

Norman D. and Doris Nevills papers, 1890s-1952

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Nevills, Norman D., 1908-1949
Title	Norman D. and Doris Nevills papers
Dates	1890s-1952 (inclusive) 1890 1952
Quantity	21 linear feet
Collection Number	Ms0552
Summary	The Norman D. and Doris Nevills papers (1890s-1952) constitute one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of original research materials on the history of travel on the Colorado and Green Rivers and their tributaries. Included are correspondence, diaries, logs, subject files, news clippings, and business records. Norman Nevills (1909-1949), supported by his wife Doris, was one of the pioneers of commercial river running.
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Languages	English

Historical Note

Norman Davies Nevills was born in Chico, California, on April 8, 1909. He was the only child of William Eugene Nevills and Mae Davies Nevills. Norman's paternal grandfather, also named William but known as "Captain Billy" Nevills, had been a successful miner and promoter during the California gold rush of the 1850s who lost everything in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. William E. Nevills was a prospector in Alaska before coming to Mexican Hat, Utah, in the 1920s. William was drawn by one of the periodic oil booms that were common in southeast Utah. After two years of college at the College of the Pacific, Norman joined his parents at Mexican Hat in 1928 to assist with the oil development work. The expected oil fields never materialized, however, (although Norman worked off and on at drilling for oil until his death), and the Nevills family was forced to turn to other means of making a living. They built a tourist lodge above the San Juan River, which flowed through town, and Norman began guiding parties of visitors by car through Monument Valley and other nearby attractions. In between times, he supplemented the family income by doing whatever odd jobs he could find. In 1932, Norman was asked

by a miner to haul a load of supplies to a placer mine a few miles downriver, which he did successfully. From this beginning, Norman Nevills launched his river career.

In the summer of 1933, Norman participated in an archeological survey of the area around the San Juan river; part of the survey involved the use of folding canvas boats on the San Juan. On October 18 of that same year, Norman was married to Doris Drown, a native of Portland, Oregon. For their honeymoon trip, Norman decided to take Doris down the San Juan. He built a boat based on a design given to him by his father, who had hauled supplies and passengers on Alaskan rivers during the Klondike gold rush. Family legend has it that Norman built the boat with boards from a horse trough and an old outhouse, and used oil well suction rods with steel blades for oars. The trip, to Copper Canyon in February 1934, was a success. Two years later, knowledge of Nevills' experience on the river had spread sufficiently for a party from California to contact him and hire him to guide them down the river. This he did in March of 1936, and for every year after that until his death in 1949, Nevills led groups down the San Juan River on excursions throughout the summer months. These trips became his bread and butter, and often the receipts and deposits from the San Juan trips financed his other trips on the Green, the Snake and Salmon, and through the Grand Canyon.

Nevills' first major expedition and the beginnings of his subsequent fame as the number-one Whitewater man in America was in 1938. In the summer of that year he led three boats and a crew of two other boatmen and six passengers (including two women) from Green River, Utah, through Cataract Canyon and the Grand Canyon. Although internal dissensions threatened to end the expedition at Lees Ferry, the beginning of the Grand Canyon, Nevills and Elzada Clover, the co-organizer of the trip, were able to keep the party together and complete the trip. Nevills and Dr. Clover had planned to write a book about their experiences on the river, but this never materialized, and each went on to other things. Nevills' second major trip was in 1940. This time he ran almost the entire length of the Green River, from Green River, Wyoming, through the Grand Canyon. The crew included his wife Doris and another woman, and from Green River, Utah on, Barry Goldwater, later to become a powerful Western politician.

In 1941 and 1942, Nevills conducted private charter trips through the Grand Canyon, giving him a lasting place in Colorado River history as the first person to go through the Grand Canyon more than twice. On the later trip, Otis Marston was one of the passengers. Marston and Nevills were at first close friends, but later personality conflicts drove them apart and Marston became one of Nevills' most vocal detractors; this was to have great bearing on Nevills' reputation after his death. By the time the 1942 trip was over, the U.S. was involved in World War II, and Nevills nascent river outfitting business was considerably curtailed. Although he did conduct a few parties down the San Juan during the war years, most of his time was spent working for the U.S. Geological Survey, whom he joined as resident engineer at Mexican Hat in 1943. In 1945, with the war almost over, Nevills took a party that included Otis Marston and Ed Hudson (who had also been on the 1942 Grand Canyon trip), Marston's daughters and wife, and others, down Cataract Canyon of the Colorado. This marked the resumption of a pattern that Nevills held throughout the rest of his life: spring and early summer trips on the San Juan, and then a major expedition on another river later in the summer. In 1946, it was the Snake and Main Fork of the Salmon Rivers in Idaho; in 1947, 1948, and 1949, the Grand Canyon. In 1950 Nevills planned to try a river in Canada or perhaps Asia, but death intervened.

Throughout his career guiding parties on the rivers of the West, Nevills was supported by his wife Doris. Indeed, many who knew them say that Doris was a very real reason for his success. Doris organized all the menus, shuttles, and other logistical details that are absolutely essential for a successful commercial river trip. In addition, she smoothed over disputes and ruffled feelings among passengers and boatmen that were caused by Norman's often abrasive personality. Doris was by all accounts completely devoted to Norman, and endured with good spirit the verbal abuse that she reportedly received from Norman's mother Mae Nevills. Doris' support of Norman's chosen career extended to

pawning her jewelry during the early lean years, before Norman became famous, and caring for their two daughters, Joan, born in 1936, and Sandra, born in 1941. The one thing that Doris reportedly did not share was Norman's passion for flying, even though the Piper J3 that Norman bought in 1946 was a great convenience, given their isolated home. It was in Norman's plane that they met their deaths together, when the plane crashed on takeoff at Mexican Hat, on the morning of September 19, 1949.

In today's high-tech and big-business world of commercial river running, where thousands of paying passengers are taken down river annually, and thousands of dollars spent on equipment and permits by outfitters, Nevills Expeditions, with its wooden boats and slim margin of profit, seems quaint, like something out of a forgotten era. Indeed, after his death, Nevills' reputation suffered at the hands of later rivermen, who said he was too cautious, too much of a showman, and so on. Undeniably, Nevills was a showman, and was concerned with his own reputation. Equally undeniably, however, is the fact that to Norman Nevills must be given the credit for a number of firsts (so important to boatmen!) on the Colorado. He was the first to run the Colorado through the Grand Canyon more than twice, the first to run a strictly commercial river trip through the Grand Canyon, the first to take women on commercial river trips, and the first to take women through the Grand Canyon, which was unheard of at the time. Nevills was the first to admit that he was a cautious boatman, but he also was proud of the fact that he never flipped a boat on all the rivers he ran, a safety record hardly matched today. His boat design, the Cataract boat, remained one of the standard river craft until well after the end of World War II; those who continued to use his style of boat did so long after others had converted to inflatable rubber boats. Nevills' principle of "face your danger" (i.e. the boatman faces the obstacle and rows away from it) is still the way rapids are run today, and although others had used the technique before him, he popularized the idea.

Norman Nevills was a pioneer, indeed one of the pioneers of commercial river running, and there are still companies operating today that can trace their roots directly back to Nevills Expeditions. Virtually everyone on the river today is there because Norman and Doris Nevills were willing to "face their danger."

