

Conservation and Environmentalism

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Introduction

The concept of conservation of natural resources grew in the United States in the late nineteenth century as a reaction to the massive waste of resources of that era. In Michigan, influential citizens and government officials were appalled by the destruction of Michigan's virgin forests at the hands of unscrupulous logging companies and the reduction of the state's fish and game populations through over-fishing and hunting by commercial enterprises.

As a result of their concern, the Michigan Fish Commission (1873), the state game warden (1887), and the Michigan Forestry Commission (1899) were established to protect and utilize fish, game, and forest resources. The aim of these early programs was to conserve and "improve" resources so that they could be used more sustainably over the long term. These natural resource management programs brought together government managers and resource consumers, i.e. hunters, fishermen, and timber companies.

After World War II new voices, with a new way of looking at humanity's relationship to the natural environment, joined those concerned about the use of natural resources. As a result of the rising standard of living and increased leisure time after the war, many middle class citizens became more interested in the value of the unspoiled environment for recreation, for respite from urban life, and as an indicator of public health, rather than as a collection of resources to be used.

Later these feelings evolved for many into a respect for the value of the environment for its own sake. Over time this attitude toward the environment became known as environmentalism. Broadly based environmental citizen action groups grew to prevent or mitigate the abuse of the environment by special interests--in many cases those same users that had been the beneficiaries of the earlier conservation movement--and to pressure the government resource managers to support environmentalist objectives. The earliest activities of many of these environmentalist groups were in the defense of wild lands from intrusion by developers.

The Michigan Historical Collections document the environmental movement through a great number of manuscript collections, from the papers of governors and senators to those of environmental organizations and individual environmentalists. This subject guide is arranged topically, in order to serve the interests of researchers.

Activism and Advocacy highlights manuscript and organizational collections that relate to environmental advocacy groups, individual activists, and environmental watchdog organizations.

Environmental Politics and Legislation identifies collections with material about legislative measures to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Natural Resource Management and Monitoring includes collections pertaining to the stewardship of Michigan's natural resources, with both individual and institutional collections represented.

Environmental Education and Study lists collections that document the growth of environmental education, but also self-directed study. Faculty members of the UM School of Natural Resources and Environment are well represented in this category.

Industry and Development contains collections from individuals trading in natural resources. While the majority of the collections listed address the lumber industry, the Joseph T. Lee papers document land use issues in the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw area.

Parklands and Nature Preserves features collections from individuals and organizations involved in the endeavor establishing parks under the state and federal park system, as well as purchasing private land for nature preserves and wildlife sanctuaries.

Outdoor Recreation brings to light collections of several noted Michigan outdoor writers and journalists. These writers covered a wide array of recreational topics, such as fishing, camping, hunting, and canoeing.

Selected Published Works provides a cursory list of books, maps, and serials that may assist the researcher. However, the holdings listed are in no way comprehensive; further research is recommended.

Suggested Search Terms presents a list of recommended subject terms that can be used for a Mirlyn catalog search.

While this subject guide is not a comprehensive listing of all collections with material pertaining to the conservation and environmental movements, this subject guide does represent the bulk of collections relating to conservationism and environmentalism. Search terms to guide further research can be found in the Suggested Search Terms section of this guide.

Activism and Advocacy

American Lung Association of Michigan

- American Lung Association of Michigan records, 1944- 2000.
- 13 linear ft.

The American Lung Association of Michigan promotes respiratory health and advocates for prevention and control of all lung diseases. Since air quality is a large measure of lung disease prevention, the American Lung Association would provide researchers with a public health perspective on anti-polluter and environmental activism. In 1991 the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan (serving Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties) merged with the American Lung Association of Michigan (serving the other 80 counties).

Records of the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan to 1991 and the statewide association after that year. Organizational files; minutes and other records of the board of directors and executive committee; correspondence; topical files; reports; committee files; and publications.

[Finding aid](#)

Arnheim, Mary

- Mary Arnheim papers, 1961-1981
- 50 items.

Mary Arnheim was a resident of Frankfort, MI and an environmental activist. The documents in the Arnheim papers document the establishment of the Sleeping Bear Lakeshore as a national park. Documents that describe 1974 development plans for the mouth of the Platte River are also included.

Correspondence and collected material, 1961-1963 and 1968- 1981, relating to the establishment of the Sleeping Bear Lakeshore as a national park; and papers relating to proposed development of the mouth of the Platte River, 1974.

[Marilyn Catalog Record](#)

Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination

- Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination records, 1978-1997.
- 11.75 linear ft.

This collection contains material pertaining to a grass-roots environmental organization that was formed to protest the use of pesticides against gypsy moths. Formed in 1978 in Clare County, MI, the Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination widened the focus of the organization to advocate other environmental issues, in addition to anti-pesticide activism.

