

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Records, 1907-1978

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Inland Empire Waterways Association Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
Title	Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Records
Dates	1907-1978 (inclusive) 1907 1978 1933-1978 (bulk) 1933 1978
Quantity	105 linear feet, (112 boxes)
Collection Number	HTM_WCMss23
Summary	This collection contains the record of the formation and subsequent organizational and lobbying efforts of the Inland Empire Waterways Association, later renamed the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.
Repository	Whitman College and Northwest Archives Whitman College and Northwest Archives Penrose Library, Room 130 345 Boyer Avenue Walla Walla, WA 99362 Telephone: 509-527-5922 Fax: 509-526-4785 archives@whitman.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research except where noted.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for preparing this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Historical Note

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.

In 1971, as the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, the association was expanded to include Puget Sound and coastal members. Today, the association represent over 100 members in public and private sectors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and California. Members include public ports, navigation, transportation, international trade, tourism, agriculture, forest products, energy and local government interests.

Content Description

This collection contain the correspondence, reports, maps, financial records, and other materials pertaining to the meetings and the annual conferences held by the association between 1934 and 1978.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Records, Whitman College and Northwest Archives.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Into series, and within series, material is primarily arranged chronologically.

Location of Collection

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Acquisition Information

Donated by the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, 1973 and after 1978.

Processing Note

Original order, when preserved, has been followed. Some separated materials are noted.

Separated Materials

A donation made in 2007 by the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association is arranged separately.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series 1: Corporate records, 1934-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1-41	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>These files contain extensive correspondence and subject files for the association, which includes contacts with United States Congressmen, associated waterways organizations, and leaders in cities and towns concerned with development of the Pacific Northwest rivers. Reports of Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) hearings and state and U.S. congressional bills are contained here. In addition, river transportation discussions can be found here, from barges to bridges, freight rates to tonnage.</p> <p>At least two donation groups resulted in the split arrangement. Both are per association alphabetizing. Boxes 1-33 contain correspondence from 1934-1957; boxes 34-41 contain correspondence from 1958-1977.</p>	1934-1977
104	<p>Freight rate commission record</p> <p>Incomplete records of the Washington Public Service Commission hearing, cause number T-8332, docket number 29458, Inland Navigation Company versus Big Creek and Telocaset Railroad Company.</p> <p>These materials were separated from the correspondence prior to the processing of this collection.</p>	1949 November 21
42-45	<p>Corporate records</p> <p>Articles of incorporation and personnel biographical files for board members and regional county vice presidents.</p>	1907-1978
46-50	<p>Missions to Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Records of lobbying efforts include contacts, donors, photographs, financial reports, statements, and agendas. Also found here are the records of testimony given to various government agencies. The association also labeled these records "overall programs."</p>	1948-1973

Series 2: Meetings records, 1934-1978

Detailed records of each year's planning and organization, agendas, speeches, resolutions, committee reports, and board meetings.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
52-69	Conventions	1934-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	25 linear feet Records of yearly meetings, including correspondence, planning notes, brochures, meeting notes, speeches, resolutions, financial reports, photographs, registration materials, and plans and reports for visits to Washington, D.C.	
70	Resolutions Administrative records of resolutions.	1934-1970
51	International Conference on Water For Peace Material on the World Meteorological Organizations conference held in Washington, D.C.	May 1967

Series 3: Financial records

Records of receipts and expenditures.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
78-86	Expense vouchers	1934-1970
87-88	Banking records This contains cancelled checks, check and deposit registers, bank statements, and deposit books. The most complete group is registers, which cover 1934-1967. Other items cover the time frame 1957-1971.	1935-1971; 1957-1971
Box/Folder		
89/1-5	Fiscal year cash books	1934-1959; 1961-1965
89/6-7	Financial Statements	1967-1972
110	Receipt and expense ledger This ledger is a record of an account with Baker-Boyer National Bank.	1934 March 1-1936 July
89	Membership account ledger The account ledger kept by James W. Davis.	1954-1957
90	Employee payroll records This material is not open to researchers until 2015.	1936-1965

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	This contains material relating to social security taxes, unemployment compensation, and payroll.	

Series 4: Dedications

This contains records of planning for dedications of dams the association lobbied for, as well as dedications of other construction projects in Pacific Northwest.

Container(s)	Description
Box	
71-77	

Series 5: Northwest Rivers and Harbors Congress records, 1960-1971

Box95-98

These are the records of the organization that dissolved in 1971 and immediately joined the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.

Series 6: Membership records

Box91-94

Contains loyalty oaths, biographical material, and membership and recruitment lists, from individuals, counties, and ports.

Series 7: Clippings scrapbooks, 1933-1970

Box107

13 volumes

These scrapbooks contain clippings of newspaper articles pertaining to issues of interest to the association.

Six are oversized, and these are stacked at D27,3-4. Seven smaller scrapbooks are boxed together, with the photograph album.

Series 8: Maps, photographs, and publications

Container(s)	Description
Box	
107	Photograph album 1 volume

Container(s) Description

Album of images featuring Attalia Tank Farm, Port Kelley Wheat Elavators, and images of dam building and river travel.

Drawer

Photographs
Photographs of dignitaries, dam dedications, river transportation, and association members attending meetings. Oversized are rolled.

Maps
Rolled and foldered maps of dams areas, dam dedication plans, maps of the Pacific Northwest, Corps of Engineers' surveys, and United States Geological Survey maps.

101-103 Publication materials
Promotional newsletters, flyers, programs, brochures, correspondence with printers, printing dies, and other print material. Also, there is a small section of what are labeled business books, to include a dictionary and a book detailing how to save estate and gift taxes.

106 Newspapers and othe printed material
The newspapers are the 1968 *Tri-Cities Herald* John Day Dam Edition series.

105 John Day Dam concrete pour
Photographs and maps, with some notes.

108-109 Audio and visual recordings

Names and Subjects

Personal Names :

Anderson, H. Calvert, 1911-1979

(creator)

Baker, Charles F. 1894-1969

(creator)

Cowan, Bruce L.

(creator)

Davis, James W.

(creator)

Herbert G. West, 1899-1974

(creator)

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Magnuson, Warren Grant, 1905-1989

(creator)

Names and Subjects

Corporate Names :

Corps of Engineers (U.S.)

(creator)

Inland Empire Waterways Association

(creator)

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

(creator)

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Western States Water Council

(contributor)

Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee

(contributor)

Bonneville Power Administration (U.S.)

(contributor)

Columbia-North Pacific Region Comprehensive Framework Study

(contributor)

Northwest Rivers and Harbors Congress

(contributor)

Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission

(contributor)

United States. Water Resources Council

(contributor)

Upper Columbia River Basin Commission of Oregon

(creator)

Water Resource and Development Association

(contributor)

Names and Subjects

Geographical Names :

Clearwater River (Idaho)

Columbia River Commerce

Columbia River

Columbia River History

Snake River History (Idaho and Wash.)

Walla Walla (Wash.)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Clearwater River (Idaho)

Dams Columbia River

Bonneville Lock and Dam (Or. and Wash.)

Dams Snake River (Wyo.-Wash.)

Dams Social aspects
Dworshak Dam (Idaho)
Ice Harbor Dam (Wash.)
John Day Dam (Or. and Wash.)
Little Goose Dam (Wash.)
Lobbyists United States
Lower Granite Dam (Wash.)
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam (Wash.)
Lower Snake River Dam Project
McNary Dam
Priest Rapids Dam (Wash.)
Rocky Reach Dam (Wash.)

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