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Preliminary Guide to the Royal G. Jackson Papers, circa 1905 - 1992

Title

Royal G. Jackson Papers (MSS JacksonR)

Dates

circa 1905 - 1992 (inclusive)
circa 1930 - 1992 (bulk)

Creator

Jackson, Royal G.

Summary

The Royal G. Jackson Papers consist of materials created or assembled by Jackson in the course of his research. The bulk of the materials pertain to the history of the Oregon State University College of Forestry, McDonald Forest, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Arborteum, and nature-based tourism in central Oregon and Costa Rica. The papers include extensive oral history sound recordings and photographs. Jackson was a faculty member in the Oregon State University College of Forestry from 1970 until 2004.

Quantity

3.25 cubic feet including 1050 photographs and 162 sound recordings (9 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Royal G. Jackson was a faculty member in the College of Forestry at Oregon State University from 1970 until his retirement in 2004. Jackson taught courses in recreation resource management and nature-based tourism; his research interests included forest history, nature-based tourism, and protected area management. He pursued research projects in the western United States and in Costa Rica. As part of his research, Jackson conducted numerous oral history projects pertaining to the history of forestry, specifically, the Oregon State University College of Forestry and the Research Forests (McDonald and Dunn Forests); the Soap Creek Valley in Benton County, Oregon; Basques in Harney County, Oregon; the diversification of a resource-based economy in Deschutes County, Oregon, to include tourism; the Winema National Forest; the Battle of the Bighorn from the perspective of the Northern Cheyenne descendants; and the environmental movement and ecotourism in Costa Rica. Jackson earned his BA in 1960 from the University of New Mexico, an MA in 1965 from Western New Mexico University, and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in 1971.

Content Description

The Royal G. Jackson Papers consist of materials created or assembled by Jackson in the course of his research on forest history and nature-based tourism. The collection includes oral history sound recordings and transcripts; manuscripts, publications, and informational materials assembled by Jackson; and photographs.

The oral history sound recordings consist of 162 audiocassettes. The majority (105) are recordings of 58 interviews conducted in Costa Rica in 1992 of individuals involved in the environmental movement and nature-based ecotourism in Costa Rica. A list of all interviewees, with a brief description of the topics addressed in each interview, as well as transcripts for 11 interviews are part of the collection.

Recordings of interviews with College of Forestry faculty and students and Civilian Conservation Corps members stationed at Camp Arboretum are also included. These interviews were conducted in 1978-1980. The collection includes transcripts and project files for these interviews as well as other interviews, for which sound recordings are not included. The third component of the oral history sound recordings are 41 audiocassettes of interviews conducted in 1988-1989 of Bend and Redmond, Oregon, residents regarding the diversification of the resource-based economy of Deschutes County through the development of nature-based tourism. No paper records for these interviews are part of this collection.

The bulk of the paper records consist of informational and reference materials, maps, manuscripts, and publications pertaining to McDonald Forest; the College of Forestry; the Civilian Conservation Corps, especially Camp Arboretum; Peavy Arboretum; and forest history, especially in western Oregon. Of special note are two 1980 publications on the McDonald-Dunn Forests -- one pertaining to ethnography, written by Sandy Snyder, and the other on human use and occupation, written by Royal Jackson. A final report for the Custer Battlefield National Monument Oral History Program which included interviews of Northern Cheyenne descendants about the Battle of the Bighorn is also part of the collection.

The collection includes an extensive photographic component, primarily of images assembled by Jackson in the course of his research. Many of the images were part of the School of Forestry's photographic collections at one point and some of these were taken or assembled originally for use in the forestry student publication, the *Annual Cruise*. The photographs include images of forestry students, faculty, and notable alumni; field trips and work crews; Fernhopper Banquets and special events; and images of Peavy Arboretum and McDonald Forest. Several images of George Peavy, T.J. Starker, and Paul Dunn are part of the collection. The collection includes images of the CCC Camp Arboretum building and facilities, and the remnants of those structures as of the early 1980s, and an album documenting the activities of the CCC Camp Newport on the Oregon coast. Photographs of landscapes in central and eastern Oregon from the early 20th century as well as the 1970s or 1980s are included and may have been assembled as part of a study to document changing landscapes or land uses. Images assembled by Jackson for a research project on the Winema National Forest include photographs of Native Americans and the Klamath Agency. The bulk of the photographs in the collection are b/w prints; however, color prints, b/w negatives, and color slides are also included.

Preferred Citation

Royal G. Jackson Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The papers were donated to the Archives by Royal Jackson in several accessions between 2002 and 2007.

Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Additional Reference Guides

[Preliminary container list](#) available online.

Related Material

The College of Forestry [Records \(RG 139\)](#) and Photographs (P 061) provide extensive documentation of forestry research and academic programs at Oregon State as well as the Research Forests. Several other oral history collections include materials associated with the oral history interviews in the Royal Jackson Papers. The [Horner Museum Oral History Collection \(OH 10\)](#) includes transcripts of the Deschutes County interviews, sound recordings for the Custer Battlefield National Monument Oral History Program, and recordings and transcripts for some of the College of Forestry and Camp Arboretum interviews. Several of the latter are also part of the [Soap Creek Valley History Project Oral Histories \(OH 06\)](#). The [Basques of Harney County, Oregon, Oral History Collection \(OH 04\)](#) consists of interviews conducted by Jackson. The [Gerald W. Williams Collection](#) includes extensive documentation of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Individuals

Dunn, Paul M.

Peavy, George Wilcox, 1869-1951.

Starker, T. J. (Thurman James), 1890-1983.

Organizations

Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.). Company 3503 (Benton County, Or.)

Oregon Agricultural College. School of Forestry.

Oregon Forest Nursery (Corvallis, Or.)

Oregon State College. School of Forestry.

Oregon State University--Faculty.

Oregon State University--Students.

Oregon State University. College of Forestry.

Oregon State University. School of Forestry.

Peavy Arboretum (Benton County, Or.)

Topics

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Ecotourism--Costa Rica.

Forest reserves--Oregon.

Forestry schools and education--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forests and forestry--Oregon.

Little Bighorn, Battle of the, Mont., 1876.

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Geographical Names

Benton County (Or.)

Camp Arboretum (Benton County, Or.)

Deschutes County (Or.)

McDonald Forest (Or.)

Paul Dunn Forest (Or.)

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Audiocassettes.

Film negatives.

Maps.

Oral histories (document genres)

Photographic prints.

Slides.

Other Creators

Oregon Agricultural College. School of Forestry.

Oregon State College. School of Forestry.

Oregon State University. School of Forestry.