Content Description

The Norman D. and Doris Nevills papers (1890s-1952) constitute one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of original research materials on the history of travel on the Colorado and Green Rivers and their tributaries. All materials have been left in their original and are divided into five sections: I. Personal Materials; II. Correspondence; III. River Trips; IV. Clippings; V. Miscellaneous Finances.

Section I, Personal Materials, consists of two boxes. Box 1 contains biographical materials about Norman, his father and grandfather; biographical notes by Joan Staveley and Thorn and Lygia Mayes, close personal friends of Norman and Doris; material gathered for a possible biography in the 1950s; miscellaneous materials from Mae Nevills, Norman's mother; and miscellaneous personal items. Also included in this box are clippings about Norman and Doris' death in September 1949, tributes to them, and correspondence about the memorial plaque which was placed in their honor above Marble Canyon in 1952. Finally, there is correspondence about the donation of Norman's boats and equipment to various museums after his death, and correspondence and supporting documentation for a proposal made in 1957 to name the reservoir rising behind Glen Canyon Dam after Nevills. Box 2 contains miscellaneous records from the Mexican Hat Lodge, which was operated by Mae Nevills.

The heart of the entire collection is found in Section II. Unlike most manuscript collections, the incoming correspondence in the Nevills papers is accompanied by his outgoing correspondence, since Nevills made carbon copies of virtually all his letters. This is an unprecedented treasure trove for the

researcher, for it allows entry into Norman's everyday thoughts and actions in a way that is normally not possible. There are approximately 5000 letters in the collection. This section is divided into four categories: Family, Personal, Government, and Business. Family correspondence is contained in only one box. Personal correspondence is the bulk of the collection, and is contained in boxes 3-22. It includes inquiries about and letters reserving places on river trips, since the basis of his river outfitting business was personal contacts, and it would have been virtually impossible to separate river trip correspondence from the purely personal correspondence. Government correspondence contains letters with the U.S. Geological Survey, his employer from 1943 until his death, the National Park Service, and various other federal and Utah state agencies. Business correspondence is arranged into subject categories and includes correspondence about automobiles, airplanes, insurance, oil, and so on. It should be noted that this category does not include any materials about river trips.

Section, III, River Trips, also contains a wealth of materials. Included are Norman's diaries, both originals and typed transcriptions; Doris's diary of the 1940 Green and Colorado River trip, including the later published account; diaries, journals, and scrapbooks kept by passengers on Nevills Expeditions who later sent him copies; miscellaneous materials about boats, supplies, equipment, brochures for Nevills Expeditions, and so on; and maps. Diaries sent by passengers, especially those about the San Juan trips, are of particular interest, as Nevills rarely kept a journal on those trips. Finally, the maps in box 34 are those used by Norman on his river trips, and contain many handwritten notations.

Section IV, Clippings contains both newspaper clippings covering the years 1933-1949, and magazines which have articles by and about Nevills, or in some cases advertisements for Nevills Expeditions. Boxes 35 and 36 contain newspaper clippings arranged by year. Box 37 contains issues of Desert magazine, the editor and publisher of which, Randall Henderson, was a close friend of the Nevills. In 1945 Henderson took a San Juan trip with Nevills Expeditions, followed in 1947 by a Grand Canyon trip. Henderson wrote feature articles about both of these trips; the Grand Canyon trip was serialized over several issues. Issues dated after 1949 contain memorials and reminiscences about Norman and Doris. Box 38 contains miscellaneous magazines, in each of which is an article about or a mention of Nevills Expeditions. These are arranged alphabetically by title.

Section V, Miscellaneous Finances, contains those financial records that did not fit into any of the previous categories. This includes canceled checks, check registers, bank statements, receipts and Mae Nevills' trading post account book.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized in five series: I. Personal; II. Correspondence; III. River Trips; IV. Clippings; and V. Miscellaneous Finances.

Acquisition Information

Gift of daughters Joan Nevills-Staveley and Sandra Nevills Reiff in 1988.

Separated Materials

Photographs and audio-visual materials were placed in the Multimedia Division of Special Collections (P0341 and A0245).

Processing Note

Processed by Roy Webb in 1991.

Detailed Description of the Collection

I: Personal Materials

Filed in this series are personal materials from Norman Nevills, his wife Doris, and other members of his family. The first box contains biographical materials and miscellaneous personal items. Box 2 contains materials about the Mexican Hat Lodge, operated by William E. and Mae Nevills.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<p>Biographical Materials, Miscellaneous Personal Items This subseries contains background material about Norman's family, as well as miscellaneous personal items from Norman and his parents. Some materials were gathered by Norman for articles and publicity during his life, others were gathered for a proposed biography after his death by his daughter Joan Nevills-Staveley. Also included are clippings about the death of Norman and Doris, tributes written after their deaths, materials about a memorial plaque that was dedicated in 1952, and correspondence and supporting documents for a 1957 proposal to name the reservoir behind Glen Canyon Dam after Nevills.</p>	
Box	Folder	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 1	Nevills Family History	
1 2	Davies Family History	
1 3	Mae Nevills Account Book	1935-1937
1 4	Norman Nevills Autobiography	
1 5	Selective Service	1943-1944
1 6	Birth Certificate Search	1944
1 7	War Ration Books and Coupons	
1 8-10	Biographical Notes by Joan Staveley	
1 11	Biographical Notes from Thorn and Lygia Mayes	
1 12	Miscellaneous Biographical Notes	
1 13	Miscellaneous Personal Items	
1 14	Correspondence About Possible Biography	1955-1958; 1978
1 15	Death of Norman and Doris Nevills	1949 September 19
1 16	Tributes	
1 17	Memorial Plaque	
1 18	Donation of Boats, Equipment	
1 19	Lake Nevills Proposal--Correspondence	1957-1959
1 20	Lake Nevills Proposal--Drafts, Supporting Documents	

Mexican Hat Lodge

This subseries contains materials about the Mexican Hat Lodge, which was owned and operated by Nevills' parents, William E. Nevills (until his death in August 1941) and Mae D. Nevills.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	1	Brochure	1937
2	2	Stationery	
2	3	"Canyon Wonderland"	1941
2	4	"Canyon Wonderland" Original Artwork	
2	5	Brochures--Drafts, Changes, Miscellaneous Pages	
2	6	Miscellaneous Maps	
2	7	History	
2	8	Fire	1964
2	9	Miscellaneous	

II: Correspondence

This section contains three types of correspondence. Box 3 contains correspondence with family members of both Norman and Doris Nevills. Boxes 4-24 contain miscellaneous personal correspondence, which includes correspondence about river trips, since the basis of Norman's river business was personal contacts. In those few cases where correspondence about Norman and Doris was received after their deaths, it has been included in the folder as well. Boxes 23-24 contain correspondence with various agencies of the U.S. and Utah State governments. Boxes 25-26 contain miscellaneous business correspondence, excluding inquiries about river trips or letters booking passage on a river trip. If there were three or more letters, the correspondent was given a separate folder. If there were less than three letters, they are filed chronologically in the folders labeled "A Miscellaneous" and so on. Within the folders, all letters are arranged chronologically.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Family Correspondence			
Box	Folder		
3	1-2	Mae D. Nevills	1937-1949
3	3-4	Jane Daniels	1937-1944