Series in this record group include organizational files, Eco Conferences, subject files, and related organizations. Organizational files includes minutes, newsletters, reports, correspondence, grant proposals, and other materials relating to the work of the organization. The Eco Conferences series documents annual conference bringing together speakers to lead talks and workshops. This series includes annual planning files and audiocassettes and videocassettes of the conferences. Subject files contains correspondence, reports, background information, and other information on

environmental issues. Related organizations consists of files on other Michigan and local environmental groups.

[Finding aid](#)

Citizens Opposed to Super Sewer

- Citizens Opposed to Super Sewer records, 1968-1976.
- 1 linear ft.

Citizens Opposed to Super Sewer was established in 1968 to combat the proposed construction of a "super sewer" system, which would provide for the construction of a centralized sewer line that would transport and treat sewage from Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties before releasing it into Lake Erie.

This collection contains organizational records, newspaper clippings, correspondence files, as well as topical files detailing various aspects of the super sewer opposition campaign.

[Finding aid](#)

Don't Waste Michigan

- Don't Waste Michigan records, 1987-1990.
- .5 linear ft.

Don't Waste Michigan was formed in 1988 and is engaged in increasing state environmental protections against nuclear contamination for Michigan lands and waterways. Don't Waste Michigan worked to prevent the construction of nuclear waste disposal facility in Michigan. The organization also lobbied for increased transparency in nuclear waste site selection, among other nuclear energy and waste issues.

Administrative files include minutes and agenda of meetings, newsletters, press releases and promotional flyers, and brief history; background information on proposed superconducting super collider.

[Finding aid](#)

East Michigan Environmental Action Council

- East Michigan Environmental Action Council records, 1969- 1989.
- 6 linear ft.

The East Michigan Environmental Action Council, a citizen action group, tackled a wide range of environmental issues, including air and water pollution, hazardous waste disposal, garbage and sanitation policies, as well as conservation of natural resources and environmental protections.

Series in record group include Administrative, Grants and Proposals, Litigation, Topical, and Great Lakes and Water Resources Planning Commission.

[Finding aid](#)

Ecology Center of Ann Arbor

- Ecology Center of Ann Arbor records, 1970-1990.
- 10 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume (Bw Outsize).

Founded in 1970, the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor is a grassroots community organization committed to increasing environmental awareness, through outreach, environmental education, lobbying efforts, and consulting services.

Meeting minutes, financial statements, correspondence, newsclippings, photographs and publications from 1970 to 1990 relating to the activities and functions of the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, especially in the areas of recycling, energy conservation, and ecology; also administrative papers and minutes of Washtenaw Environmental Council and Recycle Ann Arbor, as well as files on Ann Arbor Tomorrow Council and Citizens Association for Area Planning.

[Finding aid](#)

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed.

- Friends of the Jordan River Watershed records, 1967-2012, bulk 1990-2008.
- 7 linear feet (in 7 boxes).

Non-profit organization chartered in December of 1990 by residents in the northwest corner of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan committed to conserving the natural resources and protecting the environmental quality of the Jordan River and its watershed.

Advocates at local, state, and Federal levels of government to reach goals; provides education to K-12 youth about environmental issues.

Administrative files, annual and board meeting minutes, reports, publications, and studies. Records also cover the decades preceding the organization's founding and chronicle conservation efforts of similar groups in Charlevoix, Antrim, and Otsego counties of Michigan.

[Finding aid](#)

Hathaway, Mary

- Mary Hathaway papers, 1980-2003.
- 6 linear ft.

Ann Arbor area peace and social justice activist; involved in both church and community organizations concerned with topics as diverse as nuclear disarmament, homelessness in Ann Arbor, and the immigration rights of El Salvador refugees.

The collection includes organizational and church files detailing Hathaway's various activities with peace and civil rights groups, including the Coalition for Arms Control (renamed the Peace and Environmental Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons), the Coalition Against War in the Gulf, and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. The collection also concerns her role in establishing emergency shelters for Ann Arbor's homeless community and her involvement with the Church and Society Committee and the Peace Task Force of the First Presbyterian Church.

[Finding aid](#)

Hilbert, Morton S.

- Morton S. Hilbert papers, 1943-1999.
- 2.5 linear feet.

As a public health professional, one of the co-founders of Earth Day, and professor of environmental health at the University of Michigan, Morton S. Hilbert advocated for environmental health to promote good public health.

The materials in the collection document Hilbert's professional activities: his consulting business, teaching activities, as well as speeches and published articles. The collection also contains miscellaneous personal and visual materials, including a DVD of

educational programs featuring Hilbert and two photographs of Hilbert at professional meetings.

[Finding aid](#)

Johnson, Brian K.

