

William A. Langille papers, 1891-1955

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Langille, William Alexander
Title	William A. Langille papers
Dates	1891-1955 (inclusive) 1891 1955
Quantity	1.5 cubic feet, (1 container)
Collection Number	Ax 635
Summary	William A. Langille (1869-1956) came with his family to Hood River, Oregon in 1882. The Langille family operated the Cloud Cap Inn on Mt. Hood. Langille was a prospector in the Klondyke gold fields and Alaska state forester; eventually he was appointed forest manager for the Oregon State Parks Department. This collection contains correspondence, short stories, articles and reports that focus on his time in Alaska, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Oregon.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
Languages	English
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Historical Note

William A. Langille was born in 1869 in Nova Scotia. In 1882, he came to Hood River, Oregon where the Langille family was associated with the construction and operation of the Cloud Cap Inn. Construction began in 1889 and they operated the inn from 1891 until 1906. William and his brother, Harold D. "Doug" Langille, were early climbers and guides on the mountain. In 1897 William went prospecting in the Klondyke gold fields. A few years later, in 1903, he was appointed forester of Alaska. Many of the manuscripts and some of the diaries in this collection reflect on his time spent in that area. Due to his association with Alaskan lumber companies, he was hired in 1912 by the Paulista Lumber Company to report on the Brazilian forest. After World War I, Langille worked for the forest service and the Oregon State Parks Department.

Content Description

The William A. Langille papers consist of scattered diaries, letters, and historical articles on Alaska and Oregon, and photographs (mainly of Brazil). In Series I: Correspondence, the major correspondent is Samuel H. Boardman, the first Oregon Parks superintendent. Among the manuscripts found in this collection is a biography of Boardman. Langille and his younger brother, Harold D. Doug Langille corresponded most of their adult life. This collection includes correspondence received from Doug and his correspondence to William. With the W.A. Langille papers are the papers of Harold D. Langille (1874-1954), a forester and engineer. His papers include letters to his brother, William, written between 1935 and 1953 from mining areas in western Idaho and Sonora, Mexico. There are also 72 letters written from France, 1917-1919, when Doug was a major in the 505th Engineer Service Brigade.

Series II: Reports, Manuscripts, Publications, contains two short stories about Alaska and numerous papers covering forestry topics concerning Alaska and Oregon. The diaries in this collection focus mainly on Langille's life in Oregon but also include a diary from his four months spent in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During his stay in Brazil, Langille was an avid photographer and this collection includes a large portion of photographs and 2.5x5 black and white negatives of this area. These photographs document Brazilian native life and natural environment. Other subjects include Alaska and Oregon. The final series includes Langille mementos, awards, citations, and photographs.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

Series I. Correspondence

Series II. Reports, manuscripts, publications

Series III. Langille diaries

Series IV. Photographs

Series V. Langille mementos and family photographs

Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Correspondence, 1893-1953

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Langille Letters Sent 138.0 letters	
Box	Folder	
1	1 Alaska letters 6.0 letters	1897-1900
1	2 Brazil letters 29.0 letters Filed here is manuscript "Report on the timber holdings of the Paulista Lumber Company, Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 14, 1912," and manuscript "Lumbering in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 23, 1912". Also 3 pamphlets on Brazil.	1911-1913
1	3 Miscellaneous 103.0 letters Mostly written to Harold D. Langille.	1904, 1935-1955
	Langille Letters Received	1938-1954

