

Richard J. Brooks Papers, 1956-2000

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Brooks, Richard J
Title	Richard J. Brooks Papers
Dates	1956-2000 (inclusive) 1956 2000
Quantity	7.62 cubic feet 8 boxes, one vertical file, one oversize folder, one mapcase folder
Collection Number	2903 (Accession No. 2903-005)
Summary	Papers of a Seattle businessman and environmentalist
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	Open to all users, but access to portions of the papers restricted. Contact Special Collections for details.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Richard J. Brooks (1923-2001) was a Seattle businessman and inventor who was also active in a variety of regional environmental causes. He founded Chemithon Corporation, an industrial equipment manufacturing company, and was president of the company for thirty years. In 1982, he started Brooks Rand, Ltd., a company which specializes in chemical process development and trace metal analysis. Brooks obtained over thirty United States patents on chemical engineering-related inventions during his career. He was a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for the Seattle City Council, consultant to the City of Seattle for the Gas Works Park cleanup efforts, and a member of the Union Bay Preservation Coalition, a neighborhood organization, from approximately 1992 to 1999. From approximately 1973 to 1990, Brooks was on the board of directors of the North Cascades Conservation Council, through which he became involved in issues such as the opposition to raising Ross Dam on the Skagit River in Washington. He also worked independently on such causes as fighting Interstate-90 freeway expansion in King County, Washington and the expansion of the West Point Treatment Facility in Seattle, Washington by the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO).

Content Description

Brooks' papers document his activities as a businessman and environmentalist. He was concerned with the preservation of wilderness areas, and many urban environmental issues. This concern is reflected in his correspondence and several files in his personal papers. Subject files contain papers and reference

material from his involvement with Gas Works Park, Interstate-90, METRO's sewage treatment facilities, and Ross Dam, among other civic projects. Many of the same correspondents appear in the subject files as in the general correspondence. Letters from North Cascades Conservation Council members appear in the general correspondence and some subject files, such as Stehekin, as well as the North Cascades Conservation Council series. Major correspondents include: Patrick Goldsworthy, Richard Haag, Henry M. Jackson, Grant McConnell, Charles Royer, Seattle City Light, and the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The accession is arranged in three series:

Personal papers, 1956-2000 (bulk 1968-2000)

Union Bay Preservation Coalition records, 1974-2000 (bulk 1989-1996)

North Cascades Conservation Council records, 1966-1995

Acquisition Information

Donated by Richard J. Brooks, 1978, 1981, 1994 and by Grace Brooks in 2001.

Processing Note

Processing in 2005 by Emiko Hastings.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Personal Papers , 1956-2000 (bulk 1968-2000)

Arranged by type of record.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
General Correspondence		
Box/Folder		
1/1	Adams, Brock	1968-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/2	Belcher, Jennifer	1992
1/3	Benson, George E.	1979-1990
1/4	Bonker, Don	1976
1/5	Bricklin & Gendler	1988-1992
1/6	British Columbia - Seattle Negotiations	1977-1980
1/7	Chandler, Rod	1984-1988
1/8	Donaldson, Sue	1994-1999, undated
1/9	Evans, Daniel J.	1970-1995
1/10	Goldsworthy, Patrick D.	1986-1999, undated
1/11	Gore, Al	1993
1/12	Gorton, Slade	1982-1995
1/13	Grant County Planning Department	1977-1978
1/14	Haag, Richard	1984-2000
1/15	Hill, Tim	1970-1991
1/16	Jackson, Henry M.	1964-1983
1/17	King County Council	1977-1996
1/18	Kraabel, Paul	1976-1988
1/19	Kruckeberg, Arthur R.	1990, undated
1/20	Lamphere, Phyllis	1969-1972
1/21	Lowry, Mike	1979-1988