- Brian K. Johnson papers, 1974-1992, bulk 1989-1991.
- 0.5 linear feet and 1 tube.

Brian K. Johnson served as a consultant on issues related to the Traxler Landfill in Pinconning, Michigan.

Reports, correspondence, drawings, and newspaper clippings that document the controversy over the Traxler Landfill, includes materials documenting the incorporation of Dumpbusters, a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental issues.

[Finding aid](#)

Lynn, Janet D.

- Janet D. Lynn papers, 1970-1998.
- 3.7 linear ft.

A land use activist from West Bloomfield, Michigan, Janet D. Lynn founded the Citizens Council for Land Use Research and Education, Inc. (CLURE) in 1971. The formation of this activist organization was the result of Lynn's growing concern that West Bloomfield Township's natural beauty was threatened by development. The Janet D. Lynn Papers primarily document CLURE's land use activism and education efforts.

Correspondence, clippings, reports and other materials relating to debate over proposed extension of Northwestern Highway, 1972-1981, and to the opposition of her organization to the building of shopping centers in West Bloomfield and Novi, Michigan.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan Botanical Club

- Michigan Botanical Club records, 1941-1993.
- 5 linear ft.

Organization formed in 1941 with the purpose of conserving all plants native to Michigan. The name of the organization was originally the Michigan Wildflower Association. The name was changed in 1949.

This collection contains administrative documents, as well as newsletters, records of chapter activities, and miscellaneous publications.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan Citizens Against Toxic Substances

- Michigan Citizens Against Toxic Substances records, 1973- 1999.
- 7 linear ft.

The Michigan Citizens against Toxic Substances was formed as a vehicle to protest the proposed location of a hazardous waste disposal site in Milan, MI, at an old landfill on Arkona Road.

The record group includes organizational materials, correspondence, research materials, photographs, and clippings. Organizational Materials contains files relating to MCATS operating structure documenting the work of various committees. Included are meeting

agendas and minutes, Arkona Road Landfill fact sheets, flyers, and information of current hazardous waste management laws. The Correspondence series contains internal correspondence within MCATS, letters and communication between MCATS, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, EPA, governmental officials, and Envotech. The series, Technical Research on Arkona Road Landfill Site and Deep Waste Injection Wells, contains information and research on deep waste injection wells by MCATS and the EPA.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan Garden Clubs

- Michigan Garden Clubs records, 1931-2005.
- 4 linear ft.

Michigan umbrella organization of separate local gardening clubs and groups. The Michigan Garden Clubs organization sponsored various gardening, environmental, and conservation educational programs, awards, and events. The organization's name was changed from Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan in 2005.

Administrative records, including historical information, minutes and reports, and national convention materials; activities files concern education programs and specific area and Michigan gardening projects; files of the Landscape Design Critics Council and the Gardening Consultants Council; topical files of member Ruth Knott; awards files; and miscellaneous.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan Land Use Institute

- Michigan Land Use Institute records, 1995-2007.
- 47 linear ft.

The Michigan Land Use Institute founded in 1995 to advocate and encourage environmentally sound land use in northern Michigan. The Institute uses a variety of educational and political avenues to promote its mission of developing the economy in such a way that strengthens communities while protecting Michigan's natural resources. Several of the issues in which the Institute is involved is transportation policy, housing and land use policy, water rights and river protections, local agriculture, urban and community planning.

The Michigan Land Use Institute records contain materials dating from the Institute's inception in 1995 through 2007 and originating from a number of different offices and administrative units. The collection has been divided into five series, Legal, Library, Policy Files, Program Files, and Visual and Electronic Materials.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

- Michigan United Conservation Clubs records, 1937-2004.
- 24 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs are a federated group of state conservation and environmental organizations.

Administrative files, including minutes of board of directors and executive committee; press releases and other published materials; files of district organizations and of various organization committees; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Mill Creek Research Council, inc.

- Mill Creek Research Council, inc. records, 1960-1988.
- 9 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

The Mill Creek Research Council was formally established in 1964 to protest the Army Corps of Engineers proposal to flood the Mill Creek area in order to allow for the creation of more efficient sewage treatment facilities. The MCRC remained active throughout the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, advocating for low-impact use of land and water in the Lima township area.

Correspondence, environmental impact statements, administrative files, newsletters, newspaper articles, topical files, maps, and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Milliken, Helen

- Helen W. Milliken papers, 1965-1982.
- 18.4 linear ft.

