-Margaret Nelson-Maginnis-Stock
 162-R. W. Noble-reedsfort-Farmer
 163-D. O'brien-Andersonville-unknown
 163-Otten and Ranges-Maiden-Stock
 163-W. H. Peck-Maginnis-Stock
 163-Peterson and Janson-Maiden-unknown
 163-Pichette and Bro-Reedsfort-Farm
 164-G. P. Pott-Maginnis-Farmer
 164-Dr. J. M. Rawn-Maiden-unknown
 164-H. T. Rehdu-Maginnis-Farmer
 164-Joseph Rhodes-Andersonville-Stock
 164-W. H. Ricks-Reedsfort-Farmer
 164-Mrs. Josie Roberts-Maiden-unknown
 164-O. E. Roberts-Maginnis-unknown
 165-F. B. Scoville-Reedsfort-Farmer
 165-Seligman, Bailey and Kennett-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 165-D. L. Schafer-Reedsfort-Farmer and Stock
 165-C. F. Schaffer-Maiden-unknown
 165-Joseph Sharp-Maiden-unknown
 165-S. T. Sharpless-Maiden-unknown
 165-P. H. Shields-Maiden-unknown
 166-John D. Single-Maginnis-unknown
 166-T. A. Sloan-Reedsfort-Farmer
 166-Granville Stuart-Maginnis-Stock
 167-Robt Sullinger-Reedsfort-Farmer
 167-G. W. Samples-Andersonville-Farmer and Stock
 167-Oscar Stephens-Maginnis-unknown
 167-A. M. Thompson-Andersonville-unknown
 167-J. D. Thornton-Maiden-unknown
 167-John Toombs-Reedsfort-Farmer
 167-Pat Torley-Andersonville-Farmer
 167-Thos Toston-Reedsfort-Farmer
 167-Thos Towlereedsfort-unknown
 167-Eugene Townsend-Maiden-Farmer
 167-J. B. Townsend-Maginnis-Farmer
 168-Trotter and Holmes-Andersonville-Farmer and Stock
 168-T. M. Trudell-Maiden-unknown
 168-Wm Vanness-Maiden-Farmer
 168-W. H. Watson-Reedsfort-Merchandise
 168-W. D. Weidman-Reedsfort-Farmer and Stock
 168-daniel Welch-Reedsfort-Farmer
 168-Edward Wells-Reedsfort-Farmer and Stock
 168-J. H. Wert-Maiden-Farmer
 169-Wetherall and Hamilton-Maiden-unknown
 169-Ben Wheelock-Maginnis-unknown
 169-W. F. Whitster-Reedsfort-Farmer
 169-H. Wildman-Maiden-unknown
 169-W. M. Wyman-Maiden-Farmer

Territory of Montana, }
 County of Meagher, }

I, L. Rotwitt, County Clerk in and for said county, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the names and residences of the taxpayers of this county as shown by assessment list for 1883, and that the occupations are as nearly correct as can be ascertained from this office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county affixed, this 16th day of December, 1883.

{SEAL} L. Rotwitt, County Clerk and Recorder.