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/22	Magnuson, Warren G.	1968-1979
1/23	Manning, Harvey	1968-1993, undated
1/24	McConnell, Grant and Jane	1974-1989, undated
VF		
2718	McConnell, Grant and Jane Restricted due to personal privacy concerns.	1990
Box/Folder		
1/25	McDermott, James A.	1975-1995
1/26	Meeds, Lloyd	1975-1976
1/27	Miller, John R.	1976-1990
1/28	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (Washington)	1968-1997
1/29	Mount Rainier National Park	1974-1999, undated
1/30	North Cascades National Park	1977-1998
1/31	Okanogan National Forest (Washington)	1966-1999
1/32	Olympic National Park (Washington)	1968-1999
1/33	Pritchard, Joel M.	1975-1980
1/34	Royer, Charles	1978-1988
1/35	Seattle City Council	1969-1999
1/36	Seattle City Light	1968-1987
1/37	Seattle Department of Engineering	1972-1996, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/38	Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation	1969-1999
1/39	Seattle Mayor	1974-1980
1/40	<i>Seattle Times</i>	1968-1999, undated
1/41	Seattle Water Department	1975-1988
1/42	Sierra Club Includes letters from the Pacific Northwest Chapter, the Pacific Northwest Representative, and the Sierra Club Foundation.	1973-1978
1/43	Spellman, John	1970-1983
1/44	Street, Jim	1985-1995
1/45	Thorpe, Silvia	1986-1988, undated
1/46	Uhlman, Wesley C.	1970-1974
1/47	United States Army Corps of Engineers	1970-1990
1/48	United States Federal Energy Administration	1974-1979
1/49	United States Forest Service	1965-1999
1/50	United States Forest Service, Darrington Ranger District	1989-1995
1/51	United States Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region	1966-1990
1/52	United States Forest Service, Winthrop Ranger District	1985-1994
1/53	United States National Park Service	1973-1998
1/54	Washington State Department of Ecology	1978-2000
1/55	Washington State Department of Natural Resources	1975-1990
1/56	Wenatchee National Forest (Washington)	1972-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/57	Williams, Jeanette Klemptner	1974-1989
1/58-67	Miscellaneous A-S	
2/1	Miscellaneous T-Z	
2/2	Unidentified	1965-1989, undated

Environmental Impact Statements

Box/Folder

2/3-4	Copper Creek	
2/5-6	Pickering Corporate Park	1985
2/7	Weyerhaeuser/Gifford Pinchot National Forest Plan	1974

Box/Folder

2/8	Court Papers: Robertson vs. Methow Valley Citizens Council	1988
2/9	Manual: King County Surface Water Design Manual	1989
2/12	Reports	1977-1988
2/11	Newsletters	1970-1993
2/12	Statements	1975-1986
2/13	Speeches and Writings	1981-1993, undated
2/14	Writings of Others	1969-1987

