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## Guide to the Melvin C. Hironaka Notebooks, 1956-1960

### Title

Melvin C. Hironaka Notebooks (MSS Hironaka)

### Dates

1956-1960 (inclusive)

### Creator

Hironaka, M. C.

### Summary

The Melvin C. Hironaka Notebooks consist of class notebooks created by Hironaka for engineering courses he took at Oregon State College. Hironaka earned a BS in civil engineering in 1960.

### Quantity

0.5 cubic foot (1 box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical Note

Melvin Chikara Hironaka, from Hawaii, attended Oregon State College (OSC) from 1956 until 1960 when he earned a BS in Civil Engineering. His wife, Florence Miya Endo Hironaka, also from Hawaii, attended OSC from 1954 until 1958 and earned a BA in Home Economics in 1958.

## Content Description

The Melvin C. Hironaka Notebooks consist of class notebooks created by Hironaka for engineering courses, primarily civil engineering, he took at Oregon State College. The notebooks include lecture notes, problems, quizzes, and exams. The following courses are represented in the collection: Engineering Drawing (CE 111, 112, and 113); Introduction to Civil Engineering (CE 201); Mechanics (Dynamics) (CE 213); Plane Surveying (CE 221 and 222); Topographic Survey (CE 223); Fluid Mechanics (CE 313); Thermodynamics (ME 336); Soil Mechanics (CE 372); Structural Analysis (CE 381-382 and CE 486); and Structural Engineering (CE 483).

These course were taught by a variety of engineering faculty, including F.J. Burgess, M.P. Coopey, G.L. Martin, Thomas McClellan, S. Nathanson, H.D. Pritchett, and Roy H. Shoemaker.

## Preferred Citation

Melvin C. Hironaka Notebooks, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

The notebooks were donated to the Archives by Melvin C. and Florence E. Hironaka in 2010.

## Related Material

Materials pertaining to civil engineering instruction and research at Oregon State are available in the [College of Engineering \(RG 062\)](#) and the Civil Engineering Department (RG 030) Records. Correspondence of Civil Engineering Department chair Gordon Skelton is available in the [Facilities Services Records \(RG 193\)](#). The Archives holdings includes the papers of several civil engineering alumni, including [John W. Green](#), [Orville Kofoid](#), [Harold L. Manley](#), [John T. and Virginia E. Merrifield](#), and [Fred Merryfield](#). The Neal Van Devender Papers also include engineering class notes and exams.

## Subjects

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## Organizations

Oregon State College. School of Engineering.

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