

Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers, 1917-1993

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Wahl, Ralph E.
Title	Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers
Dates	1917-1993 (inclusive) 1917 1993 1920-1992 (bulk) 1920 1992
Quantity	26 Linear Ft., (34 Boxes)
Collection Number	XOE_CPNWS0024wahl
Summary	The Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers comprise photographic materials and textual records reflecting Wahl's activities and interests as a photographer and fisherman in the Pacific Northwest. The collection contains a substantial number of prints, slides, negatives and proof sheets documenting the sport of Fly fishing, as well as regional landscapes, rivers and wildlife. The collection also includes diaries, correspondence, clippings, notes and written materials relating to Wahl's fishing activities and publications.
Repository	Western Washington University, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies Goltz-Murray Archives Building 808 25th St. Bellingham, WA 98225 Telephone: 360-650-7534 cpnws@wwu.edu
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
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Biographical Note

The Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers chronicle several decades of fishing excursions taken by Wahl and his fishing compatriots throughout the Pacific Northwest in the early and mid twentieth century. These excursions are beautifully documented and reflected through the eye of Wahl's camera.

Ralph Wahl, born in 1906, was the son of Joseph and Anna Wahl. The Wahl family owned and operated J.B. Wahl department store and the Grand Theatre in Bellingham, Washington. When his father died in 1937, Ralph assumed management of the department store and pursued this career until his retirement in 1971. However, his real passion was for fishing and photography, activities that had

interested him since his youth. He had, in fact, always considered himself a fisherman/photographer with a business, as opposed to a businessman with hobbies.

Ralph Wahl's early photographs (1920-35) focus on the town of Bellingham, as well as local rural scenes throughout Whatcom and Skagit counties, including Squalicum and Friday Creeks, the Samish River, and the surrounding foothills. In addition, he documented several hiking, camping and touring excursions in lowland Puget Sound and SW British Columbia. It was also during this period that Wahl discovered his fabled Shangri-La Pool below the estuary of the Skagit River near Lyman, Washington. It was at this site that he developed his great passion for angling after giant Steelhead. The "secret pool" yielded 45 years worth of fishing pleasure and culminated in Wahl's memoir *One Man's Steelhead Shangri-La* (1989).

Wahl traveled throughout the Western United States, British Columbia and Alaska and documented these excursions through photography. He was accompanied by groups of avid fly fishermen including Enos Bradner, Howard Gray, Gordon Frear, and his life-long fishing partner Les Townley. These group trips included the 1952 Alaska excursion which centered around the Arolic River and the Brooks River and Falls, the 1953 Ketchikan, Alaska trip with highlights at Orchard Falls and Orchard River, the beloved September 1955 and 1956 trips to the Kispiox River, British Columbia, as well as numerous journeys to the lakes and rivers of Montana and Eastern Washington. Fish sought after, caught, and typically released were the Steelhead, Sea-run Cutthroat, Salmon, Shee Fish, and Kamloops, among others.

Many of Ralph Wahl's images were published in magazines such as *Field and Stream*, *Argosy Magazine*, *The Flyfisher*, and the *Fourth Corner Fly Fisher's journal*, *Random Casts*. There is also documentation suggesting that he was published in *Sports Illustrated* in the 1950's and 1960's. In 1971 many of Mr. Wahl's images were published alongside the writings of his friend Roderick Haig-Brown for the book *Come Wade the River*. For this achievement he was recognized at the 1972 Governor's Writers Day by then Governor Daniel Evans.

Ralph Wahl also enjoyed a long association with a number of groups including the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Fly Fisher Foundation (of which he was a Director), the Washington Fly Fishers Club, the Fly Fishers Club of Oregon, the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association and the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He was also a strong supporter of the burgeoning American Museum of Fly Fishing in Vermont and the Fly Fishing Museum in Florence, Oregon.

Ralph Wahl was as devoted to photography as he was to fly fishing and he spent a good deal of time experimenting with a variety of development processes as well as exploring different film and camera types. A portion of this collection also reflects his love of the outdoors and is devoted to landscape shots as well as nature studies. Ralph Wahl died in June 1996 at the age of 90.

