Oregon Capitol Reconstruction Commission records, 1935-1936

Overview of the Collection

**Creator**  
Marshall, George Allen, 1878-1958Oregon. State Capitol Reconstruction Commission

**Title**  
Oregon Capitol Reconstruction Commission records

**Dates**  
1935-1936 (inclusive)  
1935 1936

**Quantity**  
1 linear feet, (1 container) : 1 clamshell box

**Collection Number**  
A 224

**Summary**  
The Capitol Reconstruction Commission was established in November, 1935, during a special session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly, to plan the construction of a new capitol building. The collection (1935-1936) contains the files of commission member George A. Marshall, and include minutes, bulletins, official and unofficial correspondence, and the commission report.

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

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**Access Restrictions**  
Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.

**Additional Reference**  
See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.

**Languages**  
English

**Sponsor**  
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Historical Note

The Capitol Reconstruction Commission was established in November, 1935, during a special session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. The Commission succeeded the State Planning Board in planning the construction of a new capitol building to replace the previous capitol building, which burned in April, 1935. The Commission, which consisted of nine members and a secretary, was to oversee the "construction and equipping of a State Capitol building or buildings, including [a] State Library."
secretary, John Alton Bassett, was responsible for coordinating decision-making information to the various commissioners.

The Commission first met in December, 1935, and immediately began to select a site and design for the Capitol. Over the next three years the Commission presided over the selection of architects, artists, contractors, and others for the construction of the State Capitol, State Library, and Capitol Heating Plant.

Construction of the Capitol began in 1936 and ended in 1938. Financing for a large portion of [this] project was secured from the Public Works Administration."

George A. Marshall, an eastern Oregon rancher, was appointed to the Oregon State Capitol Reconstruction Commission in 1935.

[Source: Oregon State Archives]

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**Administrative Information**

**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**Description**

Guide to the Oregon Capitol Reconstruction Commission Records

**Names and Subjects**

**Subject Terms**:
- Public architecture--Oregon--Salem

**Personal Names**:
- Marshall, George Allen, 1878-1958

**Corporate Names**:
- Oregon State Capitol (Salem, Or. : 1938-
- Oregon State Library
- Oregon. State Capitol Reconstruction Commission--Records and correspondence

**Geographical Names**:
- Oregon--Capital and capitol
- Salem (Or.)--Buildings, structures, etc

**Form or Genre Terms**:
- Bulletins
- Correspondence
Reports
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