Subject Files

Box/Folder

2/15-16	Arboretum, Seattle, Washington	1972-1974, undated
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Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Gasworks Park, Seattle, Washington	
Box/Folder		
2/17-22	General Correspondence Correspondents include Richard Haag.	1984-2000, undated
2/23	Reports	1996-2000, undated
2/24	Legal Documents	1997-2000, undated
2/25	Newsletters	1988-2000, undated
2/26	Notes	1998, undated
3/1	Background/Reference Information	1989-2000, undated
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Background/Reference Information	1989-2000, undated
Box/Folder		
3/2	Clippings	1989-2000, undated
Box/Folder		
3/3-4	Green Lake, Seattle, Washington	1980-1995, undated
3/5	Interlaken Boulevard, Seattle, Washington	1986-1987
	Interstate-90 Concerns Brooks' opposition to the design and location of the Interstate-90 expansion through Snoqualmie Pass.	
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/6-7	General Correspondence Correspondents include Irving M. Clark, Ron Sims, and Richard Aramburu.	1970-1976, undated
3/8-9	Court Papers	1972-1975, undated
3/10	Reports	1968-1972
3/11	Writings	undated
3/12	Notes	undated
3/13	Visual Materials on Autobahn Construction Includes seventeen mostly black-and-white photographs of German highway construction, as well as three technical drawings and five color postcards of German viaducts.	1965-1969, 1973, undated
3/14	Background/Reference Information	1971-1973, undated
3/15	Clippings	1972-1975, undated
VF:Oversize		
Oversize VF 72	Clippings	1972-1975, undated
Box/Folder		
3/16	John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders	1992, undated
3/17	Lake Sammamish, Washington	1988-1991, undated
3/18	Logger's Point (Stehekin)	1982-1999, undated
	May Valley Lawsuit Lawsuit against King County and Burnstead Construction Company concerning the issue of drainage management on the South Firs property owned by Burnstead Construction Company in May Valley, Washington.	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/19-20	General Correspondence	1983-1996, undated
3/21	Legal Documents	1985-1988, undated
3/22	Financial Records	1984-1985, 1992
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Maps	1989, undated
Box/Folder		
3/23	Notes	1984-1985, undated
3/24	Background/Reference Information	1983-1988, undated
3/25	Clippings	1985, undated
Box/Folder		
3/26	Milwaukee Road (Railroad) Corridor	1984-1986
3/27	Mines	1989-1997, undated
Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Sewage Treatment Mostly concerning West Point Sewage Treatment Plant.		
Box/Folder		
3/28-4/1	General Correspondence Correspondents include Citizens to Save Interbay, Robert E. Rindall, Michael W. Geuder	1985-1999, undated
4/2-3	Hearings: Seattle City Council	1990
Legal Documents		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/4	Shorelines Hearings Board	1990, undated
4/5	Consent Decree	1991
4/6	Court of Appeals: Appellant's Brief	undated
4/7	Miscellaneous	1989, undated
Box/Folder		
4/8	Reports	1988-1997, undated
	Newsletters	
Box/Folder		
4/9	<i>Monitor</i>	1988-1993
4/10	<i>Update: West Point Secondary Facilities Project</i>	1989-1991
Box/Folder		
4/11	Financial Records	1987-1991
4/12	Speeches and Writings	1989-1991, undated
4/13	Maps	1989, undated
4/14	Notes	1986-1991, undated
4/15-16	Background/Reference Information	1983-1999, undated
4/17	Clippings	1988-1996, undated
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/18	Olympic National Park/Quileute Reservation Boundary Issue	1999-2000, undated
4/19	Pratt River Valley, Washington	1988-1990, undated
4/20	Public Land Law Statement (Chemithon Corporation)	1967
4/21	Ravenna Creek, Seattle, Washington	1997-1998, undated
4/22	Redwoods National Park, California	1967-1968
4/23	San Juan Island Historical Park, Washington	1964-1965
	Seattle City Light/High Ross Dam	
	General Correspondence	
Box/Folder		
4/24-25	John M. Nelson	1968-1970
4/26-29	Miscellaneous	1968-1980, undated
	Reports	
Box/Folder		
4/30	Power Generation Alternatives	undated
4/31	Miscellaneous	1969-1972, undated
Box/Folder		
5/1	Environmental Impact Statement: Means of Meeting Peak Electrical Demands	1980
5/2	Statements	1969-1974
5/3	Statements of Others	1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/4	Speeches and Writings	1968-1970, undated
5/5	Speeches and Writings of Others	1969-1972, undated
5/6	Legal Documents	1967-1973
5/7	News Releases	1969-1970
5/8	Newsletters	1970, undated
5/9	Notes	1969-1973, undated
5/10	Subject File: City Light Economics	1966-1971, undated
5/11	Background/Reference Information	1969-1972, undated
5/12	Clippings	1969-1980, undated
Box/Folder		
5/13	Seattle Commons	1996, undated
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Seattle Commons	1996, undated
	Solid Waste	
Box/Folder		
5/14-15	General Correspondence	1956, 1969-1975, 1982-1984, 1997, undated
5/16-17	Reports	1970-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/18	Proposals	1971-1972, undated
5/19	Speeches and Writings	1970-1971, undated
5/20	Conference and Convention Files: Steel Can Recycling Demonstration	1972
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Drawings	1970-1971, undated
Box/Folder		
5/21	Notes	1970-1972, undated
5/22-24	Background/Reference Information	1966-1984, undated
5/25	Photograph One 4x6" color photograph by Linn Emrich "from a video tape" taken (aerially?) looking south from Lake Sammamish, showing Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Issaquah, and the proposed incinerator site.	1987
5/26	Clippings	1970-1973, undated
Box/Folder		
5/27	Spectron, Inc. Stehekin (Washington)	1985, undated
Box/Folder		
5/28-29	General Correspondence Correspondents include Harvey Manning, Grant McConnell, David Fluharty, James McConnell, and North Cascades National Park.	1988-1999, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/1-2	Background/Reference Information	1989-1996, undated
Box/Folder		
6/3	R.H. Thomson Expressway, Washington	1964-1965
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	R.H. Thomson Expressway, Washington	1964-1965
	Trails Mostly concerns proposed Arboretum/Lakeside trail in Seattle, Washington.	
Box/Folder		
6/4-5	General Correspondence Correspondents include Bricklin & Gendler and Seattle City Council members Jeanette Williams and Nicholas Licata.	1987-2000, undated
6/6	Reports	1996-1998, undated
6/7	Design Criteria for the Arboretum-Lakeside Trail	1986-1987, undated
6/8	Legal Documents	1988-1999, undated
6/9	Maps	1997, undated
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Maps	1997, undated
Box/Folder		
6/10	Notes	1996, undated
6/11	Background/Reference Information Includes two color polaroid snapshots, one of 6th Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, the other unidentified.	1988-1997, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/12	Clippings	1988-2000, undated
	Wyzis Project (Lake Sammamish, Washington)	
	General Correspondence	
Box/Folder		
6/13	Indexed Includes Brooks' correspondence index.	1986
6/14	Miscellaneous	1986-1993, undated
Box/Folder		
6/15	Reports	1986, undated
6/16	Legal Documents	1986, undated
6/17	Architectural Drawings	1986, undated
Mapcase:Oversize		
Drawer 19	Architectural Drawings	1986, undated
Box/Folder		
6/18	Notes	1987, undated
6/19	Background/Reference Information Includes 4 aerial color photographs, unidentified but presumably showing the site of the proposed office park.	1986, undated
Box/Folder		
6/20	Washington State Department of Natural Resources	1990, undated
6/21	Washington Transportation Partners	1994
6/22	West Seattle Freeway, Arvid Grant Plan	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/23	Resolutions	1982
6/24	News Releases	1982, 1997
6/25	Lists	undated
6/26	Conference: Sustainable Forestry Roundtable	1990
6/27	Maps	1991, undated
6/28	Zoning Documents	1989-1990
6/29	Notes	undated
6/30	Receipts	undated
6/31	Business Cards	undated
6/32	Ephemera	undated
6/33	Miscellany	1987-1990
6/34-35	Clippings	1969-2000, undated

