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## Guide to the Thomas B. Searcy Property Records, 1889-1961

### Title

Thomas B. Searcy Property Records (MSS Searcy)

### Dates

1889-1961 (inclusive)  
1889-1939 (bulk)

### Creator

Searcy, Thomas B.

### Summary

The Thomas B. Searcy Property Records document the land in Sherman County, Oregon, homesteaded by Thomas B. Searcy in 1889 and Searcy's financial interactions with the Moro Grain Growers Association and the Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers Association.

### Quantity

0.15 cubic foot (1 box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical Note

Thomas B. Searcy was born in 1860 in Kentucky and moved west in the early 1880s; in 1883, Searcy filed for a homestead on land in Sherman County, Oregon, about 10 miles south of Moro. Searcy married Lena Rivers Shelton in 1895, who filed her homestead claim on land adjoining Searcy's. Thomas B. Searcy resided on the ranch until his death in 1934.

James T. Searcy, a descendant of Thomas B. Searcy, attended Oregon State College in 1955-1960 and earned a BS in Business and Technology in 1960. He married Julie A. Davies, also a graduate of Oregon State, in 1960.

## Content Description

The Thomas B. Searcy Property Records reflect the ownership of land homesteaded by Thomas B. Searcy in 1883 in Sherman County, and include mortgages, warranty deeds, tax payment receipts, promissory notes, and materials documenting financial interactions between Searcy and the Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers Association and the Moro Grain Growers Association. The final property document is the lease of the land to Dean and Margaret Pinkerton in 1961. The documents are arranged in chronological order and housed in sleeves; the collection includes original documents as well as photocopies of most of the originals. A list of the documents is also included.

## Preferred Citation

Thomas B. Searcy Property Records, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

The records were donated to the Archives in 2009.

## Related Material

Additional materials pertaining to agriculture in Sherman County are part of the [Edwin Russell Jackman Papers](#) as well as the [Extension Service \(RG 111\)](#) and [Agricultural Experiment Station \(RG 025\)](#) Records.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

Pacific Wool Growers.

## Topics

Farm ownership--Oregon--Sherman County.

Farm tenancy--Economic aspects--Oregon--Sherman County.

## Geographical Names

Sherman County (Or.)

## Other Creators

Searcy, James T. (James Thomas), 1937-

Searcy, Julie A. Davies.