The wife of Michigan governor William Milliken, Helen Milliken was an leader in her own right. Though Helen Milliken spent the majority of her career working for women's rights, she lent her abilities and talents to environmental causes as well, such as billboard control, bans on disposable bottles, and opposition to oil drilling in Pigeon River State Forest. Helen Milliken belonged to numerous environmentalist and conservationist organizations, such as the Michigan Environmental Association, the Michigan Nature Association, Zero Population Growth, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. Topical files relating to Artrain, the Michigan Council for the Arts, the International Women's Year, Youth for Understanding, women's rights issues, notably the Equal Rights Amendment, and environmental protection issues; correspondence files; appearance files; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

M.O.S.E.S.

- M.O.S.E.S. records, 1993-2003
- 3 linear ft.

Inter-racial, inter-faith organization established in 1997 to strengthen metropolitan Detroit congregations and communities through social programs, leadership training, and encouragement of civic participation. M.O.S.E.S was formed from three faith-based organizations: Jeremiah, West Detroit Inter-faith Community Organization, and NOAH. The name M.O.S.E.S. is an acronym for Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength.

History and background materials, financial files, executive board files, and records of Jeremiah Project Board.

[Finding aid](#)

Munger, Edith Cushway

- Edith Cushway Munger papers, 1907-1945.
- .5 linear ft.

Edith Cushway Munger was president of the Michigan Audubon Society, and was an avid bird-watcher.

Her collection contains correspondence with noted naturalists and outdoorsmen of the contemporary period, speeches given under Audubon Society auspices, lists of birds that Edith Munger had observed, and 1 envelope of photographs depicting Munger in her Society office.

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Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council

- Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council records, 1980-2005.
- 3 linear feet.

The Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council focuses on environmental and conservation issues in the Grand Traverse region of Michigan, primarily drawing its membership from Grand Traverse counties. Since 1980, the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council has been advocating for ecologically sound land use policies, toxic clean-up efforts directed at corporate polluters, and transportation policy. The records document NMEAC's involvement in issues of land use, toxic cleanup, and transportation. Some specific issues addressed include conservation efforts on the Crystal and Boardman Rivers, cleanup of lands contaminated by the activities of corporate polluters, and the management of lands formerly occupied by the State Psychiatric Hospital and Asylum in Traverse City.

[Finding aid](#)

Saint Francis Prayer Center

- Saint Francis Prayer Center records, 1993-2001.
- 2 linear ft.

The Saint Francis Prayer Center is a Catholic retreat house originally founded to provide a sanctuary space for Flint residents to engage with each other to overcome racial and religious divisions.

Starting in 1993, the Prayer Center has been an active participant in environmental litigation that would close the Genesee Power Station in Flint, Michigan which was releasing a significant amount of lead into the community. The Prayer Center participated in legal action again in 1998 to prevent construction of the Select Steel Plant in Flint. The St. Francis Prayer Center collection provides insight into intersection between environmental activism and social and community justice.

Litigation files include briefs, motions, exhibits, correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and related materials detailing the Center's efforts to fight environmental racism.

[Finding aid](#)

Sierra Club. Michigan Chapter

- Sierra Club, Michigan Chapter records, 1964-2007.
- 21 linear ft.

Michigan chapter of the Sierra Club, begun in 1964, but not formally organized until 1967. The Chapter was originally named the Mackinac Chapter. The name was changed to Michigan Chapter in 2006.

Executive committee records, 1964-1987 with scattered later records to 1994; administrative files documenting the operation and programs of the chapter; files relating to the relationship between the chapter and Michigan Department of Natural Resources; issue files pertaining to matters of environmental health, notably matters of air quality and waste management, and the protection of the state's land and water, with extensive documentation of state and national lands and wetlands; legislative files; topical files on all matters environmental; and miscellaneous visual materials, including DVDs of environmental documentaries.

[Finding aid](#)

Sinclair, Mary P.

- Mary P. Sinclair papers, 1967-1999.
- 37 linear ft.

Mary Sinclair campaigned tirelessly against the construction of nuclear power plants and the irresponsible disposal and storage of nuclear waste in Michigan. She began her professional career as a librarian, becoming interested in energy and nuclear issues when the construction of a nuclear plant was proposed near her home of Midland, MI. The Mary P. Sinclair papers illustrate how one individual's efforts can have a wide and far-reaching impact on environmental issues.

Correspondence; her statements, articles, and letters to newspaper editors; reference files; conference and consultation materials; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Tanton, John

- John Tanton papers, 1960-2001.
- 17 linear ft.

John Tanton advocated for environmental, population control, and immigration causes. Tanton took on leadership roles in many environmental groups and agencies, including the Sierra Club, Michigan Natural Areas Council, Wilderness and Natural Areas Advisory Board, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Advisory Commission, and the Environmental Fund.

Organization and litigation files relating to his various interests and activities; includes correspondence, legal documents, memos, topical files, and miscellaneous photographs; also oral history interview transcripts of John Tanton interviewed by Otis Graham.