Content Description

The Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers contain textual materials and images that document over sixty years of fishing and photography, two great passions of Ralph Wahl. The Textual materials consist of correspondence and subject files, published and unpublished writings, yearly fishing diaries and handwritten fish data that tracked fish catches by kind, size and numbers taken or released. This could be useful in charting the rise and fall in fish populations over a period of decades. There is also careful note taken of fisherman impacts to various areas as well as changes due to damming and other hydrological projects. Subject and correspondence files are arranged alphabetically and include correspondence between Mr. Wahl and a variety of individuals as well as materials regarding groups and projects with which he was associated. His unpublished works consist of short fishing accounts

and original text and photo books. Included are copies of Mr. Wahl's two published books, *Come Wade The River* (1971) and *One Man's Steelhead Shangri-La* (1989). The diaries and fish data span approximately 52 years of fishing and associations with fishing organizations. They document all of the Wahl fishing excursions and are an invaluable resource (in conjunction with the slides) to place images in a geographical and temporal context. The diaries and the images are not explicitly linked in the inventory.

The Photographic materials consist of prints of varying size (though most are 8x10"), slides, proof sheets and negatives. The images are divided into subject categories entitled: Animals, Cars, Fish and Fishing, Landscapes/Nature, People, and Ships and Boats. These materials are also organized chronologically within the subject categories. Ralph Wahl provided captions for the slides including dates and geographic names. Proof sheets and negatives are arranged by date where known, as per their original order. The bulk of the images detail fishing excursions in the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia, Alaska, Eastern Washington and Montana. Many of today's most-fished sites are historically represented in the collection as well as some of the most well-known fly fisherman.

Audio materials comprise reel to reel tapes and cassettes collected by Ralph Wahl, and include copies of presentations, interviews and programs relating to fly fishing. The Film and Artifacts consist of fourteen 8mm film reels of fishing forays. Ten of the films are unidentified and undated. The Artifacts consist of one 'salmon' leather wallet which had been manufactured for Wahl's Department Store in the 1950s.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Users of the Ralph Wahl collection must receive written permission from Donor or an individual authorized by Donor before reproducing photographs, slides and other images which are part of the collection for any profit-generating use or as part of any profit-generating activity. The termination date for this publication restriction is January 1, 2025. Also, please contact the CPNWS in advance to arrange for use of reel to reel tapes.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The Ralph E. Wahl Photographs and Papers are organized in accordance with the following series and subseries arrangement:

- Series I. Textual Materials
 - Subseries 1. Personal and Family Files
 - Subseries 2. Subject/Correspondence Files
 - Subseries 3. Unpublished and Published Works
 - Subseries 4. Fishing Diaries and Handwritten Fish Data
- Series II. Photographic Materials

Acquisition Information

Terence, Richard and Edward Wahl, the sons of Ralph Wahl, donated the collection to the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies in December 2001. The Wahls donated additional audio materials in April 2004.

Processing Note

Prior to donating the records, the Wahl family organized the materials based on photographic format. This preliminary arrangement scheme for the photographs was generally maintained during archival processing. Jason Viers, an intern from the Graduate Archives and Records Management Program at Western Washington University, processed the collection in Summer 2002. In April 2004, Center staff merged a later donation of audio material into the collection.

Related Materials

Western Washington University Library Special Collections houses the Paul and Mary Ann Ford Fly Fishing collection. This collection includes works by Ralph Wahl and other authors regarding American Fly Fishing.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Series I: Textual Materials , 1939-1992