Container(s)		Description	Dates
3	5	Mrs. M.E. Thompson	1941-1942
3	6	Doris Nevills	
3	7	"Mother D" [Drown]	
3	8	Doris Nevills to Joan Nevills	1940-1949
3	9-10	Doris Nevills to Joan Nevills	
3	11	Norman Nevills to Joan Nevills	1940-1949
3	12	Joan Nevills-Cards, Miscellaneous	
3	13	Sandra Nevills	
Personal Correspondence, A			
Box	Folder		
4	1	Mary Ogden Abbott	1948-1949
4	2	Mary Adamic	1948-1949
4	3	Don Adams	1940-1942
4	4	John Quincy Adamson	1931-1932
4	5	Agnes Albert	1941-1949
4	6	Richard Aldrich	1948
4	7-10	Harry Aleson	1939-1949
4	11	H.D. Alexander	1948
4	12	Janet Alexander	1946
4	13	John Allis	1937-1949
4	14	Mary Amend	1948

Container(s)		Description	Dates
4	15	Edward Anderson	1940-1941
4	15A	Anderson, Elvira	1947-1948
4	15B	Andrews, W.E.	1947-1949
4	16	Bud and Tro Anspach	1947-1949
4	17	Paul Anthony	1946
4	18	E.M. Armstrong	1947
4	18A	Don Ashbaugh	1947-1949
4	19	"A" Miscellaneous	1930-1949

Personal Correspondence, B

Box	Folder		
5	1	Linda Babcock ("Lydy")	1948
5	2	Wilson Baden	1945-1948
5	3	Alfred Bailey	1942-1948
5	4	Ralph Bailey	1941-1943
5	5	Mildred Baker	1939-1944
5	6	Dennis Baldwin	1938-1948
5	7	Lionel Banks	1941-1943
5	8	Alice Bates	1946-1949
5	9	Charles Bausback	1948-1949
5	10	George Bauwens	1941-1946
5	11	Austin Beals	1946-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
5	12	Bayne Beauchamp	1935-1939
5	13	Fred H. Beck	1941
5	14	Lorin Bell	1938
5	15	Sunny Benedix	1948
5	16	Paul Benedict	1943-1945
5	17	Jessie Benedix	1946-1947
5	18	P.W. Blackford	1942
5	19	Doris Blakeslee	1944-1947
5	20	John Blanchard	1947
5	21	Howard H. Bliss	1939-1940
5	22	Don Bondurant	1945-1947
5	23	Joseph Borden	1939-1947
5	24	Daniel Bovee	1940
5	25	Allan Box	1941-1949
5	25A	Allan Boz	1948-1949
5	26	Jack Breed	1939-1946
5	27	Dale Broten	1945-1946
5	28	Roy Burgess	1945-1948
5	29	Edward Burnham	1941-1943
5	30	Murray Butler	1946
5	31	Jack Butt	1940-1941

Container(s)		Description	Dates
5	32	Gilbert Byrne	1936-1947
5	33-39	"B" Miscellaneous	1932-1949
Personal Correspondence, C			
Box	Folder		
6	1	Winthrop Cady	1949
6	2	Ian Campbell	1938-1942
6	3	Ramona Cannon	1946-1949
6	4	Sylvia Capps	1946-1949
6	5	Paul Carius	1933-1940
6	6	Raymond Carlson	1941
6	7	Benjamin Carpenter	1944-1948
6	8	Carson (?)	1943
6	9	Frank Carson	1946-1948
6	10	Garold Carlton	1948-1949
6	11	Vernon Cato	1947-1948
6	12	Art Chaffin	1940-1945
6	13	Andy Chamberlain	1947-1948
6	14	June Chamberlain	1942-1947
6	15	William B. Chandlee	1947
6	16	Everett Chapman	1946-1949
6	17	Harold Chase	1947-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
6	18	Ellery Clark	1939
6	19	Neil M. Clark	1945-1946
6	20	Steve Clark	1932-1946
6	21	A.C. Clarke	1948
6	22	Robert G. Cleland	1946-1949
6	23	Elzada Clover	1938-1945
6	24	Israel Cohn	1936-1941
6	25	W.B. Coleman	1942-1949
6	26	Hull Cook	1938-1945
6	27	Frank Cooke	1945-1949
6	28	Vernon Cooley	1940-1941
6	29	Joe Cooper	1948
6	30	Omar Cooper	1949
6	31	Jack Corbin	1946-1948
6	32	J. Early Craig	1941-1946
6	33	William Cree	1942-1946
6	34	Frank Cummings	1946-1947
6	35-36	Hugh Cutler	1939-1949
6	37-42	"C" Miscellaneous	1934-1949

Personal Correspondence, D

Box Folder

Container(s)		Description	Dates
7	1	Burt L. Davis	1946-1947
7	2	Albert K. Dawson	1941
7	3	B.W. Deason	1939-1940
7	4	Lillie L. Deimler	1947
7	5	R.C. Denney	1938-1946
7	6	Eldon Dennis	1944-1945
7	7-10	Joe Desloge	1944-1949
7	11	A.M. Dewey	1947-1948
7	12	Frank Dodge	1939-1945
7	13	Lee Doud	1942-1946
7	14	Perry Driggs	1945-1948
7	15	Elizabeth Dupont	1939-1950
7	16	Stuart Dunbar	1937-1938
7	17-20	"D" Miscellaneous	1929-1949

Personal Correspondence, E-F

Box	Folder		
8	1	Clyde Eddy	1938-1945
8	2	Ray Eggersted	1946-1948
8	3	Josiah R. Eisaman	1949
8	4	W.D. Eldredge	1940-1945
8	5	Charles Ellet	1946

Container(s)		Description	Dates
8	6	H.W. Endner	1933-1940
8	7-9	"E" Miscellaneous	1932-1949
8	10	Francis P. Farquhar	1942-1948
8	11	Ethel Farrell	1937-1948
8	12	Charles H. Feltes	1937-1946
8	13	Wilbur B. Foshay	1948
8	14	Duane Frandsen	1948-1949
8	15	Harry G. Franse	1938-1946
8	16	John A. Frost	1932-1947
8	17	Kent Frost	1935-1949
8	18	Moulton Fulmer	1942-1949
8	19-20	"F" Miscellaneous	1935-1949

Explorers Club

Following his descents of the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1938 and 1940, Nevills was nominated and accepted as a member of the Explorers Club. This box contains materials from his nomination and later membership.

