

Thomas T. Aldwell papers, 1890-1951

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Aldwell, Thomas T., 1868-1954
Title	Thomas T. Aldwell papers
Dates	1890-1951 (bulk) 1890 1951
Quantity	1.26 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Collection Number	4082 (Accession No. 4082-001)
Summary	Papers of Thomas T. Aldwell, a public official, businessman, power company executive, and civic leader from Port Angeles, Washington.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The papers are open to all users.
Languages	English
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Biographical Note

Thomas Theobald Aldwell, born in Toronto on June 14, 1868, was trained as a banker and became a public official, businessman, power company executive, and civic leader. He moved to Port Angeles, Washington, in 1890 and eventually made a fair amount of money in real estate there, both through his own purchases and as a realtor. Aldwell was active in politics between 1894 and 1908, serving as Clallam County auditor, deputy customs collector, and chairman of the Clallam County Republican Party. He left politics in 1908 to pursue his real dream, the building of the Elwha Dam. Aldwell and his partners had slowly acquired many acres of land along the Elwha River, enough to accommodate a dam and the flooding it would cause. They formed the Olympic Power and Development Company and successfully raised the money for the dam, which was completed in 1913. The dam provided power to Port Angeles, Port Townsend, and the Bremerton Navy Yard.

Aldwell directed several other industrial development projects. As president of the Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce, he convinced local businessmen to raise money to help pulp mills locate in the city after the construction of the dam. Aldwell and other leaders of the chamber of commerce later formed a port district. The voters elected Aldwell the district's first port commissioner; he served from 1924 to 1932. Under Aldwell's leadership the port district built a sea-wall that expanded the port and provided room for a plywood company to settle along the waterfront. After the creation of Olympic National Park in 1938, Aldwell was a leader in the fight to return some of the park's land to the

national forests to guarantee the region's pulp mills a larger supply of trees. At age 82 he published his autobiography, *Conquering the Last Frontier*. He died four years later in 1954.

Content Description

This collection spans 1890-1951. It includes correspondence, clippings, writings, and notes. The papers relate to Port Angeles, Washington, history and politics, and the Olympic Power Company of Clallam County, which Aldwell managed. The correspondence, which forms the bulk of the collection and is thoroughly indexed, runs from 1901 to 1951. The letters cover all aspects of Aldwell's career, but especially his activities as a booster of Port Angeles. Major correspondents include George A. Glines; Crown Zellerbach Corp.; Peabody, Houghteling, and Company, Chicago; the Seattle Lighting Department; and L.L. Summers and Company, Chicago. The papers also contain the texts of some of Aldwell's speeches and writings, and Port Angeles Golf and Country Club records regarding the club's financial status from 1940 to 1943.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged by type of document.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Thomas T. Aldwell, May 1951.

Aldwell wrote in his autobiography (*Conquering the Last Frontier*), "I have made arrangements for the newspaper clippings and correspondence, which verify the events [in this autobiography] from 1890 on, to be filed with the University of Washington." It is not clear whether Aldwell gave all of his extant personal papers or only those which he used in writing his autobiography to the UW Libraries.

Processing Note

Four scrapbooks that were included in Aldwell's papers were relocated to the Special Collections division's Pacific Northwest Scrapbooks Collection. The scrapbooks primarily contain newspaper clippings dating from 1878 to 1944 that Aldwell saved, apparently as a record of his career. A few telegrams and congratulatory letters also appear. One of the scrapbooks is devoted to the planning and building of the Elwha Dam, one to the activities of the Port Angeles Port District, and another to

Aldwell's political career from 1894 to 1908. The fourth scrapbook is a miscellany but contains a fair amount of material involving the fight over the proper size of Olympic National Park.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Biographical Material

