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## CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT Game and Fish Division

### An Inventory of Its Pittman-Robertson Program Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Game and Fish.  
**Series Title:** Pittman-Robertson program records.  
**Dates:** 1937-1983.  
**Quantity:** 1.5 cu. ft. (3 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records relating to the Conservation Department's implementation of the Pittman-Robertson Act (Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act), approved by Congress in September 1937 and functional in July 1938. The act provides funding for the selection, restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of wildlife habitat; wildlife management research; the distribution of information produced by the project, hunter training programs; and development, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

The files include correspondence relating to the state program's establishment and funding (1937-1946); project files dealing mainly with game refuges at Carlos Avery, Lac qui Parle, Talcot Lake, and Red Lake, game refuge posting, wildlife surveys, and groundcover planting (1938-1960); and quarterly reports (1949-1983). The latter, known at one time as the *Wildlife Research Quarterly*, detail a game research project. They also include an index to the April 1941 - January 1971 reports compiled by William H. Longley.

A small portion of the records were created following the Conservation Department's 1971 restructuring as the Department of Natural Resources.

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:

Federal aid to research—Minnesota.  
Game protection—Minnesota.  
Game reserves—Minnesota.  
Water quality management—Minnesota—Minnetonka, Lake.  
Wildlife conservation—Minnesota.  
Wildlife management—Government policy—Minnesota.  
Wildlife managers—Minnesota.  
Wildlife refuges—Minnesota.  
Wildlife research—Minnesota—Periodicals.

### Places:

Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).  
Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).  
Red Lake State Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).  
Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).

### Persons:

Longley, William, 1924- .

### Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.  
United States. Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.  
Wildlife Restoration and Management Planning Project (Minn.).

### Titles:

Wildlife research quarterly.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

*[Indicate the cited volume and page or item and folder title here].* Minnesota. Division of Game and Fish. Pittman-Robertson Program Records. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.

*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

### Location

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Correspondence, 1937–1946.

Correspondence relating to the establishment of the program in Minnesota, including the issuing of rules and procedures (1937–1939) and detailing tentative projects for program funding (1942–1946; also a report analyzing the relationship of deer to agriculture (1942?).

Project files, 1938–1955. 38 folders, 1 volume.

1D. Carlos Avery Game Refuge fencing, 1938–1939.

4D. Lac qui Parle Refuge, 1939–1941.

5D. Brood Stock for Game Refuges, 1939.

7D. Carlos Avery Game Refuge planting, 1941–1943. 5 folders.

8D. Talcot Lake Game Refuge planting, 1939–1943. 7 folders.

9D. Red Lake Game Refuge clearing, planting, and fencing, 1942.

10D. Posting Game Refuges, 1940–1942. 2 folders.

11R. Wildlife Surveys and Investigations, 1941–1948. 17 folders, 1 volume.

Correspondence, 1941–1948. 8 folders.

Also contain contracts, monthly vouchers, job descriptions, and special reports.

Supplementary Report, Swan Lake Report, March 21, 1947. 1 volume.

Quarterly Progress Reports, 1941–1948. 9 folders.

These are progress reports from Project No. 11-R that contain wildlife surveys and investigations as required by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act). The reports include personnel changes, job completion reports, and progress reports concerning Upland Game, Big Game, Waterfowl, Furbearers, Migratory Waterfowl, Aerial Surveys, Statistics and Parasitology.

Volume 1, Nos. 1–3, April 1–October 1, 1941.

Volume 2, Nos. 1, 2, 4, April 1, 1942 – January 14, 1943.

Volume 3, Nos. 1–4, April 15, 1943 – January 15, 1944.

Volume 4, Nos. 1–3, April 15–October 15, 1944.

Volume 5, Nos. 1–2, April 15, 1945 – January 15, 1946.

Volume 6, Nos. 1, 2, 4, April 15, 1946 – January 15, 1947.

**Location**

- 103.F.5.10F                                      Volume 7, Nos. 1, 2, 4, April 15, 1947– January 15, 1948.  
    Volume 8, No. 1, 3, April 15–October 15, 1948.  
    Unidentified, 1948.  
    Includes photographs.
- 12C. Wildlife Management Coordination, 1950.  
16D. Permanent Cover Planting, 1946–1948.  
19D. Wildlife Food and Cover Planting, 1948–1955.
- 103.F.19.11B                                      Quarterly reports, 1949–1975. 37 folders, 1 volume.  
    At some point also known as *Wildlife Research Quarterly*.  
    *Index to Quarterly Reports*, 1941–1971. 1 volume.  
    Compiled by William H. Longley.
- Volume 9, No. 2, 1949; No. 4, 1950. 2 folders.  
Volume 10, Nos. 1, 3, 1950.  
Volume 11, Nos. 1–4, 1951–1952.  
Volume 12, Nos. 1–4, 1952–1953.  
Volume 13, No. 1–2, 4, 1953.  
Volume 14, No. 1, 1954 – Volume 28, No. 4, 1969. 18 folders.  
Complete.
- 111.E.10.5B                                      Volume 29, No. 1, 1969 – Volume 35, No. 4, 1975. 7 folders.  
    [Volume 36 is missing.]  
    Volume 37, Nos. 1–3, 1977.  
    Volume 38, Nos. 1–4, 1978.  
    Volume 39, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 1979.  
    Volume 40, Nos. 1–4, 1980.  
    Volume 41, No. 2, April 1981.  
    Volume 43, No. 1–3, 1983.  
    [0.5 cu. ft., empty, letter]