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
9	1	Membership	
9	2	Correspondence	1941-1945
9	3	Business	1941-1949
9	4-5	Notices of Meetings	1942-1949
9	6	Miscellaneous Announcements	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
9	7	Letters of Condolence to Nevills' Family	1949
Personal Correspondence, G			
Box	Folder		
10	1	Herb Gable	1935-1948
10	2	John Galley	1940-1941
10	3	Martin Gambee	1937-1944
10	4	Ernest M. Garbe	1945
10	5	Ray Garner	1941
10	6	Claire E. Garretson	1937-1949
10	7	Wilbur Gibson	1937-1939
10	8	Hollis T. Gleason	1948
10	9	Joe Goettsman	1949
10	10	Barry Goldwater	1940
10	11	Barry Goldwater	1941-1949
10	12	J.A. Gower	1948
10	13	Alexander "Zee" Grant	1939-1946
10	14	Herbert E. Gregory	1937-1945
10	15	Archie Griffith	1947
10	16	R.W. Groo	1937-1941
10	17	Ernest O. Gross	1945-1946
10	18-22	"G" Miscellaneous	1932-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Personal Correspondence, Ha-Hi			
Box	Folder		
11	1	Fred Haas	1942-1945
11	2	Ansel Hall	1933-1939
11	3	Ansel Hall	1940-1948
11	4	Ansel Hall (<i>Explorers Newsletters</i>)	1933-1936
11	5	Wendell C. Haines	1941-1947
11	6	Laphene "Don" Harris	1938-1949
11	7	Carter Harrison	1947-1948
11	8	Katherine Harvey	1941-1945
11	9	Bus Hatch	1940-1944
11	10	Fred Hauenstein	1945-1949
11	11	Sam Hayward	1945-1946
11	12	Viola Hazard	1946-1948
11	13	Weldon Heald	1941-1948
11	14	Wesley P. Heath	1938-1943
11	15	Graham Heid	1941
11	16	Randall Henderson (<i>Desert Magazine</i>)	1938-1947
11	17	Randall Henderson (<i>Desert Magazine</i>)	1948-1949
11	18	Edna Heringer	1942
11	19	Neville Hertwick	1946

Container(s)		Description	Dates
11	20	Wayne and Lucille Hiser	1947-1948
Personal Correspondence, Ho-Miscellaneous H			
Box	Folder		
12	1	Paul Hoefler	1948
12	2	John Hoepfel	1938-1942
12	3	Tony Holbrook	1943-1947
12	4	J.G. Holland	1948
12	5	Burton Holmes	1948
12	6	Haldane ("Buzz") Holmstrom	1938-1940
12	7	Arthur Hoskins	1945-1949
12	8	Charles F. Hottes	1937-1941
12	9	Charlie Howard	1934-1949
12	10	Don Howard	1945-1948
12	11	Frank Howard	1945-1949
12	12	Roy Howell	1945-1947
12	13	Russell Hubbard	1947
12	14	Roman Hubbell	1938-1944
12	15	Iva Marie Huddleston	1948
12	16	Ed Hudson	1941-1949
12	17	E.P. Hunt	1936-1945
12	18	Ethel Hurd	1942-1944

Container(s)		Description	Dates
12	19	Hayden Huston	1940-1949
12	20	Marian and Laurin Hyde	1940-1942
12	21-25	"H" Miscellaneous	1933-1949
Personal Correspondence, I-K			
Box	Folder		
13	1	"I" Miscellaneous	1944-1949
13	2	Wyatt Jacobs	1948
13	3	Celia Johnson	1948-1949
13	4	Lamont Johnson	1946-1949
13	5	Ros Johnson	1946-1947
13	6	Ros Johnson	1948
13	7	Ros Johnson	1949
13	8	Florence Jones	1938
13	9	Marge Jones	1946-1948
13	10	Lois Jotter	1938
13	11	"J" Miscellaneous	1933-1949
13	12	Felix Kallis	1948
13	13	Virginia Kass	1942-1944
13	14	Victor Kaufman	1947-1948
13	15	Howard Kearns	1938-1944
13	16	Helen Kendall	1948-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
13	17	Florence Kenworthy	1945-1947
13	18	Ed Kerley	1936-1938
13	19	Dmitri Kessel	1944
13	20	Annie Kier	1946-1949
13	21	Paul Kilburn	1949
13	22	C.T. Kirby	1949
13	23	Ray Kiser	1947-1949
13	24	W.C. Kite	1939-1940
13	25	Phillip Klauber	1948
13	26	Ralph Knepper	1944-1946
13	27	H.M. Knickerbocker	1945
13	28	Wesely Knorpp	1939-1940
13	29	Helen Knupp	1947
13	30	Walter Koch et al	1945-1948
13	31	Emery Kolb	1936-1948
13	32	Seymour Kotcoff	1947-1948
13	33	John Krasny	1948
13	34	Max Krueger	1948
13	35	William Kuhlman	1948-1949
13	36	"K" Miscellaneous	1933-1949

Personal Correspondence, L-Mc

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
14	1	Lloyd Laflin	1941-1946
14	2	J.T. Lane	1939
14	3	Charles Larabee	1939-1947
14	4	C.I. Lauer	1949
14	5	Mary Lay	1938-1940
14	6	John R. Leach ("Pancho")	1948-1949
14	7	Hector Lee	1947
14	8	J. Bracken Lee	1940-1949
14	9	Father Leibler	1943-1946
14	10	Morgan Levelle	1948
14	11	Lloyd Linn	1945-1946
14	12	<i>Life Magazine</i>	1940-1945
14	13	Fay B. Lloyd	1944-1946
14	14	G.M. Loeb	1946
14	15	Kenneth Love	1930-1948
14	16	Ilma Lucas	1943
14	17	Willard Luce	1946
14	18	"L" Miscellaneous	1935-1939
14	19	Hall McAllister	1946
14	20	A.E. MacArthur	1940-1948

Container(s)		Description	Dates
14	21	Glenn McColley	1945-1947
14	22	Wayne McConkie	1940-1945
14	23	Harry McDevitt	1943
14	24	Ivins MacDonald	1938
14	25	Kyle McGrady	1942-1945
14	26	Edwin McKee	1936-1949
14	27	Marvin McLarty, Jr.	1947
14	28	Macmillan Co.	1938-1946
14	29	"Mc" Miscellaneous	1934-1948

Personal Correspondence, M

Box	Folder		
15	1	Molly Maley	1946-1949
15	2	Dave Mann	1945-1949
15	3	Mel Mann	1942-1946
15	4	Portia Mansfield	1939-1944
15	5	Frank Manson	1945-1946
15	6	Charles Markham	1948
15	7	Katherine Martin	1949
15	8	L.H. Martinson	1946
15	9	Beverly Marx	1949
15	10	Frank E. Masland	1946-1948

Container(s)		Description	Dates
15	11	Frank E. Masland	1949
15	12	Masonic Lodge	1933-1949
15	13	Thorn Mayes	1938-1945
15	14	Thorn Mayes	1946-1949
15	15	Hugo Menke	1942
15	16	Clarence Meyer	1948-1949
15	17	Gleed Miller	1948
15	18	Harriet Miller	1947-1948
15	19	Victor Mills	1948
15	20	O.L. Miner	1944-1945
15	21	Hugh Miser	1947
15	22	T.W. Morash	1947
15	23	Ross and Elvira Montgomery	1941-1947
15	24	Lucius Moore	1941-1942
15	25	Lucius Moore	1943-1948
15	26	Thomas Morley	1945-1946
15	27	Archie and Dave Morris	1946-1947
15	28	A. Reynolds Morse	1948-1949
15	29	Malcolm Moss	1948-1949
15	30	Joseph Muench	1948
15	31	John B. Mull	1949

Container(s)	Description	Dates
15 32	Ross Musselman	1938-1947
15 33	Truman Myers	1947-1949
15 33-35	"M" Miscellaneous	1933-1949
16	Personal Correspondence, Otis "Dock" Marston This box contains correspondence with Otis "Dock" Marston, who went through the Grand Canyon with Nevills in 1942. On later trips, Marston served as a boatman for Nevills, and later yet became known as the historian of the Colorado River. He was always an indefatigable and voluminous correspondent, and his letters contain a great deal of information on the rivers, the canyons, and other contemporary figures. These are detailed, personal letters between him and Nevills, and contain probably the best revelations as to Nevills and Marston's characters.	1942-1949

