CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Forestry Division
An Inventory of Its Administrative Subject Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Division of Forestry.
Series Title: Administrative subject files.
Dates: 1900-1978.
Quantity: 19.2 cu. ft. (19 boxes and 1 partial box)
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Subject files documenting the administrative aspects of the division's activities and duties. Including correspondence, photographs, reports, statistics, studies, financial records, circular letters, policy directives, land use permits, operational orders, and conservation work project plans and programs, the files document such topics as state forest and lands management, timber law, multiple use, land acquisition and sale or exchange, campgrounds and picnic areas, public access and boating, wilderness areas, wildlife management, forest fire protection and prevention, tax-forfeiture, roads and trails, state parks, environmental education, land ownership, forestation, Civilian Conservation Corps camp locations, federal land grants, school and Volstead lands, mining, lakeshore, peat, road right-of-ways, natural and scientific areas, watersheds, lake levels, Shipstead-Nolan Act, slash disposal, county and private forests, tree farms, school forests, and nursery programs.

The files also document the division's relations with the Youth Conservation Commission, Keep Minnesota Green, Inc., U. S. Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Forest Service, Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission, Minnesota Resources Commission, and various of the other Conservation Department's divisions.

Areas particularly highlighted in the files include the Minnesota Memorial Hardwood State Forest, Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Itasca State Park, Chippewa National Forest, Kabetogama State Forest, Grand Portage State Forest, Voyageurs National Park, Quetico-Superior, and Superior National Forest.
There are also files documenting the division's committees on personnel and staff, signs, uniforms, safety, pesticides, planning, forms, finance, and files and filing, and reading files of Deputy Director Earl J. Adams and Directors C. B. Buckman and William Aultfather.

Records dated after 1971 were created under the Conservation Department's successor, the Department of Natural Resources.

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

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The records are arranged primarily by the department's numerical file code within the subdivisions for office or program.

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Persons:
  Adams, Earl J.
  Aultfather, William.
  Buckman, Clarence B.
  Usenk, Frank.

Organizations:
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