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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Game and Fish Division: Game Section

An Inventory of Its Land Acquisition Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Section of Game.
Series Title: Land acquisition files.
Dates: 1931-1964 [bulk 1937-1964].
Quantity: 3.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Files documenting the acquisition of private land by the Minnesota Department of Conservation's Game and Fish Division in order to establish game refuges throughout the state. The records include correspondence, maps, photographs, notices of election to purchase land(s), names and addresses of land owners, condemnation proceedings, project descriptions, memoranda, newspaper articles, land classifications, estimates, reports, lists, amendments, and other legal papers relating to land acquired by the state of Minnesota for gaming and fishing.

The department's focus was on the following areas: Whitewater Wildlife Land, Mille Lacs Game Refuge, Hubble [Hubbel] Pond, Walnut Lake Game Refuge, Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Rothsay Game Refuge and the Barnesville Game Refuge.

Forms part of the records of the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Eminent domain—Minnesota.
Government purchasing of real property—Minnesota.
Land titles—Registration and transfer—Minnesota.

Land use—Minnesota—Planning.
Wetlands—Minnesota.
Wildlife conservation—Minnesota.
Wildlife management—Minnesota.
Wildlife refuges—Minnesota.

Places:

Barnesville Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Hubbel Pond Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Mille Lacs Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Rothsay Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Walnut Lake Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).
Whitewater Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
Minnesota. Division of Game and Fish—Law and legislation.

Types of Documents:

Maps.
Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
107.H.19.2F	1	Whitewater Wildlife Refuge, 1931-1961 [bulk 1937-1961]. 46 folders. Project 15-L, Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1931-1944 [bulk 1937-1944]. Project W-15-L, Correspondence, 1944-1961. Project 15-L, Whitewater Land Acquisition, County Board Resolutions and Maps, 1941-1956. Project 15-L-1, Plans, Agreement Reimbursement, 1943-1947. Project 15-L-2, Plans, Agreement Reimbursement, 1943-1947. Project 15-L-2, Miscellaneous, 1944-1947. Project 15-L-3, Plans, Agreement Reimbursement, 1944-1947. Project 15-L-3, Miscellaneous, 1945-1946. Project 15-L-4, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1945-1947. Project 15-L-4, Miscellaneous, 1945-1947. Project 15-L-5, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1947-1950. Project 15-L-5, Correspondence, 1947-1950. Project 15-L-6, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1948-1950. Project 15-L-6, Correspondence, 1948-1951. Project 15-L-7, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1948-1950. Project 15-L-7, Correspondence, 1948-1951. Project 15-L-8, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Project, 1940-1954 [bulk 1949-1954]. Project 15-L-8, Correspondence, 1949-1951. Project 15-L-9, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Project, 1949-1954. Project 15-L-9, Correspondence, 1949-1954. Project 15-L-10, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1949-1952. Project 15-L-10, Correspondence, 1948-1952. Project 15-L-11, Correspondence, 1950-1951. Project 15-L-11, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1950-1952. Project 15-L-12, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1941-1953 [bulk 1950-1953]. Project 15-L-12, Correspondence 1950-1952. Project 15-L-13, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1951-1954.

Location	Box	
107.H.19.2F	1	<p>Project 15-L-13, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1949-1954.</p> <p>Project 15-L-14, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1951-1954.</p> <p>Project 15-L-14, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1951-1954.</p> <p>Project 15-L-15, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1953-1954.</p> <p>Project 15-L-15, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Correspondence, 1952-1954.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-16, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Project Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-16, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Correspondence, 1953-1955.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-17, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1949-1956.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-17, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Project, 1954-1956.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-18, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1954-1956.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-18, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1955-1956.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-X19, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, Disallowed by United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, 1955-1957.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-X19, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, Disallowed by United States Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, 1955-1956.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-19, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1956-1957.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-19, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1956-1960.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-20, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Options, 1957.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-20, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1957-1958.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-20, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1958.</p> <p>Project W-15-L-22, Whitewater Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1960.</p>

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107.H.19.3B	2	Mille Lacs, Hubble Pond, Walnut Lake, Talcot Lake, Rothsay, Barnesville, 1938-1962 [bulk 1950-1962]. 53 folders. Mille Lacs: Project W-26-L-1, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1950-1953. Project 26-L-1, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1951. Project 26-L-2, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1951-1952. Project 26-L-2, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Correspondence, 1951-1954. Project 26-L-3, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1951-1952. Project 26-L-3, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1951-1953. Project 26-L-4, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1952. Project 26-L-4, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1951-1953. Project W-26-L-5, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1952-1953. Project W-26-L-5, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1952-1955. Project W-26-L-6, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1955-1956. Project W-26-L-6, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates. 1 st Condemnation, 1953-1957. Project W-26-L-6, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Petitions-Condemnation Actions. 2 nd Condemnation, 1953-1956. Project W-26-L-6, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1951-1957. Project W-26-L-7, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1953-1954. Project W-26-L-8, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1957. Project W-26-L-9, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition. Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1956. Project W-26-L-10, Mille Lacs Game Refuge Land Acquisition. Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1952-1957.