[Finding aid](#)

Vakalo, Kathleen L.

- Kathleen L. Vakalo papers, 1971-1991.
- 4 linear ft.

Kathleen L. Vakalo, a resident of Ann Arbor, MI, became a lay expert on the topic of low-level radioactive waste control, through independent study as well as participation in radioactive waste control advocacy organizations.

Accumulated materials relating to her participation in various commissions and agencies concerned with the issue of low-level radioactive waste control. The series in the collection are Midwest Interstate Low-Level Waste Commission, the Michigan Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority, the International Low-Level Radioactive Waste Research and Education Institute and topical files.

[Finding aid](#)

West Michigan Environmental Action Council

- West Michigan Environmental Action Council records, 1968- 2005.
- 19.5 linear ft.

The West Michigan Environmental Action Council, established in Grand Rapids, MI in 1968 continues to be a driving force in the passage of environmental protection legislation and an active environmental watchdog organization.

Administrative, educational, legislative, and litigation files relating to various environmental issues, notably the Pigeon River Country State Forest oil drilling controversy, the problem of solid waste disposal, land and water use, and nuclear energy; contain files of executive directors Joan Wolfe, Roger Conner, Kenneth Sikkema, Frank Ruswick, Jr., Robert Newberry, and Thomas Leonard.

[Finding aid](#)

Environmental Politics and Legislation

Ann Arbor Airport Advisory Committee.

- Ann Arbor Airport Advisory Committee records, 1970s-1990s.
- 2 linear feet.

Committee established to study the impact (noise, environmental, etc.) of a proposed expansion of the Ann Arbor Airport.

Records maintained by Committee secretary Barbara Perkins include resource materials, memoranda, meeting minutes, clippings, position papers, publications, and related.

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Jerry C. Bartnick

- Jerry C. Bartnick papers, 1984-2003.
- 0.5 linear ft.

Michigan state representative from Temperance, Michigan (1983-1992), also member of Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

This collection contains speeches, newsletters, clippings, and correspondence relating to his legislative career and his environmental interests, including natural resource conservation.

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Blanchard, James J.

- James J. Blanchard gubernatorial files, 1982-2002.
- 345 linear ft. and 9 oversize v.

Blanchard was Democratic governor of Michigan from 1983 to 1991.

The collection is arranged mainly by unit or functional responsibility within the governor's office. These series are chief of staff/executive assistants, correspondence office, government relations, issues development, legal department, operators, personnel, press office, Upper Peninsula office, Washington office, Lansing residence, and political and campaign files. The files document the Blanchard administration's efforts in areas of education, job creation, the state's economy, environmental protection, and the rebuilding of Michigan's infrastructure.

[Finding aid](#)

Brater, Elizabeth S.

- Elizabeth S. Brater papers, 1989-2010, bulk 1996-2010.
- 19.75 linear feet (in 20 boxes) and 1 oversize folder.

Elizabeth S. Brater was elected as a Democrat to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1995 and served until 2000. In 2003, she was elected to the State Senate, where she served until 2010. Previously, she served as a member of the Ann Arbor City Council (1988-1993) and Mayor of Ann Arbor (1991-1993).

Legislative records from Brater's service in Michigan's House of Representatives and Senate, including handwritten notes on policy issues, correspondence (including printed email), collected research materials, and news clippings. The collection is particularly strong in documenting Brater's service on the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality subcommittees, as Minority Vice chair of

Judiciary and Corrections on the State Appropriations Committee, and as a member of the Governor's Land Use Leadership Council.

The collection is closed to research use until Jan. 1, 2021.

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Clevenger, Raymond Francis

- Raymond Francis Clevenger papers, 1953-1967.
- 46 linear ft.

Raymond F. Clevenger was a Democratic Senator in the 89th U.S. Congress from 1965-1967. Box 17 contains most of the material pertaining to conservation and environmental protections. As a representative hailing from Sault Ste. Marie, the issue of natural resource conservation was particularly pertinent to his Upper Peninsula constituents. After his congressional term, he was appointed and served on the Great Lakes Basin Commission.

This collection contains newsletters, reports, testimonies, and other material about environmentalism in Michigan, including material relating to conservation of Michigan's natural resources, environmental protections, and the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

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Note: The collection is closed to research except with the written permission of the donor.

Cramton, Louis Convers

- Louis Convers Cramton papers, 1896-1966.
- 9 linear ft., 2 oversize v., and 1 oversize folder.

State Representative from Lapeer, Michigan, U.S. Congressman, 1913-1931, and special attorney to the Secretary of the Interior.

Correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, campaign materials, and other items relating to his advocacy of the national park system, the concept of historic preservation, fair employment practices legislation, increased support for Howard University and all other aspects of his career. Correspondents include: Horace M. Albright, the American Civic Association, the American Indian Defense Association, the Anti-Saloon League of America, Charles H. Burke, James Cannon, Carrie C. Catt, Albert B. Cummins, the Emergency Peace Federation, Fred W. Green, John A. Hannah, Carl T. Hayden, Herbert Hoover, the Indian Rights Association, Hiram W. Johnson, Mordecai W. Johnson, Pliny W. Marsh, Stephen T. Mather, Andrew W. Mellon, William Mitchell, Charles Moore, the National Security League, William Lyon Phelps, Amos R. Pinchot, Gifford Pinchot, Kim Sigler, Irving Stone, Mark Sullivan, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Roy O. West, Wayne B. Wheeler, Ray Wilbur, G. Mennen Williams, Conrad L. Wirth, and Hubert Work.

[Finding aid](#)

Cushman, Katherine Moore

- Katherine M. Cushman papers, 1950-1970
- 4 linear ft.

Local and state League of Women Voters official, Dearborn, Michigan, civic activist.

Papers relating to her organizational involvements, especially Church Women United, 1962-1969; the Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity, 1963-1969; the Governor's Special Conservation Study Committee, 1963-1964; the state office and Dearborn chapter of the League of Women Voters, 1950-1970; the Michigan Constitutional Convention, 1961-1963; the Michigan Council of Churches, 1963-1969; the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic, 1962-1966; also files relating to her opposition to parochial, or public funding of private schools; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Engler, John

- John Engler papers, 1968-2003.
- 435 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Republican member of the Michigan state legislature (House and Senate, 1971-1990); governor of Michigan (1991-2003); active member of the Republican Governors' Association and the National Governors' Association.

During his gubernatorial tenure, Engler restructured the Michigan State Department of Natural Resources. Much of the material on the topic of conservation of natural resources pertains to this agency reorganization, but annual reports and other materials are also available in this collection.

[Finding aid](#)

Goeboro, Winnifred Edna Anderson

- Winnifred Edna Andersen Goeboro papers, 1972-1980.
- .4 linear in.

Winnifred Edna Andersen Goeboro was involved with the Dearborn Heights chapter of the League of Women Voters. The Goeboro papers document her activities with the League, including a river clean-up effort in the Rouge River basin.

Correspondence makes up the bulk of her collection, but there are personal materials in other formats. Correspondence primarily relates her League activities, especially detailing efforts to clean-up the Rouge River basin; also family history, 1980, entitled "Andersen Odyssey."

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Hart, Philip A.

- Philip A. Hart papers, 1948-1976.
- 281 linear ft., 3 oversize volumes and 2 oversize folders.

Philip A. Hart, a U. S. Senator from Michigan, 1959-1976, was supportive of environmental rights. As a senator, he used his legislative powers to further the expansive of state and national parklands. In particular, his legislative activism helped to establish the Sleeping Bear Dunes and Pictured Rock National Lakeshores.

Legislative, staff, and Press files; other records relating to operation of Hart office; speeches and press releases; political materials detailing Democratic Party activities and his election campaigns in 1964 and 1970; and photographs and films; include materials documenting the legislative issues of the 1960s and 1970s, especially civil rights, environmental protection, and the Vietnam War.

[Finding aid](#)

Hillegonds, Paul C.

- Paul C. Hillegonds papers, 1964-1996.
- 12 linear ft.

Republican member of the Michigan House of Representatives (1979-1996); Co-Speaker of the House (1993-1994); Speaker of the House (1995-1996).

Press/publicity files; correspondence, 1995-1996; speeches, ca. 1980-1996; political campaign files, 1974-1996, including information on Philip Ruppe's congressional campaigns in 1974 and 1976 and Ruppe's unsuccessful bids to obtain the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate in 1978 and 1982; legislative files contain information on education finance reform, workers' compensation reform, and legislation relating to the environment and the protection of natural resources, especially in his home district of Allegan County; legislative files also pertain to the politics of the Michigan House of Representatives mainly during the period when Hillegonds shared the speaker's chair with Curtis Hertel; also staff files, biographical and personal information, and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Allen Park

- League of Women Voters of Allen Park records, 1955-1986.
- 3 linear ft.

The League of Women Voters of Allen Park was established as a provisional league in 1955, formally recognized in 1956, and operated until 1986 when it merged with the Downriver League of Women Voters.

Annual meeting and board meeting minutes and reports, 1955-1986; member newsletters, 1955-1986; topical files comprising committee minutes, reports, position statements, correspondence, pamphlets, and other publications. Subjects covered by files include municipal, county, state, and national elections, and social, political, and environmental issues.

[Finding aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties

- League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties records, 1957-2007.
- 1.5 linear feet and 6 oversize volumes.