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		88.0 letters	
Box	Folder		
1	4	Abrams, D.C.	
1	4	Aluminum Company of America	
1	4	Baldwin, L.M. 10.0 letters Hood River history	1951-1954
1	4	Bartmess, Earl K.	
1	4	Bartsch, Grace Graham 5.0 letters	1950-1953
1	4	Boardman, Samuel H. 7.0 letters	1949-1952
1	4	Calder, W.C.	
1	4	Chamberlain, Gertrude	
1	4	Cook, Arthur F.	
1	4	Cooper, John P. 4.0 letters Hood River history	1952-1953
1	4	Dimmick, George W. 3.0 letters Hood River history	1952-1953
1	4	Dimmick, J.B.	
1	4	Ferguson, Anna	
1	4	First National Bank Hood River	
1	4	French, Boyd	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	4	Freshwater, Caroline	
1	4	Freshwater, Margaret	
1	4	Graham, Will	
1	4	Greeley, A.W.	
1	4	Heintzleman, B. Frank	
1	4	Hood River County Historical Society	
1	4	Jackson, A.G. 2 photos of Langille in redwoods	1926
1	4	Lacey, James D. and Co.	
1	4	Lang, Anne 12.0 letters Cloud Cap Inn	1938, 1940-1943, 1948
1	4	McIntyre, Justin	
1	4	McKeown, Martha Ferguson	
1	4	McNeil, Fred H.	
1	4	McRae, Clyde	
1	4	Marsh, Eugene	
1	4	Montana Assay Office	
1	4	Mt. Hood Irrigation District	
1	4	Munger, Thornton	
1	4	Old Oregon Trail, Inc.	
1	4	Oregon State Dept. of Geology	
1	4	Oregon State Highway Department	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	4	Oregon State Parks Department	
1	4	Pinchot, Gifford	
1	4	Pond, Irving K.	
1	4	Riddell, H.H.	
1	4	Rumbaugh, Ann	
1	4	Smith, Warren D.	
1	4	U.S. Forest Service	
1	4	U.S. General Land Office	
1	4	U.S. Geological Survey	
1	4	U.S. Interior Department	
1	4	Wilson, Fred	
1	4	Winans, Ephraim 6.0 letters Hood River history	1943-1946
1	4	Wood, Erskine	
1	5	Lang, Anne	
		Harold D. Langille Letters Sent 256.0 letters	1910 1912 1917-1919 1935-1953
Box	Folder		
1	6	World War I letters from Camp Lee, Virginia and France H.D. Langille was a major in the 505th Engineer Service Brigade. The letters, with a few exceptions, are to his mother.	1917-1919
1	7	Miscellaneous 175.0 letters	1910 1912 1935-1953

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Most sent to W.A. Langille. The 1910 letters are from Chili. Others from mining country in western Idaho and Sonora.	

Series II: W.A. Langille Reports, Manuscripts, Publications, 1925-1949

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Azalea to Indians	1925-1949
Box Folder		
1	8 Azalea State Park 4.0 pages	July 11, 1940
1	8 A Bear Hunting Episode 6.0 pages	1927
1	8 Boardman, Samuel Herbert 2.0 pages "A Farewell," Also Boardman's autobiography (10 pp., typed, undated)	1950
1	8 Booth Hill Overlook 4.0 pages	1946
1	8 Buena Vista 3.0 pages A Curry County Ocean Wayside	1946
1	8 Cape Lookout State Park 12.0 pages	1942
1	8 Cape Sebastian, Gold Beach 2.0 pages With report to Sam Boardman, Nov. 20, 1933 (2 pp., typed).	1933, 1934
1	8 The Cove 16.0 pages A Palisaded Park of Geological Significance. Also as published in the <i>Madras Pioneer</i> , June 6, 13, 20, 27, 1946.	1942

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	8	Curry County, Something of Its Early History 3.0 pages	undated
1	8	Emigrant Springs 9.0 pages	1951
1	8	A Glimpse of the Canyon of the South Fork of the Owyhee River 331.0 pages	1941
1	8	History of Oregon State Parks 13.0 pages	undated
1	8	Holman State Park in Polk County 5.0 pages	1947
1	8	The Indians 30.0 pages Early Indian Troubles of Southwestern Oregon. With map of Indian villages, Curry County; Also as published in <i>Coos Bay Times</i> , Aug. 4, 12, 1949.	1945
1		John Day to Pilot Butte	1925-1949
Box	Folder		
1	9	John Day Fossil Beds 38.0 pages A State Park of the Yesterdays.	1948
1	9	A Kadiak [sic] Bear - His Ending 4.0 pages John C. Tolman's bear hunt.	1927
1	9	Lost Lake 6.0 pages	1925
1	9	The Mitchell Country in Wheeler County 21.0 pages	1937
1	9	Mosier Rocks 3.0 pages Memorandum for Sam Boardman on Mosier Rocks.	September 3, 1933