Box-folder1/1

3 items

Correspondence: Incoming

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/2	Ackerly, Frank M. 1 item	1901
1/2	Andrews, W. F. 1 item	1917
1/2	Angeles Co-Operative Creamery 2 items	1934
1/2	Anglo California National Bank 1 item	1937
1/2	Ankeny, Levi 1 item	1906
1/2	Appleton, T. J. 1 item	1901
1/3	Bible, Frank E. 1 item	1901
1/3	Bishop, William and A.A. Smith 1 item	1914
1/3	Blake, R. H. 1 item	1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Boettiger, Anna Roosevelt 1 item	1943
1/3	Boettiger, John 3 items	1939-1940
1/3	Bogert, C. A. 2 items	1940-1943
1/3	Bowlby, William M. 1 item	1901
1/3	Bowman, Charles C. 1 item	1901
1/4	Brickley, J. B. 2 items	1912
1/4	British Columbia Sulphite Fibre Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. 6 items	1916
1/4	Bugge, H. J. 1 item	1901
1/4	Burrows, James 1 item	1901
1/5	Cade, Frank 1 item	1901
1/5	California Newspaper Publishers Association 6 items	1931-1933
1/5	Calkins, R. M. 1 item	1925
1/5	Callvert, S. A. 1 item	1901
1/5	Carle, N. A. 7 items	1912-1949
1/6	Carpenter, William H. 1 item	1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen 1 item	1943
1/6	Chamber of Commerce, Hoquiam 3 items	1939
1/6	Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles 12 items	1931-1934
1/7	Chamber of Commerce, Port Angeles 4 items	1931-1943
1/7	Chamber of Commerce, Seattle 5 items	1931-1939
1/7	Clallam County Engineer 2 items	1912
1/7	Clallam County Retail Merchants Association 1 item	1917
1/7	Clallam Lumber Company 1 item	1919
1/8	Clapp, Cyrus F. 3 items	1901-1906
1/8	Clark, E. W. 1 item	1991
1/8	Clark, James F. 1 item	1947
1/8	Clementson, Geo. H. 1 item	1901
1/8	Cleveland Trust Company 2 items	1945-1951
1/8	Colonial Lumber and Paper Mills, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. 1 item	1917
1/8	Copley Press Inc., Aurora, Illinois 2 items	1931

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/8	Crawford, William 1 item	1901
1/9	Crown Willamette Paper Company 10 items	1931-1935
1/9-10	Crown Zellerbach Corporation 21 items	1931-1940
1/10	Curtis, Asahel 1 item	1939
1/10	Curtiss, E. 1 item	1901
1/10	Cushing, Charles A. 1 item	1901
1/11	Dennis, J. M. 1 item	1901
1/11	Dickinson, Harvey L. 1 item	1901
1/11	Doty, H. W. 1 item	1901
1/11	Dufour, F. G. 3 items	1918
1/11	Eba's Mutual Groceries 2 items	1934
1/11	Edwards, P. C. See: <i>San Diego Sun</i> .	
1/11	Elliott, E. D. 1 item	1901
1/11	Ellis, J. E. 1 item	1901
1/11	Ellsworth, W C. 1 item	1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/11	Empire Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. 1 item	1917
1/12	Fairservice (A.) & Company 2 items Lumber and building material, East Clallam, Washington.	1901
1/12	Fish, F. A. 1 item	1901
1/12	Foss Launch & Tug Company, Inc. 1 item	1931
1/12	Foster, Addison G. 2 items	1902-1907
1/12	Frame, George W. 1 item	1901
1/12	Franklin (Benjamin) Thrift Stores 3 items	1934-1935
1/12	Freeman, Kemper 2 items	1944-1948
1/13	Gangler, Joseph M. 1 item	1947
1/13	Gates, Charles D. 2 items	1901
1/13	Gierin, Edward F. 1 item	1901
1/13	Glines, George A. 4 items	1915-1916
1/13	Goodwin, Silas 1 item	1901
1/13	Graham, William 1 item	1901
1/13	Gribbin, Thomas	1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	1 item	
1/13	Gund, George 1 item See also: Cleveland Trust Company.	1951
1/13	Guptill, H. M. 1 item	1901
1/14	Harding, R. R. 1 item	1901
1/14	Harper, F. C. 2 items	1906
1/14	Hatch, Geo. C. 1 item	1901
1/14	Hickok, John D. 1 item	1901
1/14	Higgins (John C.) and Hughes (Howard D.) 10 items Law firm, Seattle.	1915
1/15	Hitchcock, Frank H. 2 items	1908
1/15	Hitt Fireworks Company, Seattle 4 items	1939
1/15	Hopkins, E. E. 1 item	1901
1/15	Huff, Edgar T. 1 item	1901
1/15	Hunt, Alonzo 1 item	1901
1/15	Hutchinson, J. K. 1 item	1901
1/16	Ide, C. W.	1903

