Overview of the Collection

Creator
McNary, Charles Linza, 1874-1944

Title
Charles Linza McNary papers

Dates
1921-1941 (inclusive)
1921 1941

Quantity
7.5 linear feet, (13 containers)

Collection Number
Ax 049

Summary
Charles Linza McNary (1874-1944) was a Republican Senator from Oregon and served as an Oregon Supreme Court associate justice. The collection contains records from McNary's years as Senator that deal with Oregon concerns including correspondence, bills, briefs, and research material about internal improvements, such as rivers and harbors, bridges, state parks railroads, roads, and airports, as well as agriculture, trade, veteran hospitals and a few personal materials and photographs.

Repository
University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.

Additional Reference
Guides
Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections & University Archives.

Languages
English

Sponsor
Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Historical Note

Charles Linza McNary was born on a farm near Salem, Oregon on June 12, 1874 and attended Oregon public schools and Leland Stanford Junior University. He graduated from Stanford University and returned to Salem to begin a law career. McNary served as a deputy district attorney from 1906 to 1913, as dean of the Willamette University Law School from 1908 to 1913, and as an Oregon Supreme Court associate justice from 1913 to 1915.

Following the death of Harry Lane in 1917, McNary was appointed as a Republican to the U.S. Senate. McNary advocated for farm and reclamation legislation including the McNary-Haugen farm bill of 1927. He served as minority leader from 1933 to 1944 and supported a much of the New Deal legislation, although he opposed the reciprocal trade agreements and President Roosevelt's proposals for Supreme Court reform. McNary served on the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands and the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. In 1933, McNary was the original and principal...
sponsor of the Bonneville Dam. He ran unsuccessfully for vice president with Wendell Wilkie in 1940 against the Roosevelt ticket.

McNary died in office in 1944. He was later honored when McNary Dam on the Columbia River and McNary High School in Keizer were named for him.

Source: Oregon Blue Book website: http://bluebook.state.or.us/notable/notmcnary.htm

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Of McNary's senatorial records, Oregon related material came to the University of Oregon while the bulk of his papers are housed in the Library of Congress.

Oregon material is alphabetically organized by subject title. Folders include correspondence, reports, bills, briefs, and other research documents concerning a certain topic. The largest section of materials concerns Oregon's rivers and harbors.

McNary's personal papers include correspondence (1922-1929; 1937-1943), correspondence regarding McNary's estate, McNary genealogy, and mementos.

Photographs contain personal and family prints, as well as photographs from McNary's work and travel as a congressional representative.

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series: Subject files, Personal Materials, and Photographs.

Material within this collection is minimally arranged. Any arrangement is either derived from the records' creators or custodians or from staff at the time of initial processing. It may be necessary to look in multiple places for the same types of materials.

Related Materials

The bulk of McNary's congressional and personal papers are held by the Library of Congress.

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.

This collection received a basic level of processing including minimal organization and rehousing.

Description information is drawn in part from information supplied with the collection and initial surveys of the contents.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Papers

Photographs (PH 102)

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Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms:**  
Harbors--Law and legislation--Oregon  
Legislators--United States  
Politicians--Oregon  
Public works--Law and legislation--United States  
Rivers--Law and legislation--Oregon

**Personal Names:**  
McNary, Charles Linza, 1874-1944  
McNary, Charles Linza, 1874-1944--Correspondence

**Corporate Names:**  
United States. Congress. Senate.

**Geographical Names:**  
Oregon--Politics and government--1859-1950  
United States--Politics and government--1919-1933  
United States--Politics and government--1933-1945

**Form or Genre Terms:**  
Correspondence  
Legislative records  
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