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The State Collection newspapers reveal a range of perspectives demonstrating the specific ways communities are impacted by national and global events, and cover local issues, people, events, and industries not found elsewhere. Much of Montana's history can be found in the pages of the *Great Falls Tribune*, one of Montana's largest newspapers. In 2000, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize for its year-long series on alcoholism. Readers will find coverage of state politics and legislation, school and zoning board meetings, as well as historic people, events and topics such as the building of the first hydroelectric dam on Black Eagle Falls in 1890, shuttle tests at the Malmstrom Air Force Base, and more.

Note: Newspaper titles, including the ones listed here, undergo name changes throughout the years.

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Note: There are known gaps in some titles which ProQuest will make an effort to fill.

**Hydroelectricity (Jan 3, 1890):** A hydroelectric dam was constructed on Black Eagle Falls in 1890. The dam provided the town with electricity and powered its street cars, and was the first major hydroelectric dam in Montana. Real estate ads feature references to the dam as an attractive feature of the town.

**Mariana UFO incident (Sep 5, 1956):** The Mariana UFO incident occurred in Great Falls, Montana in 1950. Nick Mariana, the manager of a minor-league baseball team, was inspecting the stadium before a game and saw a bright light and then two bright silvery objects rotating and flying over the stadium. He filmed the unidentified flying objects for 16 seconds.

**Resort Tax (Jun 18, 1985):** Montana has no sales tax, and in the 1980s the lack of a sales tax made it difficult for tourist towns to generate enough tax revenue. In 1985, Montana passed a law that allowed towns with fewer than 5,500 residents to apply a resort tax if more than half the community’s income came from tourism.

**Malmstrom Air Force Base (Jul 12, 1996):** The Malmstrom Air Force Base is the largest employer of Great Falls, Montana. The base has played an important role in US wars. Occasional federal proposals to cut the budget to the base have been of large concern to the community.

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