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	9	Mount Hood and Cloud Cap Inn As published in <i>Yarmouth Herald</i> , Nova Scotia	November 10, 1891
1	9	Neptune State Park 7.0 pages By Frank P. Sipe.	1948
1	9	Old Oregon Trail 2.0 items	undated
1	9	Oregon, a Recreational Area 23.0 pages	undated
1	9	The Painted Hills, A Unique State park of Wheeler County 15.0 pages	1948
1	9	Parks and Roadsides as Features of Roadside Development 2.0 items	undated
1	9	Mosier Rocks 3.0 pages Memorandum for Sam Boardman on Mosier Rocks.	September 3, 1933
1	9	Peter Skene Ogden State Park 10.0 pages	1946
1	9	Pilot Butte 5.0 pages A State Park Landmark of Pioneer Days.	1944
1		Proposed Ocean State Park to Wallowa	1925-1949
Box	Folder		
1	10	Proposed Ocean State Park Site 6.0 pages In Lane County Park.	undated
1	10	Recollections of Old Cloud Cap Inn 7.0 pages	1927
1	10	Report on the Coast Line Section of Curry County, Oregon 9.0 pages	undated

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		From Whales Head to Burnt Hill Creek.	
1	10	Report on the Shore Lands of the Crook Point-Cape Ferrelo Section of the Curry County, Oregon Coast Line 2.0 items	1938
1	10	Rock Creek Stone Piles, an Archaeological Mystery 6.0 pages	1945
1	10	State Parks, A Radio Talk 8.0 pages	undated
1	10	State Parks of the Columbia Gorge 59.0 pages	1945
1	10	Three Flags Highway Association 4.0 pages Report of meeting.	April 7, 1946
1	10	The Umpqua Lighthouse State Park 19.0 pages	1943
1	10	The Upper Hood River Valley 38.0 pages	undated
1	10	Wallowa State Park 13.0 pages	1949
1		Narratives	1925-1949
Box	Folder		
1	11	Klondyke Vignettes	undated
1	12	Dawson Nights Second of a series.	undated

Series III: William A. Langille Diaries, 1893-1935

12.0 volumes

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	13	Mt. Hood, Mines and Cloud Cap Inn Jackson-Josephine County mines; minor entries	1893-1896
1	13	Brazil 2.0 volumes Includes numbered lists of photographs.	March 1928-July 1928
1	13	U.S. Forest Service Building Legion Camp, Mt. Hood; Mitchell Point fire; High Road construction; August 2, 1926: "The cook has boils and running sores. Time to get rid of him."	June 21, 1926-August 5, 1926
1	13	Oregon State Highway Department Construction; rights-of-way.	March 23, 1927-April 14, 1927
1	13	Oregon State Highway Department	January 1, 1932-September 23, 1932
1	13	Oregon State Parks Department 2.0 volumes	July 3, 1933-December 31, 1933
1	13	Oregon State Parks Department CCC Camp, Cape San Sebastian; May 1, 1934: "Mr. Boardman advised me 5 new foremen to come who are Walter Pierce's appointees. Our first political members."	January 1, 1934-February 28, 1934 April 1, 1934-May 11, 1934 May 12, 1934-December 31, 1934 May 1, 1934
1	13	Oregon State Parks Department	February 8, 1935-February 24, 1935

Series IV: Photographs, ca. 1928

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	14	Photographs, Brazil Negatives and some prints of Brazil (Sao Paulo)	ca. 1928

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 15	Photographs, Oregon and others Negatives and some prints. Subjects include: Alaska; Cape Lookout, and Cape San Sebastian, Oregon; CCC Camp 1652; Columbia River Highway construction near Biggs, Oregon; Curry County coast line, Mitchell vicinity, Oregon; Silver Creek Falls and vicinity, Oregon.	ca. 1928

Series V: Langille Mementos and Family photographs, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box Folder		
1 16	Mementos and photographs Includes awards and citations.	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Foresters--Alaska
Forests and forestry--Alaska
Forests and forestry--Brazil
Forests and forestry--Oregon
Prospecting--Yukon Territory--Klondike River Valley

Personal Names :

Boardman, Samuel Herbert, 1874-1953
Langille, Harold D., 1874-1954
Langille, William A. (William Alexander), b. 1869--Archives

Corporate Names :

Cloud Cap Inn (Parkdale, Or.)
Oregon. State Parks and Recreation Division

Geographical Names :

Alaska--Photographs
Brazil--Photographs
Oregon--Photographs
São Paulo (Brazil)

Form or Genre Terms :

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Photographs

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