Papers on Columbia River Basin Shipping and Development, 1934-1936

Overview of the Collection

Title
Papers on Columbia River Basin Shipping and Development

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Summary
In 1934 the Inland Empire Waterways Association was established as an advocacy group to represent the interests of the transportation industry, forestry, agriculture, energy producers, and local governments in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The collection includes typescripts, clippings, graphs, tables, and maps regarding the development potential of the Columbia River Basin.

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Languages
English

Historical Note

Quoted from Guide to the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Records (Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA):

"In 1934 the Inland Empire Waterways Association was established as an advocacy group to represent the interests of the transportation industry, forestry, agriculture, energy producers, and local governments in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Most notably, they lobbied at the federal level for the construction of the locks and dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers."

Content Description

The collection includes typescripts, clippings, graphs, tables, and maps regarding the development potential of the Columbia River Basin. These materials were probably created or collected by (or for) the Inland Empire Waterways Association, based on information in a letter filed with the collection (folder 2). Specific topics include: potential commercial shipping ports; electric power development; irrigation; dams; flood control; industrial, agricultural, and silvicultural applications; and recreation.
Use of the Collection

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Preferred Citation
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Administrative Information

Arrangement
The original arrangement of the documents has been retained.

Acquisition Information
This collection's source is unknown, and it was received in an unlabeled binder.

Processing Note
This collection was processed by Tabitha Erdey in 2010.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Staff report with recommendations for the development of the Columbia River Basin

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Analysis of Cost of Transportation by Barge Fleet on the Columbia River between the Dalles and Portland, the Dalles and Wallula.

Series 2: Maps, statistical tables, and clippings about Columbia River shipping

Maps:


Tables:

Statistical data about transportation, including rates, lumber production and shipping, grain shipping, and apple and pear exports.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Inland water transportation -- Columbia River.
Shipment of goods -- Economic aspects -- Columbia River Watershed.
Transportation -- Columbia River Watershed.
Wheat trade -- Northwest, Pacific.

Corporate Names:
Inland Empire Waterways Association.

Geographical Names:
Columbia River -- Commerce.
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Other Creators:

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Inland Empire Waterways Association.
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