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Walnut Lake:

- Project W-30-L-1, Walnut Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1953-1956.
- Project W-30-L-1, Walnut Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1956.
- Project W-30-L-2, Walnut Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1956.
- Project W-30-L-2, Walnut Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1956.
- Project W-31-L-1, Hubbel Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1953-1956.

Hubble [Hubbel]:

Two different spellings of Hubble and Hubbel are used on the folders. In a letter dated July 20, 1955, Supervisor of Federal Aid, W. A. Elkins, wrote to James W. Kimball, Director of Game and Fish, "...the spelling has been changed from Hubbel to Hubble to correspond with the Preliminary Project Statement." From that moment onwards, it was called Hubble Pond.

- Project W-31-L-1, Hubbel Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1953-1961.
- Project W-31-L-2, Hubble Pond Game Refuge Correspondence Project, 1954-1956.
- Project W-31-L-2, Hubbel Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1955.
- Project W-31-L-3, Hubble Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence 1938-1958 [bulk 1956-1957].
- Project W-31-L-3, Hubble Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1956-1958.
- Project W-31-L-4, Hubbel Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1963.
- Project W-31-L-5, Hubble Pond Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1962-1964.

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Talcot Lake:

Project W-32-L-1, Talcot Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1953-1955.

Project W-32-L-1, Talcot Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1953-1954.

Project W-32-L-2, Talcot Lake Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1958.

Project W-32-L-2, Talcot Lake and Des Moines River Game Refuge Plans, Specifications and Estimates Land Acquisition, 1955-1956.

Rothsay:

Project W-33-L-1, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition, 1954-1959.

Project W-33-L-1, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1956.

Project W-33-L-2, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1956.

Project W-33-L-2, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1955.

Project W-33-L-3, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1954-1959.

Project W-33-L-3, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1955.

Project W-33-L-4, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1956-1957.

Project W-33-L-4, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1956-1958.

Project W-33-L-5, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Options, 1954-1959.

Project W-33-L-5, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961.

Project W-33-L-5, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1954-1960.

Project W-33-L-6, Rothsay Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961.

Barnesville:

Project W-34-L-1, Barnesville Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1956-1959.

Project W-34-L-1, Barnesville Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1956-1958.

Project W-34-L-2, Barnesville Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1958.

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107.H.19.3B	2	Project W-34-L-2, Barnesville Refuge and Public Hunting Grounds Correspondence, 1957-1958. Project W-34-L-3, Barnesville Game Refuge Land Acquisition Correspondence, 1958-1959. Project W-34-L-3, Barnesville Refuge and Pub. Hunting Grounds Options, 1958. Project W-34-L-3, Barnesville Game Refuge Land Acquisition Plans, Specifications, and Estimates, 1958-1959.
107.H.19.4F	3	Acquisition of Small Game Habitat Restoration Areas, 1953-1964. 40 folders. W-27-L-1 – W-27-L-13, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1953-1960. W-27-L-18, Correspondence, 1956-1958. W-27-L-19, Correspondence, 1954-1958. W-27-L-19, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1960. W-27-L-20, Correspondence, 1957-1958. W-27-L-20, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1959. W-27-L-21, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1960. W-27-L-21, Correspondence, 1957-1958. W-27-L-22, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1960. W-27-L-22, Correspondence, 1958. W-27-L-23, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1957-1961. W-27-L-23, Correspondence, 1958-1959. W-27-L-24, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1959. W-27-L-25, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-26, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-27, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-28, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1960. W-27-L-29, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-30, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-31, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-32, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-33, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1960. W-27-L-34, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-35, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1961. W-27-L-36, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1958-1962. W-27-L-37, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1959-1961. W-27-L-38, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1959-1962. W-27-L-39, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1959-1961. W-27-L-40, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1959-1962. W-27-L-41, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, 1959-1961.

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