Personal Correspondence, N-Q

Box	Folder		
17	1	John Navas	1939-1942
17	2	Herbert Neal	1948-1949
17	3	Elmer Nelson	1948-1949
17	4	Jennie Nielson	1947
17	5	Carey Nixon	1946-1949
17	6	"N" Miscellaneous	1933-1949
17	7-11	Frank O'Brien	1940-1946
17	12	Marie Ogden	1942-1946
17	13	Ed Olsen	1941-1949
17	14	Joseph Ott	1942-1943
17	15	William Owen	1944-1945

Container(s)		Description	Dates
17	16	"O" Miscellaneous	1934-1949
17	17	B.H. Page	1947-1948
17	18	Jack Paine	1948-1949
17	19	T.S. Palmer	1945-1946
17	20	George Parker	1948
17	21	Forbes Parkhill	1939-1940
17	22	L.M. Perrin	1946-1948
17	23	Bruce Peters	1949
17	24	L.S. Peterman	1948-1949
17	25	Alice and Henry Petri	1947-1948
17	26	Ted and Dorothy Phillips	1944-1948
17	27	Ruth Pieroth	1947
17	28	<i>Popular Mechanics</i>	1942-1944
17	29	R.L. Power	1947-1948
17	30-31	"P" Miscellaneous	1933-1949
17	32	F.E. Quinlan	1948
17	33	"Q" Miscellaneous	1935; 1948-1949

Personal Correspondence, R

Box	Folder		
18	1	Bob Ramstad	1946-1948
18	2	William Rand	1948-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
18	3	Paul Rattle	1946-1949
18	4	Redd Family	1940-1946
18	5	Del Reed	1938-1944
18	6	Harry Reed	1937-1947
18	7	P.T. Reilly	1946-1949
18	8	Adrian Reynolds	1940-1949
18	9	Irvine Reynolds	1946-1947
18	10	John Riffey	1948-1949
18	11	James P. Rigg	1940-1949
18	12	Bestor Robinson	1947-1949
18	13	Ned Robinson	1948
18	14	Don Robison	1947-1948
18	15	Bright Roddy	1944-1946
18	16	Leo Romer	1945-1946
18	17	Anne Rosner	1939-1040
18	18	Frank Ross	1945-1946
18	19	Ted Ross	1945
18	20	Jack Rottier	1945-1947
18	21	Jack Rue	1947-1949
18	22	Hal Rumel	1945-1946
18	23	Al Runkle	1939

Container(s)		Description	Dates
18	24	Al Runkle	1940 January-March
18	25	Al Runkle	1940 April-1941
18	26-27	"R" Miscellaneous	1933-1949

Personal Correspondence, S

Box	Folder		
19	1	W.B. Sampson	1946-1947
19	2	Jack Sanford	1941-1947; 1950
19	3	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>	1946
19	4	Pauline Saylor	1946-1947
19	5	Jack A. Schmidt	1948
19	6	Alfred Schmitz	1941-1942
19	7	Emma Schray	1947-1949
19	8	William J. Schukraft	1941-1946
19	9	Charles T. Schweitzer	1946
19	10	August Segelhorst	1946
19	11	Paul Seel	1947-1948
19	12	M.F. Selleck	1936-1940
19	13	Harry Shaw	1941
19	14	Anthony Shearer	1947-1948
19	15	Shepard Book Co.	1938
19	16	A.L. and Henry Sherk	1946-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
19	17	Dorothy Shipman	1946
19	18	Don Short	1941-1948
19	19	Herbert S. Shuey	1942-1947
19	20	Frank Silvey	1936
19	21	Harold N. Simpson	1947-1948
19	22	Mildred Small	1949
19	23	Alden B. Smith	1947
19	24	Don Smith	1944-1947
19	25	Joseph F. Smith	1937-1947; 1949
19	26	W.T. Smith	1942-1944
19	27	Corinne Smothers	1948
19	28	J.S. Southworth	1939-1940
19	29	Keith Spalding	1945-1948
19	30	A.H. Spencer	1943-1949
19	31	Edward F. Stacy	1946
19	32	J.I. Staley	1948-1949
19	33	Standard Travel Information Service	1949
19	34	John Stanton	1946-1947
19	35	Wallace Stegner	1946-1948
19	36	Hyrum W. Stevens	1935; 1946-1947
19	37	John Stilwell	1946-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
19	38	Julius F. Stone	1938-1944
19	39	Perry Stowe	1947-1948
19	40	Frank Streator	1945-1949
19	41	Nancy Streator	1946-1949; 1950
19	42	Corinne Stubbs	1943-1944
19	43	<i>Sunset</i> Magazine	1941-1949
19	44	Frank Suter	1946
19	45	J. Frederick Sutherland	1948-1949
19	46	Kenneth D. Swan	1937; 1946

Personal Correspondence, Miscellaneous S-V

Box	Folder		
20	1-5	"S" Miscellaneous	1930-1949
20	6	Rich Thomson	1946-1947
20	7	Elmer Timmons	1940-1941
20	8	V.L. Tindall	1947-1948
20	9	P.W. Tompkins	1930; 1941-1949
20	10	Claude Towne	1946-1949
20	11	Morris Townsend	1939
20	12	<i>Trailways</i> Magazine	1948
20	13	Arthur and Gladys Trask	1941-1945
20	14	<i>Travel</i> Magazine	1942-1943

Container(s)		Description	Dates
20	15	Lucretia Traver	1940-1947
20	16	George Trebing	1945-1947
20	17	Spence Turner	1948
20	18-19	"T" Miscellaneous	1929-1949
20	20	Florence Uptegrove	1947
20	21	"U" Miscellaneous	1938-1949
20	22	Charles S. Van Eaton	1936-1949
20	23	V. Villette	1947-1948
20	24	W.M. Von Kuhn	1945-1946
20	25	"V" Miscellaneous	1939-1949

Personal Correspondence, Wa-Wi

Box	Folder		
21	1	H.R. Walker	1947-1948
21	2	Preston Walker	1933-1942
21	3	Preston Walker	1943-1949
21	4	Walter Walker	1940-1942
21	5	Walter Walker	1943-1945
21	6	Walter Walker	1946-1947
21	7	Robert Wall	1941-1942
21	8	L.A. Ward	1937
21	9	E.H. Warner	1940

Container(s)		Description	Dates
21	10	Monte Warner	1948 January-March
21	11	Monte Warner	1948 April-September
21	12	Monte Warner	1949
21	13	Carl Weeks	1949
21	14	Jenny G. Weiling	1944-1945
21	15	Robert Welles	1941-1942
21	16	Cady and Mason Wells	1947-1949
21	17	Howard O. Welty	1946-1949
21	18	Jack Wentworth	1942
21	19	Minna Werner	1949
21	20	The Westerners	1948-1949
21	21	Maurine Whipple	1943-1947
21	22	H.H. Whitney	1948
21	23	Bill and Katherine Wilson	
21	24	Bruce Wilson	1942-1949
21	25	Frederic H. Wilson	1946
21	26	F.Q. Wilson	1941
21	27	Neill Wilson	1942-1944
21	28	Neill Wilson	1945-1949
21	29	George Wing	1943-1945

