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Guide to the Orville Kofoid Journals, 1942-1950

Title

Orville Kofoid Journals (MSS Kofoid)

Dates

1942-1950 (inclusive)

1942-1947 (bulk)

Creator

Kofoid, Orville.

Summary

The Orville Kofoid Journals document Kofoid's civil engineering work in the 1940s. Kofoid earned a BS in civil engineering from Oregon State College in 1932 and was an associate professor from 1947 until 1966.

Quantity

0.1 cubic foot (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Orville Kofoid graduated from Oregon State College in 1932 with a BS in civil engineering. He worked for the Oregon State Highway Department from 1932 until 1939; during that time, he was assigned occasional projects at Oregon State College. From 1940 to 1946, Kofoid worked for the 13th Naval District Headquarters in Seattle. He returned to Corvallis in 1947 as an Associate Professor in the Civil Engineering Department, a post he held until 1966.

Kofoid was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1909; he died in King County, Washington, in 1994.

Content Description

The Orville Kofoid Journals consist of four journals created by Kofoid documenting primarily his work as a civil engineer. Many of the daily journal entries describe his consulting work on concrete strength analysis of bridges, warehouses, piers, and other structures in the Puget Sound and Portland areas. The journals also include details of his personal activities including lawn work, car maintenance, social engagements, and home construction projects. A newspaper clipping about his 1950 divorce from Geraldine H. Overhulse Kofoid is included in one of the journals.

Preferred Citation

Orville Kofoid Journals, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Custodial History

These journals were found among the materials of Robert W. Henderson, by Henderson's daughter. Henderson was the next door neighbor of Kofoid in Corvallis.

Acquisition Information

The journals were donated to the Archives in 2009 by the daughter of Robert W. Henderson.

Related Material

Photographs of Kofoid are available in the Bill Reasons (P 151) and President's Office (P 092) Photographic Collections. The Archives' holdings include several collections of engineering alumni and faculty including the papers of Grant A. Covell, [John H. Gallagher, Sr.](#), [Samuel H. Graf](#), [John W. Green](#), and [Fred Merryfield](#).

Subjects

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Topics

Civil engineers--Oregon--Diaries.

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Concrete--Testing.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Journals (accounts)