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Subseries 1: Personal and Family Files		Undated
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1/1	Family Files	Undated
1/2	Awards	Undated
Subseries 2: Subject/Correspondence Files		Undated
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1/3	A---General File	
1/4	Amato, Frank	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/5	American Museum of Fly Fishing	
1/6	B--General Files	
1/7	Bradner , Enos	
1/8	Brayshaw, Tom	
1/9	Brooks, Joe	
1/10	C ---General Files	
1/11	Combs, Trey	
2/1	"Come Wade the River"	
2/2	Cushner, William	
2/3	D--General Files	
2/4	Departments of Game and Fisheries	
2/5	E --General Files	
2/6	F--General Files	
2/7	Federation of Fly Fisherman	
2/8	Field and Stream Magazine	
2/9	Fishing Tackle	
3/1	The Flyfisher Foundation	
3/2	Fly Fisherman Magazine	
3/3	G--General Files	
3/4	H--General Files	
3/5	Haig-Brown, Roderick	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/6	Hidy, Vernon S.	
3/7	Horter, Don	
3/8	I--General Files	
3/9	J--General Files	
3/10	"The Judge and I"	
4/1	K--General Files	
4/2	Kennedy, Mike	
4/3	Koller, Larry	
4/4	L--General Files	
4/5	M--General Files	
4/6	N--General Files	
4/7	Northwest Outdoor Writers	
4/8	O--General Files	
4/9	Olson Family	
4/10	Oregon Fly Club	
4/11	Outdoor Writers	
4/12	P--General Files	
4/13	Powell Rods	
5/1	R--General Files	
5/2	Raymond, Steve	
5/3	S--General Files	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/4	Steelhead Rivers	
5/5	Superior Publishing	
5/6	T--General Files	
5/7	Time-Life, Sports Illustrated	
5/8	V--General Files	
6/1	W--General Files	
6/2	Washington Fly Fishing Club	
6/3	Wethern, Bob	
6/4	Whatcom County Sportsmen Club	
6/5	X, Y, Z	
6/6	Miscellaneous/Unknown Recipient	
Subseries 3: Unpublished & Published Works		1947-1989
Unpublished Works		
Box/Folder		
7/1	'One Man's Shangri-La'	Undated
7/2	'Camera on the Kispiox'	Sept. 12-18, 1955
7/3	'Gone Fishing'	1947
7/4	General File of Unpublished Works	
Published Works		
Box/Folder		
7/5	Come Wade the River	1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/6	One Man's Steelhead Shangri-La	1989
7/7	General File of Published Works	Undated
Subseries 4: Fishing Diaries and Handwritten Fish Data		1939-1992
Box/Folder		
8/1	Diary 1 & 2	1939-1948
8/2	Diary 3 & 4	1949 ; 1950
8/3	Diary 5 & 6	1951 ; 1952
8/4	Diary 7 & 8	1953 ; 1954
8/5	Diary 9 & 10	1955 ; 1956
8/6	Diary 11 & 12	1957 ; 1958
9/1	Diary 13 & 14	1959 ; 1960
9/2	Diary 15 & 16	1961 ; 1962
9/3	Diary 17 & 18	1963 ; 1964
9/4	Diary 19 & 20	1965 ; 1966
9/5	Diary 21 & 22	1967 ; 1968
9/6	Diary 23 & 24	1969 ; 1970
10/1	Diary 25 & 26	1971 ; 1972
10/2	Diary 27 & 28	1973 ; 1974
10/3	Diary 29 & 30	1975 ; 1976
10/4	Diary 31 & 32	1977 ; 1978
10/5	Diary 33 & 34	1979 ; 1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10/6	Diary 35 & 36	1981 ; 1982
11/1	Diary 37 & 38	1983 ; 1984
11/2	Diary 39 & 40	1985 ; 1986
11/3	Diary 41 & 42	1987 ; 1988
11/4	Diary 43 & 44	1989 ; 1990
11/5	Diary 45 & 46	1991 ; 1992
11/6	Diary Summaries	circa 1930's to 1950's
11/6	Mileage Book	1938-1945
11/7	Steelhead Catch Book	1936-1956
11/7	Loose-leaf Fishing Data	circa 1920's - 1950's