046-Brooks and Hilger-Andersonville-Sawmill
 075-Granville Stuart-Fort Maginnis-Attorney
 139-Capt. Hathaway-Fort Maginnis-USA
 149-Charles W. Aiken-Maiden-*Farmer
 149-Arnold and Cunningham-Reedsfort-*Store
 150-H. Atkinson-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 150-Adolph Baro-Reedsfort-Farmer and Stock
 150-Louis Belanger-Maiden-Merchant
 150-C. Boissonneault-Maiden-Merchant
 151-Miss Eva Blanchard-Maiden-unknown
 151-Blanchard and Parrott_Maginnis-Land and Stock
 151-A. Bennier-Andersonville-Land and Stock
 151-D. W. Bower-Maginnis-Land and Stock
 151-Henry Bradstreet-Maginnis-Stock
 151-Broadwater and Company-Maginnis-Merchants
 151-J. D. Brown-Maiden-Farmer
 151-Chas.Bruce-Maiden-Farmer
 152-Ernest C. Busch-Maginnis-unknown
 152-W. S. and Brother Buchanan-Andersonville-unknown
 152-J. J. Campbell-Andersonville-unknown
 152-John S. Clark-Maginnis-unknown
 152-Chase Clegg-Reedsfort-Farmer
 153-Collar Manf and Imp Co-Maiden-Mines and Mill
 153-Jas H. Connelly-Andersonville-Farmer
 153-Peter H. Conniff-Maginnis-Farmer
 153-G. C. and Co Cook-Maginnis-Farmer
 153-Dan Crowley-Reedsfort-Farmer
 153-Jno H. Crowley-Reedsfort-Farmer
 153-Crowley and Morris-Reedsfort-unknown
 153-C. P. and F. T. Culver-Andersonville-Farmer
 153-Willard Dunton-Maiden-unknown
 153-Owen Dunn-Maginnis-Land and Stock
 153-Thos Duffy-Maginnis-Farmer
 153-R. W. Doyle-Maiden-Farmer
 153-Isaac Downing-Maiden-unknown
 153-John Downey-Andersonville-Farmer
 153-N. J. Dovenspeck-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 154-B. Dexter-Andersonville-Farmer
 154-Hubert Deviver-Maiden-Farmer
 154-James Dempsey-Maiden-Stock
 154-Frank Day and Co-Reedsfort-Hotel and Blacksmith Sh'p
 154-Davis Hauser and Co-Maginnis-Stock
 154-J. E. Davis-Maiden-unknown
 154-C. L. Eaton-Maiden-Merchant
 154-L. D. Edinger-Maginnis-unknown
 154-W. A. Edwards-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 154-L. Eisenberg-Maiden-unknown
 155-A. M. Esler-Maiden-Mining Superintendent
 155-Wm. Fergus-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 155-Fergus and Son-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 155-C. M. Fletcher-Maiden-unknown
 155-Frank Fontan-Reedsfort-Farmer
 155-David Forman-Maginnis-Stock
 155-T. J. Frost-Maginnis-Farmer
 155-Fleisher and Trainor-Maiden-unknown
 156-C. W. Gardner-Maiden-Merchant
 156-P. G. Gessner and Co-Maiden-unknown
 156-M.Gibson-Maiden-Farmer
 156-Vincent Gies-Maiden-unknown
 156-Thos Gilbaye-Maiden-unknown
 156-Wm Goos-Maginnis-Farmer
 156-Hugh Green-Maginnis-Farmer and Stock
 157-N. C. Hanson-Reedsfort-Farmer
 157-S. J. Harding-Maginnis-Farmer
 157-A. R. Harris-Andersonville-Farmer
 157-Chas T. Harris-Reedsfort-unknown
 157-Cotman Harris-Reedsfort-unknown
 157-J. A. Harris-Reedsfort-Farmer
 157-J. A. Harris-Reedsfort-Farmer and Stock
 157-R. H. Harris-Andersonville-Farmer
 157-Wm Hartop-Reedsfort-Stock
 157-A. Hash-Maiden-Stock
 157-Chas Holmes-Maiden-Saloon
 158-Holzemer and Williams-Reedsfort-Saloon
 158-John W. Howell-Reedsfort-Farmer
 158-C. W. Hudleson-Maginnis-farmer and Stock
 158-James Hunter-Maginnis-unknown
 158-F. A. Janeaux-Reedsfort-Merchant
 158-David Jenkins-Maginnis-Farmer
 158-Wm Jenkins-Maiden-unknown
 158-J. C. Johnsen-Maiden-unknown
 158-Judith Cattle Co-Reedsfort-Stock
 158-Kane and Stuart-Maiden-Stock