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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT Waters Division

An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Ditch Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Waters.
- Series Title:** Miscellaneous ditch records.
- Dates:** [ca. 1950s – 1970s].
- Abstract:** Miscellaneous ditch records of the Conservation Department's Division of Drainage and Waters/Division of Waters, including materials created under its successor, the Natural Resources Department's Waters Division (1971-1979).
- Quantity:** 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).
- Location:** 141.B.15.7B

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Lists of ditch files (ca. 1973); updates submitted to the division by county auditors detailing repairs, improvements, or new construction of ditches (ca. 1952–1955); a 1973 drainage ditch inventory prepared by the U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, in cooperation with the division; ditch worksheets containing summary information regarding ditch repair, improvement and construction (ca. 1950s-1970s); and copies of the U.S. Commerce Department/Census Bureau 1950 census of Minnesota drainage enterprises of 500 acres or more.

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

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:

- Ditches—Minnesota.
- Drainage—Minnesota.

Road drainage—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Geological Survey (U.S.).
Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
Minnesota. Division of Drainage and Waters.
Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.
United States. Bureau of the Census.
United States. Dept. of Commerce.
United States. Dept. of Interior.

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

141.B.15.7B Lists of ditch files, [ca. 1973]. 1 folder.
One sheet per county, listing county and judicial ditch files;
arranged alphabetically by county name. Apparently compiled
by Conservation Department staff. These lists roughly
correspond to the contents of the County and Judicial Ditch Files
(cataloged separately).

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Updates regarding repairs, improvements, or new construction of ditches, [ca. 1952] - 1955. 2 folders.

Completed form letters sent by the Conservation Department/Waters Division to the county auditors; arranged alphabetically by county name. Information provided by the county auditors includes the dates preliminary and final reports were submitted; whether or not construction, improvement, or repair was ordered; date ditch was established, if new; dates work was begun and completed; date ditch was accepted. The county ditches set appears to be incomplete.

County ditches: Marshall-Wilkin Counties.

Judicial ditches: Anoka-Yellow Medicine Counties.

Drainage Ditch Inventory: State of Minnesota, January 1973. 2 folders.

Prepared by the U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Waters, Soil and Minerals. Arranged by county, the information includes the ditch number, location, what body of water the ditch is a tributary to, the length in miles of the ditch, area drained in square miles, and remarks.

Ditch worksheets, [ca. 1950s-1970s]. 10 folders.

Arranged first alphabetically by county name; then by county ditch number and judicial ditch number. They contain summary information regarding ditch repair, improvement, and construction including the legal land description of the ditch, cost estimates with details of work to be done, length in feet and miles of the open ditch and tile, dates of engineer's reports, and contract dates.

Drainage census, 1950. 2 folders.

Photocopies of the U.S. Commerce Department/Census Bureau 1950 census of Minnesota drainage enterprises of 500 acres or more; arranged alphabetically by county name. Information includes name of enterprise (county or judicial ditch number), county name, ditch acres in each county, open ditches (miles), and cost of drainage works to January 1, 1940 (dollars).