The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties is a non-partisan political organization that works to increase citizens' political participation and understanding of public policy issues. Through citizen education and outreach, the League attempts to involve citizens in public policy decisions. Recycling, solar energy, and the environmental impact of livestock on water quality are among the environmental issues for which the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties organized advocacy efforts.

Newsletters, annual reports, clippings, correspondence, subject files, and scrapbooks.

[Finding aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Detroit

- League of Women Voters of Detroit records, 1930-1988.

- 4 linear ft.
The League of Women voters of Detroit (LWVD) is an affiliate of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It is one of twenty-six locals that comprise the state League of Women Voters chapter.
Board meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, position statements on various statements, and pamphlets and other publications; also visual materials; subjects covered by files include environmental quality, education, and women's rights issues.
[Finding aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Michigan

- League of Women Voters of Michigan records, 1926-1995.
- 38 linear ft.
The Michigan state chapter of the League of Women Voters was formed in the early 1920s. The League of Women Voters of Michigan works to promote the political involvement, impact social policies, and to advance environmental protection legislation. Minutes, annual reports, presidents' letters, legislative programs, issue files concerning its involvement with such issues as child welfare, civil service, the Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962, election law reform, environmental quality, fair employment practices, human resources, reapportionment, taxation, and voters services; also include materials relating to local branch offices.
[Finding aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Mount Clemens-Clinton Area

- League of Women Voters of Mount Clemens-Clinton Area records, 1932-1989.
- 3.5 linear ft.
The League of Women Voters of Mount Clemens was organized in November 1927. In 1972, the League became known as the League of Women Voters of Mount Clemens-Clinton Area. The League was disbanded in 1989.
The record group contains 3 series. The Administrative series contains annual, unit, and board meeting minutes, 1932-1988; annual reports and workbooks, 1939-1987; correspondence; and newsletters, 1936-1989 (scattered). The Topical series contains reports from surveys, materials from the Voter's Guides, and publications. The Visual Materials series contains four scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and color slides of an International Trade Fair in 1962.
[Finding aid](#)

Michigan State Land Office Board

- Michigan State Land Office Board records, 1816-1924.
- 101 v. and 69 outsize folders (in 20 boxes).
The Michigan State Land Office Board records contain records of United States land offices in Grayling and Marquette, MI.
Plat and tract books containing the record of the survey and sale of public lands in Michigan.
[Finding aid](#)

Milliken, William G.

- William G. Milliken papers, 1961-1982.
- ca. 1000 linear ft.
Republican governor of Michigan, 1969-1982.
Gubernatorial papers.

[Finding aid](#)

Note: Portions of the Milliken papers are stored offsite; two days notice required for retrieval. Parts of the papers, principally the correspondence files, described in this finding aid and originally housed by the Bentley Historical Library have been transferred to the Michigan State Archives.

O'Hara, James G.

- James G. O'Hara papers, 1958-1987.
- 53 linear ft. and 2 oversize v.
Democratic congressman from Michigan, member of the House committees on Education and Labor, Interior and Insular Affairs, Budget, and the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations; and chairman of the Democratic Study Group, 1967-1968, and chairman of the Democratic Party Commission on Rules, 1969-1972.
Congressional files, political files, Democratic Party materials; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Osborn, Chase S.

- Chase Salmon Osborn papers, 1889-1949.
- 168 linear ft. and 3 v. [outsized]. Photographs. 1 linear ft.
Osborn was a Michigan politician, newspaper publisher, mining investor. He served in various political offices around of the state of Michigan, including the elected office of Governor from 1911-1912. He was appointed to the office of the State Fish and Game Warden for an 1895-1899 term. Among his papers are 7 linear feet of records from Osborn's mining and lumber interests.
Correspondence, diaries, business papers, scrapbooks, addresses, manuscripts of books, and miscellaneous papers concerning Republican politics and business interests; also photographs; correspondents include most Republican political leaders in Michigan during period; also correspondence with many prominent Democratic leaders, newspaper men, educators, writers, businessmen and members of his own family; includes letters from every President from McKinley to Franklin D. Roosevelt with those of Theodore Roosevelt.

[Finding aid](#)

Pollack, Lana

- Lana Pollack papers, 1979-1994.
- 15.5 linear ft.
After years spent volunteering for the Ann Arbor Democratic party, Lana Pollack ran for elected office and won, serving a twelve-year term (1982-1984) as state senator from Michigan's 18th District. Environmental causes were consistently among Pollack's top priorities, and in 1996, she became president of the Michigan Environmental Council.

Six series comprise the Pollack papers: Ann Arbor Board of Education, Michigan Senate, Campaigns, Photographs, Videotapes, and Audiotapes. Materials in the collection detail Pollack's political and legislative involvement in an array of social issues.