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	1 item	
1/16	Jones, James H. 1 item	1901
1/16	Jones, Wesley Levsey 2 items	1901-1930
1/16	Jorgenson, O. A. 1 item	1917
1/17	Kerr (James A.) & McCord (Evan S.) 7 items Law firm, Seattle.	1913-1915
1/17	Kitsap County Auditor 1 item	1913
1/17	Klaboe, Ole 2 items	1901
1/17	Klahn, Louis 1 item	1901
1/17	Knapman, John B. 1 item	1901
1/18	Lee, Oscar N. 1 item	1901
1/18	Lewis, F. S. 1 item	undated
1/18	Lipsett, H. J. 1 item	1901
1/18	Littleton, Henry 1 item	1901
1/18	Long, J. Frank 1 item	1901
1/18	Long, John 1 item	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/19	M., David A. 1 item	1927
1/19	McBride, Henry 1 item	1901
1/19	McClinton, James G. 1 item	1901
1/19	McMillin, John S. 1 item	1901
1/19	Mahatty, L. E. 1 item	1901
1/19	Mandau, F. W. 2 items	1912
1/19	Maxfield, Jesse S. 1 item	1901
1/19	Mayers, C. H. 1 item	1916
1/19	Mead (Daniel W.) and Seastone (C. V.) 5 items	1912-1914
1/19	Merrill, E. W. 1 item	1901
1/19	Midtown Association of Seattle 1 item	undated
1/19	Miller, T. A. 1 item	1901
1/19	Miller, W. S. 2 items	1901
1/20	Mills, Edward M. 7 items See also: Olympic Forest Products Company, Rainier Pulp & Paper Company.	1916-1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/20	Mock, W. H. 1 item	1901
1/20	Montgomery Ward & Company 1 item	1934
1/20	Moore, J. A. 1 item	1910
1/20	Morse, D. W. 1 item	1901
1/20	Morse, Samuel G. 1 item	1901
1/21	National Paper Products Company, San Francisco, California 2 items	1920
1/21	Nicholls, Alex 1 item	1901
1/21	Nichols, Sam H. 2 items	1901
1/21	Northern Board and Paper Mills 5 items	1916
1/21	Northern Pacific Railway Company 1 item	1948
1/21	Northwestern Power and Manufacturing Company, Chicago 2 items	1917-1919
1/22	O'Brien, Geo. W. 1 item	1901
1/22	Olympic Forest Products Company 1 item	1933
1/22	Olympic Power Company 1 item	1914
1/23	Pacific First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Tacoma 1 item	1935

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/23	Peabody, Alexander 1 item	1944
1/23	Peabody, Augustus S. 1 item	1920
1/23-31	Peabody, Houghteling & Company, Chicago circa 100 items	1911-1919
1/32	Penniman, Thomas 1 item	1901
1/32	Penney (J C.) Company 3 items	1934
1/32	Perrett, James 2 items	1912
1/32	Peterson, P. A. 1 item	1901
1/32	Philbrick, C. A. 1 item	1940
1/32	Phillips, Benjamin N. 1 item	1940
1/32	Piles, S. H. 1 item	1906
1/32	Poindexter, Miles 1 item	1917
1/32	Poole, Henry A. 1 item	1901
1/32	Port Angeles City Council 3 items	1916
1/33	Port Angeles Board of Commissioners 1 item	1943
1/33	Port Angeles Mayor 4 items	1916-1917

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/33	Port Angeles Port 2 items	1927-1933
1/33	Port Angeles Commercial Club 2 items	1917
1/33	Puget Mill Company 1 item	1913
1/33	Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company 1 item	1919
1/34	Rainier Pulp and Paper Company, San Francisco, California 1 item	1933
1/34	Reineking, V. H. 3 items	1913-1918
1/34	Reis, Clam 1 item	1931
1/34	Remley, J. M. 1 item	1901
1/34	Roberts, Fred 1 item	1901
1/34	Ross, J. D. See: Seattle Lighting Department.	
1/34	Rotary Club of Victoria, B.C. 3 items	1939
1/35	The Salvation Army 3 items	1944-1949
1/35	<i>The San Diego Sun</i> 1 item	undated
1/35	<i>The San Francisco News</i> 1 item	1931
1/35	Schwellenhach, Lewis B. 1 item	1939