Union Bay Preservation Coalition Records, 1974-2000 (bulk 1989-1996)

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Concerns Madison Bay Estates in Seattle, Washington and development by Cosmos Development and Administrative Corporation.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/36-40	General Correspondence Correspondents include Paul Sikora and Briklin & Gendler.	1991-2000, undated
6/41	Agenda: Open Space and Trails Bond Program Citizens Oversight Committee	1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Court Papers		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
6/42	City of Seattle Hearing Examiner: MUP 92-047	1992-1993, undated
6/43	City of Seattle Hearing Examiner: No. 8906979, 8906981	undated
6/44	King County Superior Court: No. 93-2-02012-1	1993, undated
6/45-7/1	King County Superior Court: No. 94-2-18934-4	1994
7/2-3	Washington State Shorelines Hearing Board: No. 92-51	1993-1994, undated
7/4	Washington State Supreme Court: No. 62064-4	1994-1996, undated
Reports		
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
7/5	Progress Reports	undated
7/6	Miscellaneous	1992
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
7/7	Environmental Impact Statement: Madison Estates	1992
7/8	Permits	1992-1995, undated
7/9	Laws and Regulations	1989-1991, undated
7/10	Speeches and Writings	1992-1993, undated
7/11	Membership Records	1994, undated
7/12	Financial Records	1993-1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/13	Newsletters	1992-1994
7/14	Maps	undated
7/15	Photograph Printed copy of large color aerial photograph of the Union Bay Project in Seattle, Washington.	undated
Subject Files		
Box/Folder		
7/16	Cosmos Settlement	1992-1994, undated
7/17	Department of Licensing - Cosmos	1994-1995, undated
7/18	Funding/Bullitt Foundation Application	1974, 1988, 1993-1995, undated
7/19-21	Johnson Property - Cosmos Development	1989-1992, undated
7/22	Madison Point Retirement Group	1993-1994, undated
Box/Folder		
7/23	Notes	1992-1994, undated
7/24	Ephemera	undated
7/25	Miscellany	1992-1996, undated
7/26	Clippings	1993-1995

North Cascades Conservation Council Records, 1966-1995

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
7/27	Organizational Features	1984
7/28	Outgoing Letters	1991-1993
General Correspondence		
Box/Folder		
7/29	Fluharty, David	1985-1995
7/30	Goldsworthy, Patrick	1973-1990, undated
7/31	Jackson, Henry M.	1966-1971
7/32	Meeds, Lloyd	1968-1973
7/33	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (Washington)	1968-1989
7/34-36	Miscellaneous A - W Correspondents include Brock Adams, Warren G. Magnuson, and Thomas M. Pelly.	1966-1977, 1984, 1992-1994
Box/Folder		
8/1	Minutes	1973-1990
Reports		
Box/Folder		
8/2	Financing of Washington's Highways	1974
8/3	High Ross Dam - Initial Brief of North Cascades Conservation Council	1975
8/4	International Joint Commission - Raising Ross Lake	1971
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8/5	Proposals	1967-1970
8/6	Statements	1968-1985, undated
8/7	Speeches and Writings	1968, undated
8/8	News Release	1967
8/9	Newsletter: <i>The Edelweiss</i> , Alpine Lakes Protection Society	1970
8/10	Notes	undated
8/11	Miscellany	1967-1971, undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Conservationists--Washington (State)--Archives
 Environmental protection--Washington (State)--Societies, etc
 National parks and reserves--Washington (State)
 Roads--Washington (State)

Personal Names :

Brooks, Richard J.--Archives
 Goldsworthy, Patrick D. (Patrick Donovan), 1919- --Correspondence
 Haag, Richard--Correspondence
 Jackson, Henry M. (Henry Martin), 1912-1983--Correspondence
 McConnell, Grant--Correspondence
 Royer, Charles, 1939- --Correspondence

Corporate Names :

Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle
 Seattle City Light--Correspondence
 United States. National Park Service. Pacific Northwest Region--Correspondence

Geographical Names :

Gas Works Park (Seattle, Wash.)
 Interstate 90
 Ross Dam (Wash.)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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