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An Inventory of Its 1993 and 1997 Flood Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Division of Emergency Services.
Series Title: 1993 and 1997 flood files.
Dates: 1993-1997.
Quantity: 2.4 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records documenting the major flooding on the Minnesota, Red, and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries in Minnesota during the summer of 1993. A large portion of the records are contained in the Disaster 993 Chronological File (1993-1996). "MN993" appears to have been the Federal Emergency Management Administration's code for recovery efforts relating to the floods. The file contains correspondence, damage reports, relief strategies, and related materials.

The remainder of the records include situation/briefing memos, federal and state declaration agreements, various county boards' assistance and agricultural disaster resolutions and requests, flood photographs, legislation and appropriations, an After-Action report focused on future planning efforts, inter-agency flood plain management materials, and federal and state publications. The latter include reports on flood response mobilization and recovery, inter-agency long range flood disaster assistance, support services, and flood damage assessment.

There are also several files documenting the spring 1997 flooding on the same rivers. Included are photocopied news clippings, press releases, correspondence, situation/briefing memos, informational flyers, and materials documenting the "Minnesota Recovers" Disaster Task Force, responsible for overseeing the state funding of flood recovery projects.

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:

Disaster relief--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Emergency management--Minnesota.
Flood control--Minnesota.
Flood damage--Minnesota--Photographs.
Flood damage prevention--Minnesota.
Floods--Minnesota River Valley (S.D. and Minn.)--Photographs.
Floods--Mississippi River Valley.
Floods--Red River Valley (Minn. and N.D.-Man.).
Intergovernmental fiscal relations--Minnesota.
Natural disasters--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Public Safety.
United States. Federal Disaster Assistance Administration.

Types of Documents:

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. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
106.H.5.9B	1	Disaster 993 Chronological File, March 1993 - January 1996. 16 folders. Correspondence, damage reports, relief strategies, and related documents concerning the major flooding on the Minnesota, Red, and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries in Minnesota during the summer of 1993. Many of the records bear the number "MN993" which appears to be the Federal Emergency Management code for recovery efforts from this disaster. This series is in very rough reverse chronological order by month. Most of the records were sent or received by Cindy Jepson, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office, or James D. Franklin, Director of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety.
106.H.5.10F	2	Situation reports/briefing memos, May 1993 - January 1994. Disaster declarations: federal state agreements and amendments, 1993. IA [Individual Assistance] and PA [Public Assistance] resolutions, 1993. 2 folders. Resolutions of county boards requesting disaster aid and giving summary damage assessments. Agricultural disaster resolutions, 1993. 2 folders. Resolutions from county boards requesting agricultural aid and giving summary damages. Douglas County requests, 1994. Traverse County requests, 1994. Washington County: Sunnybrook Lake flooding, 1993-1994. Yellow Medicine County mitigation, 1994. Flood photographs, 1993. Photographs mainly of the Minnesota River flooding in Brown, Blue Earth, Nicollet, Sibley, and LeSueur counties. Legislation and appropriations, 1993-1996. 2 folders. After-Action report, 1993-1994. Records concerning aftermath of the flood, especially future planning. Inter-Agency flood plain management, January–August 1994. 3 folders.

Location	Box	
106.H.5.10F	2	<p>Publications:</p> <p>July 15, 1993: Governor's Flood Response Team Report, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>July 17, 1993: Flood Response Mobilization and Recovery: Briefing And Resource Book, [Office of the President].</p> <p>July 28, 1993: Report to the President on the 1993 Inter-Agency Long Range Flood Disaster Assistance, by Mike Espy, Secretary of Agriculture.</p> <p>Includes an insert specifically addressing Minnesota's concerns.</p> <p>[August 1993]: 1993 Summary of Flood, by Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team.</p> <p>[1994?]: Minnesota Flood Support Services Program: Regular Services Final Report.</p> <p>March 1994: The Great Flood of 1993: The Minnesota Experience, by Minnesota Department of Public Safety.</p> <p>March 1994: Economic Development Administration. Flood Activities: Congressional Briefing Book.</p> <p>September 1994: The Great Flood of 1993. Post-Flood Report, Upper Mississippi River and Lower Missouri River Basins. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.</p> <p>August 1997: Red River Valley Draft 1993 Flood Damage Assessment, by HDR Engineering, Inc. and Houston Engineering, Inc.</p>
120.J.1.9B	3	<p>News clippings, 1993. Photocopies.</p> <p>1997 Flood, 1997. 5 folders. Records. 3 folders.</p> <p>Includes press releases, correspondence, situation/briefing memos, informational flyers, and "Minnesota Recovers" Disaster Task Force materials.</p> <p>News clippings. 2 folders. Photocopies.</p>