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/35	Seattle Lighting Department 3 items	1915
1/35	Seattle Water Department 1 item	1948
1/35	Seattle Bakers' Bureau, Inc. 1 item	1934
1/35	Seattle-First National Bank 1 item	1936
1/36	Shank, Corwin S. 1 item	1917
1/36	Shoenwerk, O. C. 1 item	1912
1/36	Smith, A. W. 2 items	1901
1/36	Smith, Albert 1 item	1901
1/36	Smith, J. A. 1 item	1901
1/36	Smith, J. R. 1 item	1901
1/36	Smith, O. B. 1 item	1901
1/36	Snyder, M. H. 1 item	undated
1/36	Stakemiller, C. S. 2 items	1901
1/36	Stewart, James 1 item	1901
1/36	Sullivan, Frank 1 item	1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/36-37	Summers (L. L.) & Company [engineers] Chicago 13 items	1910-1912
1/38	Thompson, A. H. 1 item	1901
1/38	Thompson, C. W. 1 item	1901
1/38	Thompson, George 1 item	1901
1/38	Trumbull, Severyns & Trumbell 1 item	1940
1/39	Ulmer, Chas D., Senior 1 item	1901
1/39	United States Agriculture Department 1 item	1939
1/39	United States Coast Guard 3 items	1949
1/39	United States Customs Service 9 items	1902-1908
1/40	United States Forest Service 10 items	1916-1947
2/1	United States Lighthouse Service 9 items	1917-1948
2/1-2	United States Navy 22 items	1912-1948
2/2	Upper Canada College Old Boys' Association 1 item	1943
2/3	Victoria (B.C.) City Council 6 items	1939
2/4	Wallace, H. H. See: U.S. Agriculture Department.	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/4	Wanamaker, A. H. 1 item	1901
2/4	Ware, William J. 1 item	1901
2/4	Washington Auditor 1 item	1932
2/4	Washington Department of Case 1 item	1949
2/4	Washington Governor 1 item	1943
2/4	Washington Liquor Control Board 3 items	1948
2/4	Washington State Planning Council 4 items	1939
2/4	Washington Coast Utilities 1 item	1919
2/5	Washington Golden Jubilee Association 9 items	1939
2/5	Washington Pulp and Paper Corporation, Port Angeles, Washington 1 item	1934
2/5	Watkins, S. L. 1 item	1901
2/5	Weeks, R. F. 2 items	1918-1941
2/5	Weigel, Albert V. 1 item	1932
2/5	Weldon, T. J. 1 item	1901
2/6	Western Canada Power Company, Ltd.	1914

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	1 item	
2/6	Whalen (Geo. T. and James) Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd., Vancouver 14 items See also: British Columbia Sulphite Fibre Company, Colonial Lumber and Paper Mills, Empire Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd.	1916-1918
2/7	Wheeler, F. T. 4 items	1912
2/7	Wheeler, William R. 1 item	1931
2/7	White, Horace 1 item	1901
2/7	Whittier, Merrell 1 item	1901
2/7	Wink, Arnold, and others 1 item	1901
2/7	Yantis, George F. 1 item	1939
2/7	Young, G. E. 1 item	1932

Correspondence: Outgoing, 1902-1951

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circa 750 items

Memoranda, 1912-1934, undated

Box-folder3/18

22 items

Legal Documents, 1890-1917

Box-folder3/19

10 items

Speeches and Writings, 1929-1943, undated

Box-folder3/20

10 items

Financial Records: Olympic Power Company Mortgage, 1910

Box-folder3/21

1 item

Lists and Statistics, undated

Box-folder3/22

19 items

Notes for Book, undated

Box-folder3/23

4 items

Broadsides, 1902-1914

Box-folder3/24

9 items

Blueprint (Ediz Hook), undated

Box-folder3/25

1 item

Clippings

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/26-31	Personal	undated
3/26-31	British Royalty	1939
3/26-31	Olympic National Park	1939-1945
3/26-31	Industry (Mills)	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/26-31	Port of Port Angeles	undated
3/26-31	Miscellaneous	undated

Newspaper, 1939

Box-folder3/32

1 item

Daily Telegraph and Morning Post Supplement

Memorabilia, undated

Box-folder3/33

9 items

Port Angeles Golf and Country Club Records, 1940-1943

Box-folder3/34

22 items

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Businessmen--Washington (State)--Port Angeles--Archives
 City promotion--Washington (State)--Port Angeles
 Civic leaders--Washington (State)--Port Angeles--Archives
 Dams--Washington (State)--Elwha River--Design and construction
 Frontier and pioneer life--Washington (State)--Port Angeles
 National parks and reserves--Washington (State)--Olympic National Park
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
 Pioneers--Washington (State)--Port Angeles--Archives
 Place marketing--Washington (State)--Port Angeles
 Port districts--Officials and employees--Washington (State)--Port Angeles

Personal Names :

Aldwell, Thomas T., 1868-1954--Archives
 Glines, George A

Corporate Names :

Crown Zellerbach Corporation
 L.L. Summers & Co
 Seattle (Wash.). Lighting Dept

Geographical Names :

Olympic National Park (Wash.)
 Port Angeles (Wash.)--Economic conditions
 Port Angeles (Wash.)--Politics and government

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