Series II : Photographs , 1925-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Albums		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
12/1	Large personal photo album	1925-1932
12/2	Small personal photo album	circa 1930's-1940's
Prints		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
12/3	Animals	circa 1930's-1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
12/4	Animals	Undated
12/5	Cars	Undated
12/6	Fish and Fishing	circa 1930's-1952
12/7	Fish and Fishing	1953-1956
13/1	Fish and Fishing	1957-1969
13/2	Fish and Fishing	1970-1983
13/3	Fish and Fishing (Alaska and Kispiox)	Undated (ca. 1955-1956)
13/4	Fish and Fishing (Alaska and Kispiox)	Undated (ca. 1955-1956)
13/5	Fish and Fishing ('Catch and Not Released')	Undated
14/1	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/2	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/3	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/4	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/5	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/6	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/7	Fish and Fishing	Undated
14/8	Holiday Photocards	1966-1987
15/1	Landscapes/Nature	ca.1930s-1964
15/2	Landscapes/Nature	Undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
15/3	Miscellaneous	circa 1930's-1986 and undated
15/4	People	ca. 1930s-1969
15/5	People	1970-1974
15/6	People	1975-1981
16/1	People	1982-1990
16/2	People (Color Processing Experimentation)	Undated (circa 1950s)
16/3	People	Undated
16/4	People	Undated
16/5	Ships and Boats	1933-1987 and Undated
Box		
17	Animals (11x14" and 12x16")	Undated
17	Fish and Fishing	Undated
18	Fish and Fishing (12x16")	Undated
19	Fish and Fishing (12x16")	Undated
20	Fish and Fishing (12x16")	Undated
20	Landscapes/Nature (11x14" and 12x16")	Undated
20	Miscellaneous (11x14")	Undated
21	People (11x14" and 12x16")	Undated
21	Ships and Boats (11x14" and 12x16")	Undated
22	Fish and Fishing (13½x20")	Undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<i>Includes the 'Steelhead Rivers' Exhibit Prints and Boards and 'Come Wade the River' Exhibit Boards.</i>	
23	Animals (17x23")	Undated
23	Fish and Fishing (17x23") <i>Includes one oversize image "February" in folder outside the box.</i>	Undated
24	Fish and Fishing (17x23")	Undated
25	Fish and Fishing (17x23")	Undated
26	Fish and Fishing (17x23")	Undated
26	Landscapes/Nature (17x23")	Undated
27	Landscapes/Nature (17x23")	Undated
27	Miscellaneous (17x23")	Undated
27	People (17x23")	Undated
27	Ships and Boats (17x23")	Undated
	Slides	
Box		
28	Animals	1943-1959 ; Undated
28	Fish and Fishing	July 1947 to 1990 ; Undated
28	Landscapes/Nature	1938 to June 1961 ; Undated
28	Miscellaneous	1945 to 1957
28	People	July 1943 to September 1957 ; Undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
28	Ships and Boats	March 1953 to June 1961 ; Undated
Box/Folder		
29/1	Proof/Index Cards	1940-1966
29/2	Proof/Index Cards <i>Proof/Index Cards were used to track sales and publication of particular prints as well as specifics of development processes.</i>	1966-1989
Proofsheets		
Box/Folder		
29/3	PS1 (Strip Numbers 15-369)	1954-1961
29/4	PS2 (Strip Numbers 23-374)	1954-1962
29/5	PS3 (Strip Numbers K1-K86)	1937-1958
29/6	PS4 (Strip Numbers 375-891)	1962-1974
29/7	PS5 (Strip Numbers 892-1302)	1974-1983
30/1	PS6 (Strip Numbers 1302-1371)	1983-1990
30/1	PS6 (Strip Numbers 3000-3049)	1939-1960
Undated/Unidentified Proofs		
Box/Folder		
30/2	PS7 (Page Numbers 1-54)	Undated
30/3	PS7 (Page Numbers 55-109)	Undated
30/4	PS8 (Page Numbers .1-.41)	Undated
30/5	PS8 (Page Numbers .42-.82)	Undated

