

# Carl R. Dion papers, 1928-1992

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Dion, Carl R., 1914-1993
<b>Title</b>	Carl R. Dion papers
<b>Dates</b>	1928-1992 (inclusive) 1928 1992
<b>Quantity</b>	.63 cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	4154 (Accession No. 4154-005)
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of a conservationist and arborist in Seattle, Washington.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The papers are open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Conservationist Carl R. Dion was born in Minnesota in 1914. He became interested in forest conservation at the age of 10. Participation in a Boy Scout tree-planting project in 1929 prompted him to contact conservationist Willard Van Name of the American Museum of Natural History. Their friendship lasted until Van Name's death in 1959. Van Name took Dion with him on two expeditions to photograph old growth forest in Yosemite National Park (1931) and what would become Olympic National Park (1932). Dion returned to Yosemite many years later as a professional surveyor (Tuolumne Grove, 1966).

Carl Dion graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1938 with a B.S. in Forestry and a minor in Civil Engineering. In his early career he worked on engineering projects closely linked to forestry and conservation. These included work as a senior foreman with the Civilian Conservation Corps (1938-1940), and as a junior forester (1940-1941), both in Minnesota.

His later work took him farther from forestry. In 1948 he moved to North Richland, Washington, to work as a surveyor for General Electric. After 15 years of civil engineering work in the Tri-Cities and Spokane areas, Dion took a job with the Boeing Aerospace Company in approximately 1963. He was laid off in 1970.

In 1971 Dion became the arborist for the City of Seattle, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. He died in a traffic accident in May 1993.

## Content Description

Dion's papers reflect his interest and activities in forest conservation, primarily during the period 1930-1945. The papers include correspondence, reports, speeches and writings, pamphlets, memos, and news releases.

Throughout his career, Dion remained in touch with Willard Van Name, who sent him copies of his correspondence and articles produced in connection with campaigns to preserve forest lands. Much of the correspondence represents Van Name's efforts to establish or enlarge several national parks. These included tracts in Yosemite, Olympic National Park, Kings Canyon, Calaveras Grove (California), and Admiralty Island (Alaska). This material may be found in "General Correspondence - of Willard Van Name." Also included is material from Dion's work as a junior forester on the Grand Portage Indian Reservation. Names represented in the papers include the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps, Willard Van Name, and the U.S. Indian Affairs Office, Consolidated Chippewa Agency.

## Use of the Collection

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged by type of document.

### Acquisition Information

Carl Dion donated these papers in several installments during 1992.

### Processing Note

Processing of the papers was completed in May 1993.

### Related Materials

Carl Dion greatly valued his experience with the Civilian Conservation Corp and was a persistent advocate of revival of the program, which ceased in 1942. He was a founding member of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni, formed in 1979. His papers relating to that organization were given to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Deception Pass Museum, 7150 Cleanwater Drive S.W., P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650.

# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Biographical information, undated

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## Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Incoming letters</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/2-7	American Forestry Association	1940
1/2-7	Bathurst, Effie	1939
1/2-7	Brant, Irving	1940-1941
1/2-7	Chase, Stuart	1937
1/2-7	Clark, Irving M.	1936
1/2-7	Cliff, Edward P.	1940
1/2-7	Cook, Kathrine M.	1939
1/2-7	Drury, Newton B.	1942
1/2-7	Edge, Rosalie (Emergency Conservation Committee)	1937-1941
1/2-7	Kaufert, F. H.	1941
1/2-7	Marshall, Bob	1938-1939
1/2-7	Minnesota Conservation Department	1933
1/2-7	National Park Association	1943
1/2-7	Rowe, Elizabeth	1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/2-7	Schmitz, Henry	1939-1942
1/2-7	Schmoe, Floyd W.	1936
1/2-7	Society of American Foresters	1941
1/2-7	Strench, E. F.	1942
1/2-7	Thompson, Ben H. (United States National Park Service)	1938-1940
1/2-7	Toothman, Stephanie S.	1985
1/2-7	United States Forest Service	1942
1/2-7	United States National Park Service	1938-1939
1/2-7	Van Name, Willard	1937-1956
1/2-7	A-Z miscellaneous	1932-1960

#### Box/Folder

1/8-9	Outgoing letters	<b>1929-1959,1988</b>
1/10-11	General correspondence of Willard Van Name Includes Irving Brant and Save-the-Redwoods League.	<b>1938-1949</b>

## Legal documents, undated

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## Report: Mapping and Cruising the Tuolumne-Merced Sequoia, 1966

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## Speeches and Writings

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/14	Our Trip to Duluth	1928

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/14	World Human Population	1992
1/14	The Story of Pineclift	1954

## Legislation, undated

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## Memoranda

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/1-2	By Dion	1935
2/1-2	By Others	1935-1945

## Pamphlets, undated

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## Maps, undated

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## Photographs (copies), 1931

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## News releases, 1937-1956

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## Clippings, undated

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## Subject Files

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/8-9	Civilian Conservation Corps Revival	1964-1992

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/10	Olympic National Park	1938-1946
2/11	Save the Porcupine Mountains	1941
2/12	Yosemite National Park Sequoias	1966

## United States Indian Affairs Office, Consolidated Chippewa Agency, 1940-1941

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Regarding Junior Ranger position at Grand Portage Reservation, Minnesota.

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Civil engineers--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
 Conservationists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
 Forest conservation--United States  
 Foresters--Minnesota--Archives  
 Foresters--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
 Forests and forestry--Minnesota  
 National parks and reserves--United States  
 Protected areas--United States

### Personal Names :

Dion, Carl R., 1914-1993--Archives  
 Van Name, Willard Gibbs, 1872-

### Corporate Names :

Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)  
 United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Consolidated Chippewa Agency

### Geographical Names :

Grand Portage Reservation (Minn.)

### Form or Genre Terms :

correspondence  
 Memorandums  
 Pamphlets  
 Press releases  
 reports  
 Speeches, addresses, etc  
 writings

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