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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT Waters Division

An Inventory of Its Land Acquisition Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Waters.
- Series Title:** Land acquisition records.
- Dates:** 1919-1972 (bulk 1930-1940).
- Abstract:** Land acquisition records for projects initially set up in the 1930s with the State Emergency Relief Program to bring about drought relief and to create employment.
- Quantity:** 21.2 cu. ft. (22 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The bulk of the material concerns negotiations with land owners for land acquisition for lake/river control. Records include legal documents, correspondence, blueprints/maps, and photographs for some projects.

Forms part of the records of the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The records are arranged by county, although some projects may contain materials from adjacent counties. When known, the department's assigned lake number is noted.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Drainage—Minnesota.
Flood control—Minnesota.
Government litigation—Minnesota.
Lakes—Minnesota—Regulation.
Public lands—Minnesota.
Riparian rights—Minnesota.
Rivers—Minnesota—Regulation.
Water conservation—Minnesota.
Water resources development—Minnesota.
Watershed management—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Lac qui Parle Flood Control Project.
Minnesota Emergency Relief Administration.
Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
Minnesota. Division of Drainage and Waters.

Types of Documents:

Aerial photographs—Minnesota.
Legal documents.
Negotiations.
Photographs—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
109.E.14.8F	1	Becker County. Frazee Dam-Otter Tail River, 1937-1943. 7 folders. Correspondence. Condemnation documents. Negotiations, Parcels 1-26. 4 folders. Parcels, not required. Becker County. Lake Melissa, 1937-1938. 13 folders. General correspondence. Negotiations 1-13, non-inclusive. 12 folders. Becker County. Upper Otter Tail River Project, 1935-1939. 1 expansion folder. General correspondence. Big Stone County. Big Stone Lake Nos. 6-152, 1919, 1933-1959, 1967-1972. 21 folders and 2 expansion folders. Whetstone River Project, 1933-1949. 10 folders and 1 expansion folder. Correspondence. 3 folders. Legal documents. 4 folders.
109.E.14.9B	2	Litigation file. 3 folders. Maps. 1 expansion folder. Minnesota River Channel Realignment, 1938-1959. 5 folders. Correspondence. 4 folders. Documents, 1953. Regulation of Big Stone Lake, 1950. Silt barrier, 1952-1958. Photographs of Big Stone Lake Area, 1919, 1937 - [1940s]. 1 expansion folder. Includes aerial photographs and negatives.
109.E.14.10F	3	Big Stone Lake Action Committee, 1967-1972. 4 folders. Minutes, 1967-1968. 2 folders. Include correspondence and reports. Reports and background, 1967, 1972. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
109.E.14.10F	3	Cottonwood County. Mountain Lake No. 17-3, 1935-1939. 5 folders. Correspondence. 2 folders. Legal documents. Negotiations, Parcels 1-11. 2 folders. Goodhue County. Wanamingo Park and Dam Project, 1935-1936. 1 expansion folder and 7 folders. General correspondence. Negotiations 1-7. 7 folders. Grant County. Mustinka River Reservoir No. 26-235, 1937-1943. 4 folders. Correspondence. Documents. Negotiations A, Parcels 1-5. 2 folders.
109.E.15.1B	4	Jackson County. Heron Lake No. 32-57, 1935-1938. 3 folders. Correspondence. Documents. Negotiations. Kandiyohi County. Willmar Chain of Lakes, 1935-1943. 4 folders. Includes Eagle Lake (No. 34-171), Mud Lake (No. 34-158), George Lake (No. 34-142), Nest Lake (No. 34-154), Long Lake (No. 34-192), and Willmar Lake (No. 34-180). Correspondence. Documents. Canal 7. Negotiations. Canal 7. Negotiations set up, not completed. Lac qui Parle Flood Control Project, 1936-1939. General correspondence. No. 1. Documents. No. 1. Negotiations, Parcels 1x – 15x and 1-14. 7 folders.
109.E.15.2F	5	No. 1. Negotiations, Parcels 15-29 and W.L.1 – W.L.43B. 11 folders. No. 2. General. 1 expansion folder. Includes maps and reports.
109.E.15.3B	6	No. 2. Opinions. Nos. 2, 3, and 7. General. No. 2. Negotiations, Parcels 300-331. 33 folders.