Container(s)		Description	Dates
21	30	Carl J. Winkler	1948-1949
21	31	Frank S. Wise	1946
Personal Correspondence, Wo-Z; Miscellaneous Unidentified			
Box	Folder		
22	1	Margaret Wood	1948-1949
22	2	Roy Wood	1941
22	3	Bob Woodward	1944-1946
22	4	Sid and Peck Woodbury	1946-1949
22	5	R.J. Woods	1944-1946
22	6	Weldon Woodson	1945
22	7	W.J. Woolston	1941-1942
22	8-11	"W" Miscellaneous	1932-1949
22	12	"Y" Miscellaneous	1945-1949
22	13	"Z" Miscellaneous	1931-1948
22	14	Miscellaneous Unidentified	
Government Correspondence--National Park Service, Miscellaneous Agencies			
In Box 23, folders 1-8 contain correspondence with the National Park Service (N.P.S.); folders 9-13 with other agencies of the federal government; folders 14-16 with Utah State agencies.			
Box	Folder		
23	1	Grand Canyon National Park--Tillotson-Bryant	1934-1948
23	2	Grand Canyon National Park--Harold C. Bryant	1947-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
23	3	Boulder Dam National Recreation Area	1941
23	4	Boulder Dam National Recreation Area--George Baggley	1947-1949
23	5	Boulder Dam National Recreation Area--Guy Edwards	1941; 1948
23	6	Leo McClatchy	1937-1941
23	7	Jesse Nussbaum	1937-1949
23	8	John Doerr	1948
23	9	N.P.S. Miscellaneous	1938-1949
23	10	Bureau of Reclamation	1936-1949
23	11	U.S. Grazing Service	1935; 1942-1944
23	12	U.S. Weather Bureau	1943-1949
23	13	Miscellaneous Federal Agencies	1938-1946
23	14	Utah Resettlement Administration	1934-1937
23	15	Utah Writer's Project	1937-1941
23	16	Miscellaneous Utah State Agencies	1933-1949

Government Correspondence--U.S. Geological Survey

Box 24 contains correspondence, personnel action and payroll forms, and other materials from the U.S. Geological Survey. Nevills served as resident engineer for the U.S.G.S. at Mexican Hat from 1943 until his death in 1949.

Box	Folder		
24	1-14	Government Correspondence--U.S. Geological Survey	1931-1949
24	15	Efficiency Ratings	1943-1949
24	16	Personnel Actions	1945-1949

Container(s)	Description	Dates
24 17	Miscellaneous Payroll Forms	1945-1949
24 18	Miscellaneous	
24 19	Miscellaneous Stream Flow Data	
24 20	Miscellaneous Publications	

Business Correspondence, Airplane-Loans

The business correspondence in boxes 25-26 is organized alphabetically by subject. In box 26, folders 29-52 contain letters that did not fit within any of the previously chosen subject categories; therefore, they were listed under miscellaneous business correspondence and arranged alphabetically according to the name of the company or the correspondent.

Box	Folder		
25	1	Airplane--Joe Bergin	1944-1947
25	2	Airplane--Civil Air Patrol	1946
25	3	Airplane--Eddie Drapela	1944-1949
25	4	Airplane--Miscellaneous Correspondence	1944-1949
25	5	Airplane--Logbooks, Flight Plans	
25	6	Airplane--Miscellaneous	
25	7	Autos--Auto Clubs	1936-1949
25	8	Autos--Central Chevrolet	1936-1941
25	9	Autos--Denny & Jones (Cortez Motor Sales)	1936-1947
25	10	Autos--Intermountain Willys	1949
25	11	Autos--Al Kruh	1944
25	12	Autos--Pioneer Auto Wrecking	1946

Container(s)		Description	Dates
25	13	Autos--Streator Chevrolet	1941; 1948
25	14	Autos--Miscellaneous	
25	15	Gasoline--Continental Oil Co. (CONOCO)	1933-1947
25	16	Generators--Kohler Co.	1939-1946
25	17	Generators--Midwest Service and Supply	1944-1947
25	18	Generators--Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah	1946
25	19	Generators--Wltte Engine Works	1939-1940
25	20	Generators--Miscellaneous	
25	21	Insurance--Autos, Miscellaneous	
25	22	Insurance--Ralph King	1946-1947
25	23	Insurance--Miscellaneous	1946-1948
25	24-32	Legal--Senior and Senior	1939-1949
25	33	Loans--First National Bank of Moab	1937-1949
25	34	Loans--General Motors Acceptance Corp. (GMAC)	1940-1942
25	35	Loans--Rauh-Burke Investment Co.	1937-1938

Business Correspondence, Mining-Miscellaneous

Box	Folder		
26	1	Mining--Thomas F.V. Curran	1941-1942
26	2	Mining--Bayard Mendenhall	1938
26	3	Mining--Uranium	
26	4	Mining--Miscellaneous	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
26	5	Oil--A.F. Allen	1948
26	6	Oil--D.S. Baker	1945
26	7	Oil--Perry Coon	1939-1944
26	8	Oil--Frank C. Hatch	1949
26	9	Oil--Arthur Lyon	1935
26	10	Oil--Equipment Lists	
26	11	Oil--Leases, Assignments	1936-1940
26	12	Oil--Leases, Assignments	1943
26	13	Oil--Leases, Assignments	1944-1948
26	14	Oil--Leases, Miscellaneous	
26	15	Oil--Maps, Descriptions	
26	16	Oil--River Bridge Claim--Location Notices	
26	17	Oil--Well Logs, Nevills #6	
26	18-20	Oil--Miscellaneous	1930-1949
26	21	Pumps--F.E. Myers and Brothers	1944
26	22	Pumps--Fairbanks-Morse Co.	1936; 1944-1947
26	23	Pumps--George B. Metcalf	1946-1947
26	24	Pumps--Robinson Machinery Co.	1946
26	25	Pumps--S & M Supply	1943
26	26	Pumps--Miscellaneous	1943-1949
26	27	Taxes--Dan Milenski	1947-1948

Container(s)		Description	Dates
26	28	Taxes--Miscellaneous	1935-1949
26	29	Miscellaneous--Ray Carr	1936-1947
26	30	Miscellaneous--Covey's New America Motor Lodge	1946-1949
26	31	Miscellaneous--Denver Fire Clay Co.	1941
26	32	Miscellaneous--Durango Mercantile Co.	1939-1943
26	33	Miscellaneous--East Side Grocery	1940
26	34	Miscellaneous--Jack Kuhne, Jack Darrock	1944-1949
26	35	Miscellaneous--Karl Lyman	1936-1940
26	36	Miscellaneous--Lyman Truck Line	1938-1943
26	37	Miscellaneous--Montgomery Ward	1938-1945
26	38	Miscellaneous--Navajo Service	1939
26	39	Miscellaneous--Esther Parker	1939
26	40	Miscellaneous--Knox Patterson	1942-1946
26	41	Miscellaneous--H.J. Plumhoff	1943-1944
26	42	Miscellaneous--Leo Prinster	1940-1942
26	43	Miscellaneous--Sears, Roebuck	1942-1949
26	44	Miscellaneous--Walt Disney Productions	1946-1947
26	45	Miscellaneous--Western Printing	1940-1949
26	46	Miscellaneous--Whitmore Oxygen	1946-1948
26	47	Miscellaneous--Z.C.M.I.	1939-1940; 1944
26	48-52	Miscellaneous	1933-1949

