

Inland Automobile Association Records, 1903-1974

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Inland Automobile Association
Title	Inland Automobile Association Records
Dates	1903-1974 (inclusive) 1903 1974
Quantity	7 cubic ft.
Collection Number	SPC 974-0011
Summary	Records kept by Frank W. Guilbert and his son David, two automotive pioneers of Eastern Washington and leaders in the Spokane County Good Roads Association and the Inland Automobile Association (IAA). The collection also includes materials from five other local, state, and regional automobile groups as well as the American Automobile Association.
Repository	Eastern Washington University Archives and Special Collections Archives & Special Collections Eastern Washington University Libraries 320 Media Lane - 816 "F" Street Cheney, WA 99004 -2453 Telephone: 509-359-2475 Fax: 509-359-4840 archives@ewu.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Inland Automobile Association (IAA) Records include those of six other local, state, and regional automobile groups, as well as the national American Automobile Association (AAA). They are tied together by the activities of two men, Frank W. Guilbert and his son, David. Frank Guilbert was instrumental in founding the two main organizations which lobbied for roads in the Inland Empire - the Spokane County Good Roads Association (SCGRA) in 1903, and the Inland Automobile Association in 1912. From then until his death in 1942, Guilbert held various offices in, and was one of the controlling forces in both organizations. After Frank died, his son David took over his position, retiring in 1972 as IAA secretary. The Guilberts were also active in other automotive groups, such as the Eastern Washington Highway Association (EWhA), the National Parks Highway Association (NPHA), the Washington State Loop Highway Association (WSLHA), the Washington State Good Roads Association (WSGRA), and the Western Federation of Motor Clubs (WFMC).

Content Description

The bulk of this collection consists of the records of the IAA and the SCGRA. The remaining records are those of other automobile organizations, and reflect the participation in them by the Guilberts.

The materials include organizational papers, minutes, reports, financial records, correspondence, speeches, subject files, publications, maps, advertisements, cartoons, newsclippings, and photographs. Of particular note as a record of early travel conditions, is a collection of 137 photographs taken on the 1916 National Parks Highway Tour from Chicago to Tacoma. Frank Guilbert was a participant, and helped organize the tour. The collection also contains additional separate series of maps and publications of the American Automobile Association, as well as other organizations.

Use of the Collection

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Preferred Citation

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Alternative Forms Available

Selections from the collection have been digitized and are available as part of the [Inland Automobile Association Digital Collection](#).

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The Guilberts' original order has been retained, and for that reason the records are broken down into subgroups that encompass each separate automobile organization.

Most of the publications are stored in boxes four and five, while the bulk of the maps are stored in the Library's map collection.

Acquisition Information

Inland Automobile Association, Spokane, 1974.

Separated Materials

Some of the publications have been removed, and are now shelved in Special Collections.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Automobile driving--United States
Automobile travel--Northwestern States
Automobile travel--Washington (State)
Automobiles--Periodicals
Automobiles--United States--Societies, etc.
Automobiles--Washington (State)--Societies, etc.
Highway planning--United States--Maps
Roads--United States--Design and construction
Roads--United States--Maps
Roads--Washington (State)--Finance--Periodicals
Transportation, Automotive--United States

Personal Names :

Guilbert, David C.
Guilbert, Frank W., -1940

Corporate Names :

American Automobile Association
Eastern Washington highway association, Apr. 1929-
Inland Automobile Association
National Parks Highway Association
Spokane county good roads association, Apr. 1929-
Washington State Good Roads Association
Washington State Loop Highway Association
Western Federation of Motor Clubs

Form or Genre Terms :

Advertisements
Cartoons (humorous images)
Charters and articles of incorporation
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Files (document groupings)
Financial records
Maps
Minutes (administrative records)
Minutes (Records)
Organization files
Periodicals
Photographs
Publications (documents)
Records (Documents)
Reports
Road maps

Speeches
Speeches (documents)

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Guilbert, David C.
(creator)

Guilbert, Frank W., -1940
(creator)

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