Negatives

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<i>NOTE: Negative strip numbers correspond to strip and page numbers for proof sheets.</i>		
Box/Folder		
30/6	Strip Numbers 10-454	Undated
30/7	Strip Numbers 455-799	Undated
30/8	Strip Numbers 800-1047	Undated
31/1	Strip Numbers 1048-3049	Undated
31/2	Strip Numbers K86-K1 - refer to PS3 <i>Numbers in descending order; includes un-numbered items.</i>	Undated
31/3	Page #1-54 - refer to PS7	Undated
31/4	Page #55-109 - refer to PS7	Undated
31/5	Page #.1-.41 - refer to PS8	Undated
31/6	Page #.42-.82 - refer to PS8 <i>Grand Theatre Theatrical Shots</i>	Undated ; circa 1930's

Positives

Box/Folder		
31/7	Fish and Fishing, Ketchikan, Alaska	May 1953
31/8	Fish and Fishing, Un-mounted slides and Black & White Positives	Feb. 18, 1980 to June 28, 1981

Series III : Audio Materials , 1962-1988

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Subseries 1: Reel to Reel Audio Tapes <i>NB. starred** titles are also available on audio cassette.</i>		ca. 1962-1980
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
32/1	Unidentified tape "side 1 – stereo demonstration"	Undated
32/2	"The Judge and I (with letter to Mike)"	September 4, 1962
32/3	"Fishing and Photography" Presentation for Rotary Club Luncheon	March 11, 1963
32/4	"Steelhead Rivers" Kiwanis Club Program	May 5, 1964
32/5	"Fishing Session – Brayshaw, Bradner and Wahl **	August 1, 1964
32/6	"Fishing and Photography". Presentation for Flyfishers Club of Oregon	January 5, 1965
32/7	"Sockeye Country – Original Soundtrack from TV-4 Program"	May 17, 1965
32/8	"Lynden Kiwanis"	1966
32/9	"Steelhead" Washington Fly Fishers Club Program (Gordon Young, Cliff Millenbach and Walt Johnson)	May 17, 1966
32/10	Brayshaw-Lambuth Program – Washington Fly Fishers Club**	September 22, 1966
32/11	"Montana Holiday - Soundtrack from rerun program" TV-4**	January 31, 1967
32/12	Oregon Fly Club (Portland – Nate Wilson, Pete Hidy, Roderick Haig-Brown)**	April 4, 1967
32/13	"A Profile of Roderick Haig-Brown." Recording from TV**	July 3, 1969
32/14	"Come Wade The River – 2 tracks from cassettes"	April 18, 1980
Subseries 2: Audio Cassette Tapes		1944-1988
Box/Folder		
33/1	Dick Wahl Interviews Bob Considing Transcript available in-house	1962
33/2	Fishing Discussion with Brayshaw, Bradner and Wahl	August 1, 1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Transcript available in-house	
33/3	“Reflections and Philosophies of Fly Fishing” Panel Discussion with Lee Wulff, Ed Zern, Gene Anderegg, S.B. Smith Pete Hidy Ashley Hewitt, Tom Brayshaw	June 20, 1965
33/4	Excerpts from “Lee Wulff Program” presented by Bill Nelson. Eugene, Oregon.	June 20, 1965
33/5	Washington Fly Fishers Club Meeting – Brayshaw, Lambuth, Wahl	September 22, 1966
33/6	Montana Holiday Picture – 1959 TV Program	March 31, 1967
33/7	Roderick Haig-Brown – Flyfishers Club of Oregon Transcript available in-house	April 4, 1967