III: River Trips

This series contains all materials directly relating to Nevills Expeditions, Norman and Doris' river outfitting business. Included are Norman and Doris' journals from river trips, 1936-1948, (both originals and transcriptions); journals and diaries from passengers on his trips which were later sent to him, scrapbooks compiled both by the Nevills and by passengers, and miscellaneous materials about boats, equipment, supplies, passenger lists, brochures, and so on. *NOT* included in this series are letters from passengers or potential passengers inquiring about river trips, because of the volume of the correspondence. This is filed in boxes 3-22, personal correspondence, under the name of the passenger. All journals and other writings are filed chronologically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Nevills' Journals, (Originals) This box has been removed from the collection and is housed in the Manuscripts Reserve Collection. Transcripts of the journals can be found in box 28.		
Box	Volume	
27	1	San Juan River 1936
27	2	Boat-building Log 1938
27	3	Green and Colorado Rivers, vol. 1 1938
27	4	Green and Colorado Rivers, vol. 2 1938
27	5	Green and Colorado Rivers, vol. 3 1938
27	6	Green and Colorado Rivers, (Norman and Doris) 1940
27	7	Green and Colorado Rivers, vol. 1 (Doris) 1940
27	8	Green and Colorado Rivers, vol. 2 (Doris) 1940
27	9	Grand Canyon 1941
27	10	Grand Canyon 1942
Folder		
27	1	Cataract-Glen Canyons 1945

Nevills' Journals, (Transcriptions)

Container(s)	Description	Dates	
	Box 28 contains transcriptions of journals kept by Norman and Doris Nevills during river trips, 1936-1948. In some cases these were typed by Norman Nevills from his originals, not all of which have survived. The typed versions often differ somewhat from both the original, hand-written diaries and the straight transcriptions of his daily journals. Later, some of the journals were transcribed by hand by Joan Nevills-Staveley, Nevills' daughter. Also included in this box are articles, book reviews, and other writings by Norman Nevills, all of which relate to river running. If the journal is transcribed rather than typed, this will be noted in the folder description. Otherwise, all transcriptions are typed.		
Box	Folder		
28	1	San Juan and Colorado Rivers	1936
28	2	Boat-building Log	1938
28	3	Green and Colorado Rivers	1938
28	4	Green and Colorado Rivers, (transcribed)	1938
28	5	Green River, Wyoming-Jensen, Utah	1940
28	6	Green River, Wyoming-Green River, Utah	1940
28	7	Lees Ferry-Boulder Dam	1940
28	8	Green and Colorado Rivers, (typed account)	1940
28	9	Green and Colorado Rivers Doris Nevills' account of the trip, titled "Woman Conquerer of the Colorado," published in <i>The Daily Sentinel</i> , Grand Junction, Colorado, June 15-July 6, 1941	1940
28	10	San Juan and Colorado Rivers	1940
28	11	San Juan and Colorado Rivers (P.W. Tompkins trip)	1941 April-May
28	12	San Juan and Colorado Rivers	1941
28	13	Grand Canyon	1941

Container(s)	Description	Dates
28 14	Grand Canyon	1941
28 15	Grand Canyon, (transcribed)	1941
28 16	Grand Canyon	1942
28 17	Grand Canyon, (transcribed)	1942
28 18	San Juan and Colorado Rivers	1944
28 19	Salmon and Snake Rivers	1946
28 20	Green and Colorado Rivers	1947
28 21	Grand Canyon	1948
28 22	Review of <i>The Colorado</i> by Frank Waters--Norman Nevills	1947 October
28 23	"Face Your Danger," by Norman Nevills (2 drafts)	
28 24	Typed account by Norman Nevills No title or date.	

Passenger's Journals, Songs

Box 29 contains copies of journals kept by passengers on Nevills' river trips. In some cases these are simply typed copies, others take the form of printed or even published accounts which were later sent to Nevills. Also included in this box are copies of songs which were composed by passengers on the trips. If the journalist gave the document a title, this is included in the folder description.

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
29	1	"Van Eaton Party Travelogue"	1936
29	2	Elzada Clover	1938
29	3	"A Journey Down the Green and Colorado Rivers," Barry Goldwater	1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
29 4	<i>An Odyssey of the Green and Colorado Rivers: The Intimate Journal of Three Boats and Nine People on Two Rivers</i> , Barry Goldwater (privately published)	1941
29 5	"The River Rats Return," Alexander Grant	1940
29 6	Evelyn Box	1941
29 7	"Riding Grand Canyon Rapids," Weldon Heald	1941
29 8	"Cockleshell on the Colorado," Alexander Grant	1941
29 9	P.W. Tompkins	1941
29 10	"Brother, Take the Oars," Neill Wilson	1942
29 11	June Chamberlin	1942
29 12	"The Colorado is Still Wild," Weldon Heald	1942
29 13	"Tall Tales from the San Juan River," Paul Benedict	1943
29 14	Father H. B. Liebler	1945
29 15	"Floating Down the San Juan and Colorado," Randall Henderson	1945
29 16	Margaret Marston	1945
29 17	Alice Bates	1946
29 18	"That River Trip!" Lil Diemler	1946
29 19	"Salmon-Snake," Otis Marston	1946
29 20	"Wheeler Report" [Salmon-Snake Rivers]	1946
29 21	"Fast-Water Man," Neil Clark	1946
29 22	"Fast Water in the Desert," Weldon Heald	1947
29 23	"Desert River through Navajoland," Alfred Bailey	1947

Container(s)		Description	Dates
29	24	Randall Henderson (?)	1947
29	25	Janice Fullmer	1948
29	26	"192 Miles of Thrills on the San Juan and Colorado Rivers," Moulton Fulmer	1948
29	27	Barbara Gifford	1948
29	28	Preston Walker (published in 1948)	1942
29	29	Helen Kendall	1948
29	30	Nancy Streater	1948
29	31	"Who's Who on the Rainbow Trail," Francis Farguhar	1948
29	32	Ed Hudson Up-River Attempt	1948
29	33	Alice Bates	1949
29	34	Margaret Wood	1949
29	35	"By the Rim of Time," Frank E. Masland	1949
29	36	Frank E. Masland	1949
29	37	"From Hat to Head of Marble in Six Days," Andrew Chamberlain	
29	38	"Through the Grand Canyon Before Powell?"	
29	39	Songs--"Two Little Flies," Tro Anspach	1948
29	40	Songs--Miscellaneous	
Boats-Supplies			
Box	Folder		
30	1	Boats--Independent Lumber Co.	1946-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
30	2	Boats--Harbor Plywood Co.	1937-1938
30	3	Boats--Harbor Plywood Co.	1939-1940
30	4	Boats--Harbor Plywood Co.	1941-1942
30	5	Boats--Harbor Plywood Co.	1946-1949
30	6	Boats--Maris Plywood Co.	1938
30	7	Boats--O.H. Ellison Lumber Co.	1936-1946
30	8	Boats--Utah Lumber Co.	1936-1940
30	9	Boats--Miscellaneous Materials Lists	
30	10	Boats--Miscellaneous Correspondence	
30	11	Boats--Miscellaneous	
30	12	Competitors--Harry Aleson River Expeditions	
30	13	Equipment--Boardman and Flower	1938-1949
30	14	Equipment--Dover Merchandising Co.	1948
30	15	Equipment--Evinrude Motors	1939; 1944
30	16	Equipment--Vorbeck Sporting Goods	1938-1948
30	17	Equipment--Miscellaneous Correspondence	1938-1949
30	18	Equipment--Shipping, Miscellaneous Advertising	
30	19	Passengers--Passenger Lists	1936-1949
30	20	Passengers--Miscellaneous Passenger Lists	
30	21	Shuttles--Grand Canyon-Boulder Dam Tours, Inc.	1938-1949
30	22	Supplies--Correspondence, Miscellaneous	1936-1949

