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1902 UM GRADUATE BEQUEATHS
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MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MISSOULA--

Libraries at the University of Montana in Missoula and Carroll College in Helena, and the Montana Historical Society in Helena have received material bequeathed by the estate of Frances Inez Maley (pronounced Maylee), who was one of 17 graduates of the UM class of 1902. Announcement of the gifts was made by Robert E. Sullivan, dean of the UM School of Law, executor of the estate.

All archival material from the estate except that relating to the Diocese of Helena is now in the UM Library Archives. The diocesan material and all books from the estate were sent to the Carroll College Library, and early-day clothing from the estate went to the Montana Historical Society, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said many of the items represent accumulations of the families of Miss Maley's two married sisters, Mrs. Charles Donovan and Mrs. Leon Gutman, and an unmarried sister, Susan Maley, all deceased.

Commenting on the gifts, Sullivan said, "Among her books and papers there were materials that date back to 1900 and before. These materials are rich in the history of Western Montana and of Missoula."

Frances Inez Maley was born in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 24, 1884, and came to Missoula where she attended the Sacred Heart Academy and enrolled in the UM preparatory department at age 13 in 1897. She was graduated from UM in 1902 at age 18 and then moved to Hamilton and taught school there until 1906, when she returned to Missoula. She taught school in Missoula schools for 43 years, 35 of them at the Roosevelt School.

The late Dr. Morton J. Elrod, a UM biology professor, who was director of the UM Biological Station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake in northwestern Montana, was assisted by Miss Maley in preparing material for a book, "The Butterflies of Montana," published at UM in 1906.

Miss Maley was a candidate for Missoula County superintendent of schools in 1950, after she retired from active teaching. Her father, John Maley, was a Missoula contractor who assisted in construction of St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula.

Miss Maley was a member of the St. Ann Society, the St. Anthony Alter Society and the Retired Teachers Association. She died Oct. 12, 1974, in Missoula.

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