33/8	“Role of Sportsman’s Clubs in Fish and Wildlife Conservation” Clarence Pautske Transcript available in-house	September 7, 1968
33/9	Roderick Haig-Brown presentation at FFF Conclave [view]	1967
33/9	Roderick Haig-Brown TV Program [view] Transcript available in-house	July 3, 1969
33/10	Wells – Gray Park	August 4, 1969
33/10	Storm at Jasper	August 5, 1969
33/11	Birds at Glimpse Lake and Fishing at Peterhoff Lake	May 31 1969
33/11	Mystery Lake – Wes Craig, Loren	September 18, 1969 ; October 11 1969
33/12	Mystery Lake, Wes Craig, Loren	September 11, 1969
33/12	Mystery Lake, Nix Lidstone	October 30, 1969
33/13	Sheridan Lake Trip	September 25 – 29, 1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/14	Lenice Lake (Johnson)	October 15, 1967
33/15	Mystery Lake – Enos Bradner	September 14, 1969
33/15	Mystery Lake – Les Townley	November 3-4, 1969 ; November 13-14, 1969
33/16	Henry's Lake	1970
33/16	Lenice Lake (Les Townley)	1970
33/17	Kalama River (Gold)	July 16-18, 1970
33/17	Eastern Washington (Les Townley)	April 24-29, 1973
33/18	Okanogan Fishing Trip	April 20-23, 1970
33/18	Eastern Washington - Townley & Bird Calls on Quincy Lake	April 25 – May 1, 1971
33/19	Skagit Drift	February 25, 1971
33/19	Skagit Drift	March 30, 1972
33/20	Salmon Lake, B.C. Transcript available in-house	May 27-31, 1971
33/20	Report on trip to Salmon Lake with Les Townley Transcript available in-house	1973
33/21	Gardner Grant- "Quality Water Control" Transcript available in-house	September 5, 1971
33/21	Dr Ernest Scwiebert Transcript available in-house	September 5, 1971
33/22	Jack Hemmingway presentation, Flyfishers Club of Oregon Transcript available in-house	November 7, 1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/23	Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, first meeting	December 7, 1972
33/24	FFF Northwest Conclave – John Lynde ‘The Need for Stream Management Transcript available in-house	1973
33/24	Pete Hidy “Pleasures of Fly Fishing” Transcript available in-house	1973
33/25	Roderick Haig Brown presentation to the Steelhead Society, Vancouver [view] Transcript available in-house and online	February 11, 1973
33/26	Barry Thorton (President of Steelhead Society), report	February 11, 1973
33/26	Dr Jim Hatter “B.C. Fish & Game”	February 11, 1973
33/27	Mike Kennedy re: Steelhead. Fly Fishers Club of Oregon Transcript available in-house	June 5, 1973
33/28	Field Guide to Western Bird Songs – Peterson	June 9, 1973
33/29	Cam Sigler interview re: Joe Brooks [view] Transcript available online	August 14, 1973
33/30	Harold’s 75th Birthday	August 15, 1973
33/30	Bertha talks with Mother	May 1, 1944
33/31	“The Judge and I” with musical background	Undated
33/32	Mystery Lake	September – October 1973
33/33	Lee Richardson, Fly Fishers Club of Oregon	December 4, 1973
33/33	Festchrift for Sam Lehman, Oregon Flyfishers	February 5, 1974
33/34	Eastern Washington with Townley (Dry Fall Chopaka)	April 22-28, 1974