Container(s)		Description	Dates
30	23	Supplies--Menus	1938; 1941-1949
30	24	Supplies--Menus	
Brochures, Publicity, Miscellaneous			
Box	Folder		
31	1	San Juan River	1936
31	2	Green and Colorado Rivers	1938
31	3	Green and Colorado Rivers	1940
31	4	Grand Canyon	1941
31	5	San Juan River, Grand Canyon	1942
31	6	San Juan River	1943
31	7	San Juan River	1945
31	8	Snake and Salmon Rivers	1946
31	9	San Juan River	1946-1947
31	10	San Juan River, Grand Canyon	1948
31	11	San Juan River, Green and Colorado Rivers	1949
31	12	San Juan River	1950
31	13	Publicity--Programs by Others	
31	14	Publicity--Postcards	
31	15	Mileages	
31	16	Miscellaneous Notes	
31	17	Miscellaneous Trip Guidelines	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
31 18	River Rat Initiation Ceremony	
31 19	Miscellaneous Comments and Quotes by Norman Nevills and others	
31 20	Whitewater Association Proposal	
31 21	Miscellaneous	

Scrapbooks and Maps

Box 32 contains scrapbooks compiled by Norman Nevills and his family. These three are for the most part simple compilations of clippings.

Box	Volume		
32	1	Scrapbook	1933-1945
32	2	Scrapbook	1938-1941
32	3	Scrapbook	1938; 1946-1948
33		Scrapbook The scrapbook in Box 33 was prepared by passengers on Nevills trips in 1947-1949. It is a much more elaborate effort than his own, and includes photographs, hand-drawn artwork, and passenger lists within a cowhide cover.	1947-1949
34		Maps The maps in Box 34 are those used by Nevills on his river trips. These are U.S. Geological Survey maps of the Green, Colorado, San Juan, Snake, and Salmon Rivers that have been cut into sections to fit into a wooden map holder devised by Nevills for use on the river. The holder is also included in this box. Also included is a homemade scroll map where the sections of maps of the Grand Canyon were pasted onto brown paper to make a continuous scroll. The scroll has many handwritten notes by Nevills.	

IV: Clippings

Norman Nevills was very publicity conscious. He and his wife and mother kept copies or at least clippings of virtually every newspaper or magazine article that mentioned his name. In addition, passengers and friends sent him copies or clippings from other newspapers from all across the country

with articles about him or Nevills Expeditions. This section contains clippings as well as copies of magazines that contain articles about Nevills or Nevills Expeditions.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
35	1	Clippings	1933-1935
35	2	Clippings	1936
35	3	Clippings	1938 April-May
35	4	Clippings	1938 July
35	5	Clippings	1938 August-November
35	6	Clippings	1939
35	7	Clippings	1940
35	8	Clippings	1941
36		Clippings	1942-1949
37		<p><i>Desert Magazine</i> Box 37 contains copies of <i>Desert</i> magazine, in which articles about or advertisements for Nevills Expeditions frequently appeared from 1940 to 1949. In 1945 and 1947, Randall Henderson, the editor of <i>Desert</i>, took trips on the San Juan and the Grand Canyon respectively, and wrote feature articles about Norman and Nevills Expeditions which were serialized over several issues. Issues dated after Norman and Doris' death in 1949 contain tributes to them, or reminiscent articles about them.</p>	1940-1950; 1952; 1958
		<p>Miscellaneous Magazine Articles The magazine and journal articles range from national magazines to local or trade publications. Each contains an article or mention of Norman Nevills or Nevills Expeditions. The publications are arranged alphabetically by title.</p>	
Box	Folder		
38	1	<i>Academy Newsletter</i>	1947 December

Container(s)	Description	Dates
38 2	<i>Argosy</i>	1945 August
38 3	<i>Arizona Highways</i>	1941 January; 1953 August
38 4	<i>California Monthly</i>	1947 April
38 5	<i>Carnegie Magazine</i>	1950 April
38 6	<i>Colorado Editor</i>	1940 February
38 7	<i>The Deseret News Magazine</i>	1949 April 10
38 8	<i>Elks Magazine</i>	1942 March; 1943 August
38 9	<i>Explorers Journal</i>	1945-1946
38 10	<i>Farm Journal</i>	1946 May
38 11	<i>Field and Stream</i>	1949 April
38 12	<i>The Field Glass</i>	1947 August 4
38 13	<i>The Hand Lens</i>	1947 June
38 14	<i>Home Movies</i>	1943 March
38 15	<i>The Kerley News</i>	1936 April 27
38 16	<i>The Last Frontier</i>	1940 May-June
38 17	<i>Life</i>	1944 October 23
38 18	<i>National Geographic</i>	1947 August
38 19	<i>National Parks Magazine</i>	1949 July
38 20	<i>The Olympian</i>	1942 November; 1943 January; 1943 July; 1943 August

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38 21	<i>The Prairie Club</i>	1949 September
38 22	<i>Reclamation Era</i>	1938 September
38 23	<i>Region III Quarterly</i>	1940 July; 1941 July
38 24	<i>Retired Men's News</i>	1938 April; 1938 September-October
38 25	<i>The Rotarian</i>	1948 August
38 26	<i>The Saturday Evening Post</i>	1946 May 18
38 27	<i>Scenic Southwest</i>	1942 February; 1942 March; 1942 August; 1946 May
38 28	<i>The Shuttle</i>	1948 September
38 29	<i>Sunset</i>	1942 February; 1948 March
38 30	<i>Transit Topics</i>	1949 July 12
38 31	<i>Travel</i>	1942 October; 1949 May
38 32	<i>Travel West</i>	1941 August 16; 1941 November 01
38 33	<i>The Veteran's News</i>	1938 April

V: Miscellaneous Finances

Boxes 39 and 40 contain those miscellaneous financial records that could not be filed within any of the previous categories. This includes cancelled checks, checkbooks, bank statements, deposit slips, miscellaneous receipts, and a ledger book.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		Cancelled Checks, Checkbooks, Miscellaneous Receipts	
Box	Folder		
39	1	Miscellaneous Receipts	1938-1949
39	2	Cancelled Checks	1940
39	3	Cancelled Checks, Bank Statements, et al	1946
39	4	Checkbooks, Deposit Slips	1947
39	5	Bank Statements, Checkbooks	1948
39	6	Bank Statements, Checkbooks	1949
Box			
40		Cancelled Checks; Mae D. Nevills Trading Post Account Book	1946-1948

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Rafting (Sports)--West (U.S.)--History--Sources

Personal Names :

Marston, Dock (Otis R.)

Nevills, Doris

(contributor)

Geographical Names :

Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)--Recreational use--History--Sources

Glen Canyon (Utah and Ariz.)

Grand Canyon (Ariz.)

Green River (Wyo.-Utah)--Recreational use-- History --Sources

San Juan River (Colo.-Utah) -- Recreational use -- History--Sources

Form or Genre Terms :

Business records

Correspondence

Diaries

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