Location	Box	
109.E.15.4F	7	No. 2. Negotiations, Parcels 332-345. 10 folders. No. 3. General. No. 3. Intervention suits. No. 3. Negotiations, Parcels W.L.50 – W.L.60. 12 folders. All counties, general, 1937-1938. 1 expansion folder.
109.E.15.5B	8	No. 3. Negotiations, Parcels 327-383. 44 folders.
109.E.15.6F	9	No. 4. Documents. No. 4. General. No. 4. Extra copies documents. No. 4. Negotiations with Great Northern Railway. No. 4. Negotiations, Parcels W.L.70 – W.L.96 and 202-221. 11 folders.
109.E.15.7B	10	No. 5. General. 1 folder and 1 expansion folder. No. 5. Maps. Loose. No. 5. Negotiations, Parcels 100-118. 25 folders.
109.E.15.8F	11	No. 5. Negotiations, Parcels 119-133. 22 folders. No. 5. Opinions not required. No. 5. Photographs. 1 booklet. No. 5. Trial record, Big Stone District Court, State of Minnesota v L. A. Andrews, et al., 1939. 3 volumes. No. 6. Maps. Loose. No. 6. Negotiations, Parcels 30-47. 18 folders.
109.E.15.9B	12	No. 6. Negotiations, Parcels 48-64. 21 folders. No. 6. Negotiations, Parcels W.L.37 – W.L.41. 3 folders. No. 7. General. 1 expansion folder. No. 7. Negotiations, Parcels 374A – 381A. 4 folders. No. 8. General. 1 folder and 1 expansion folder. No. 8. Negotiations, Parcels 500-503. 4 folders. No. 8. Authorization file.
109.E.15.10F	13	No. 9. Maps. Loose. No. 9. General. 1 folder and 3 expansion folders. No. 9. Negotiations, Parcels 400-417. 17 folders. No. 9. Negotiations, Parcels A-K. 12 folders. No. 9. Negotiations, Parcel 15A.

Location	Box	
109.E.16.1B	14	No. 10. General. No. 10. Authorization file. No. 10. Negotiations, Parcels 1-3, 8A, 9A. 5 folders. No. 10. Negotiations, Parcel K-1. No. 10. Negotiations, Parcel 215A. General, maps. Loose and 5 expansion folders. Semi-monthly report on Lac Qui Parle Lake. 2 folders. Lac Qui Parle Reservoir by sections. 1 expansion folder. Control maps. 1 expansion folder. A. F. Meyer, general recommendations. 1 expansion folder.
109.E.16.2F	15	Miscellaneous. 2 expansion folders. General correspondence. 1 expansion folder. Jobs 1-6 (and part of 8). 20 expansion folders.
109.E.16.3B	16	Jobs 7-20. 22 expansion folders.
109.E.16.4F	17	Jobs 21-23. 4 expansion folders. 6-34. 1 expansion folder. Cost estimates. 1 expansion folder. A. F. Meyer, correspondence. 1 expansion folder. File No. 1114 G&F. 1 expansion folder. Labor reports. 1 expansion folder and 1 envelope. Land. General. 1 expansion folder.
109.E.16.5B	18	Land. Nos. 1-10. 10 expansion folders. Report on the Lac Qui Parle Flood Control Project, Sven A. Norling, Ph. D., November 1, 1935. 1 volume. Survey notes. 11 packets. Lyon County. Yankton Lake No. 42-47, 1935-1941. 5 folders. Correspondence. Legal documents. Maps. Negotiations, Parcels 1-5. 2 folders.
109.E.16.6F	19	Pine County. Cross-Pokegama Lakes Project, 1935-1943. 12 folders. Also known as Snake River Project. General correspondence, 1935-1943. 3 folders. Legal documents, 1936-1937. 4 folders. Maps, 1936. Negotiations 1-163, 1935-1937. 4 folders. Pope County. Emily Lake No. 61-180, 1935-1940. 5 folders. Correspondence. Documents, Fee acquisitions 1-2. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
109.E.16.7B	20	Documents, Flowage 1. Negotiations, Parcels 1-6. Ramsey County. Beaver Lake Project, 1935-1937. 20 folders. General correspondence. Negotiations 1-9. 19 folders. Stearns County. Sylvia Lake No. 73-249, 1935-1939. 4 folders. [See also Todd County. Big Birch Lake No. 77-84.] Condemnation 1. 3 folders. Correspondence. Documents. Negotiations, Parcels 1-3. Considered flowage acquisition. Todd County. Big Birch Lake No. 77-84, 1935-1942. 2 folders. [See also Stearns County. Sylvia Lake No. 73-249.] Condemnation 2. 2 folders. Correspondence. Documents. Todd County. Osakis Lake No. 77-215, 1936-1938. 3 folders. Correspondence. Maps. Negotiations, Parcels 1-6. Traverse County. Lake Traverse Project – Indian Lands, 1935-1939. 1 expansion folder. General correspondence. Watonwan County. Kansas, Mary, and Long Lakes Project, 1935-1938. 12 folders. General correspondence. Negotiations 1-11. 11 folders. Watonwan and Brown Counties. Wood Lake No. 83-60, 1935-1938. 6 folders. Correspondence. 1 folder.
109.E.16.8F	21	Correspondence. 1 folder. Documents. Negotiations, Parcels 1-49, not inclusive. 3 folders. Wilkin County. Breckenridge Reservoir, 1935-1939. 5 folders in 2 expansion folders. Documents. General correspondence. Negotiations 1-13. 3 folders.

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109.E.16.8F	21	Wright County. Waverly Lake No. 86-114, 1935-1940. 4 folders. Correspondence. 2 folders.
109.E.16.9B	22	Negotiations, Parcels 1-12. 2 folders.