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/34	Sandhill Cranes; Bill Nelson on Grande Ronde	September-October 1971
33/35	Dick Wahl, KGMI	June 13, 1974
33/36	"Lefty" Kreh re: Joe Brooks [view] Transcript available online	July 26, 1974
33/37	Curt Gowdy re: Joe Brooks Transcript available in-house	July 28, 1974
33/38	Washington Fly Fishers Club "Fly Clinic"	Undated
33/39	Mystery Lake (Les Townley	October 17-18, 1974 ; October 28-29, 1974
33/40	Sinlaheken (2 trips)	1975
33/41	Schwiebert on Stilly Transcript available in-house	June 18, 1975
33/42	Cascade Lake Trip (Lipstone – Gold – Moser)	May 5-8, 1975
33/42	Cascade Lake Trip (Townleys)	May 13-15, 1975
33/43	Steelhead Clinic TV Show (Channel 11)	November 12, 1975
33/43	Errol Champion "Man of the Year," Enos Bradner "Lapis Lazuli" - Washington Fly Fishing Club	September 18, 1979
33/44	Roderick Haig-Brown at Washington Fly Fishers Club meeting Transcript available in-house	November 18, 1975
33/45	Roderick Haig-Brown at Washington Fly Fishers Club meeting (edited version)	November 18, 1975
33/46	Dragon Lake trip (Townley, Moser, Gold, Wahl)	June 2-7, 1976
33/46	Mystery Lake with Les	October 4-6, 1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/47	Letcher Lambuth Craftsman Award (Roderick Haig-Brown) at Washington Fly Fishers Club meeting	January 20, 1976
33/47	Letcher Lambuth Award (Enos Bradner)	January 18, 1977
33/48	"Fishermen's Stories – My Impossible Dream"	April 1977
33/49	Steelhead fishing interview with Al Knudson	August 11, 1977
33/50	Letcher Lambuth Award (Al Knudson)	January 17, 1978
33/51	Lambuth Award (Ralph E. Wahl)	January 16, 1979
33/51	Letcher Lambuth Award (Walt Johnson)	January 18, 1983
33/52	Washington Fly Fishers Club	May 15, 1979
33/53	Steelhead fishing interview with Walt Johnson	November 27, 1979
33/54	Steve Raymond re: Mt St. Helens Eruption [view] Transcript available online	May 20, 1980
33/55	Valerie Haig-Brown TV Interview re: "Bright Waters, Bright Fish" (Channel 8) Transcript available in-house	December 16, 1980
33/56	Ira Yeager and Bob Wethern interview	October 11, 1981
33/57	Talk with Lee Richardson at Bob Wethern's home	November 2, 1981
33/58	Fly Fishers Club of Oregon Twentieth Anniversary	November 3, 1981
33/59	Grizzly Bill	March 9, 1982
33/60	Letcher Lambuth Award	1984 ; 1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/60	Washington Fly Fishers Club	January 21, 1986
33/61	Letcher Lambuth Award (Wes Drain) & Washington Fly Fishers Club meeting	January 19, 1988
33/61	Letcher Lambuth Award (Ken McLeod) & Washington Fly Fishers Club meeting	January 20, 1987
33/62	2-Richards & Swisher: "Patterns and Presentation for Selected Trout"	August 24, 1973
33/62	3-"The Whitlock Nymphing System" Dave Whitlock Continued on 4	August 24, 1973
33/63	4-Dave Whitlock "Whitlock Nymphing Program Continued"	August 24, 1973
33/63	6-"Eric Leiser Program On Fly Fishing Materials"	August 24, 1973
33/64	7-Ernest Schwiebert "Schwiebert's Slide Show On South America"	August 25, 1978
33/64	8-"Schwiebert's South America Continued"	August 25, 1978
33/65	Walt Johnson (Original Dolby) "Steelhead on Dry Fly" WFFC Meeting	July 21, 1987
33/66	Enos Bradner "Bradner 80th Birthday (Stereo)"	October 11, 1972
33/66	"Bradner 80th Birthday Continued"	October 11, 1972
33/67	Rolf Harris At The Cave - Vancouver Recorded	June 15, 1973
33/67	Harris Continued Also Lettermen	June 15, 1973
33/68	Lynn Anderson "Rose Garden: Home Made Compilation Album"	Undated
33/68	Jim Nabors "Help Me Make It Through The Night: Home Made Compilation Album"	Undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/69	Gus Farney Organ	October 5, 1973
33/69	Randy Payne Organ	December 3, 1972
33/70	Dave Whitlock - Federation of Fly Fishermen "Tribute to Joe Brooks"	August 1973
33/71	"Elevator Music"	Undated
33/72	Channel and Frequency Tests - Music Selections	Undated
33/73	Christmas	1978

Series IV: Film and Artifacts , undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8mm Film		
Box		
34	Indian Summer Adventure	Undated
34	Canadian Vacation	Undated
34	Castle Films Sport Parade - Big Fish	Undated
34	Castle Films Sport Parade - Freshwater Fishing	Undated
34	10 Unidentified Reels	Undated
Artifacts		
Box		
34	'Salmon' Leather Wallet	circa 1950s

Names and Subjects

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