[Finding aid](#)

Romney, George W.

- George W. Romney papers, 1939-1973.
- 598 linear ft.

President of American Motors Corporation, governor of Michigan, 1963-1969, candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1968, and U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 1969-1972.

This collection of George Romney papers is composed of six subgroups of materials. Pre-gubernatorial files, 1939-1962, concern Romney's activities as head of American Motors, Mormon church activities, and developing interest in government and politics.

Gubernatorial files consist of files relating to state government and politics, 1963-1969.

The Romney Associates subgroup documents the research/press group established by Romney in his bid for the Republican nomination for president in 1968. The Post-gubernatorial subgroup, 1969-1973, consists of files from Romney's service as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and his involvement with the National Center for Voluntary Action and the Concerned Citizens Movement. The last two subgroups are Visual Materials and Sound Recordings.

[Finding aid](#)

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Sax, Joseph L., collector

- Joseph L. Sax papers, 1969-1986.
- 17 linear ft.

The material in this collection relates to environmental protection legislation, particularly the Michigan Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) of 1970. However, correspondence with public officials from other states regarding environmental policy is also included. Joseph L. Sax was a professor and the University of Michigan Law School; he holds the distinction of drafting the first version of the MEPA.

Material relating to the passage of the Michigan Environmental Protection Act of 1970 and to subsequent litigation arising out of enforcement of the Act; include correspondence, testimony, policy statements, bill analyses, case files, newspaper clippings, and related items.

[Finding aid](#)

Smit, Raymond J.

- Raymond J. Smit papers, 1960-1975.
- 19 linear ft.

Raymond Smit was a Republican member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Smit served from on the 1973-1974 Standing Committee on Conservation, Environment, and Recreation, and had previously been involved with the Task Force on Water Rights, Use, and Pollution Control in 1965. The Smit papers contain records of his involvement

in legislative action and document his role in proposing and advocating for the passage of environmental legislation, specifically the 1968 Clean Water Bond Program. Legislative files, 1967-1974, concerning in part his interest in water pollution legislation; political files concerning election campaigns, and involvement in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, Michigan, Republican Party activities; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Note: Portions of the collection are located offsite--two days notice is required for retrieval.

Swainson, John Burley

- John Burley Swainson papers, 1943-1975.
- 71.5 linear ft., 1 oversize folder and 1 oversize v.
Attorney, Democratic Lieutenant Governor, Michigan Governor, 1961-1962, and state Supreme Court judge.
Political and gubernatorial files, judicial papers, and personal papers, including World War II correspondence and papers, 1969-1970, reflecting his interest in drug rehabilitation.

[Finding aid](#)

Note: Stored offsite except for oversize folder and volume; two days notice required for retrieval of materials.

Williams, G. Mennen

- G. Mennen Williams papers, 1883-1988.
- 818 linear ft.
Michigan Democratic Governor, 1949-1960; Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, 1961-1966; U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, 1967-1969; Michigan Supreme Court justice, 1970-1987.
Official and personal files arranged into four series of papers: 1) Gubernatorial papers, 1949-1960 (681 linear ft.); 2) Non-gubernatorial papers, 1883-1948 and 1958-1988 (107 linear ft.); 3) Visual materials, ca. 1911-1988 (ca. 25 linear ft.); and 4) sound recordings, 1950-ca. 1988 (5 linear ft.). Included with the collection are scrapbooks and un-mounted clippings covering Williams' career activities (with some gaps) from 1948 to 1988, also scrapbooks and personal papers of Nancy Quirk Williams.

[Finding aid](#)

Natural Resource Management and Monitoring

Bell, Laird

- Laird Bell papers, 1903-1962.
- 1 linear ft.

Chicago attorney, chairman of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, alternate U. S. delegate to 10th Assembly of the United Nations, 1955.

Correspondence, speeches, articles, and other materials concerning his interest in problems of higher education, post-war Germany, the United Nations, the Timber Conservation Board and timber conservation, and the life of his grandfather, Wisconsin lumberman, W. H. Laird.

[Finding aid](#)

Brown, Arthur Allen

- A. A. Brown papers, ca. 1918-ca. 1986.
- 5 linear in. and 1 oversize folder.

United States Forest Service expert on forest fires.

Diaries, scattered correspondence, articles and speeches, and other materials relating to his professional career; and photographs.

[Marilyn Catalog Record](#)

Edward C. Crafts

- Edward C. Crafts papers, 1951-1975.
- 13 linear ft.

Conservation consultant, U. S. Forest Service administration, director of Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, U. S. Department of the Interior.

Oral histories, speeches and publications, legislative files, consultation materials, and other professional papers.

[Finding aid](#)

Cutler, M. Rupert

- M. Rupert Cutler papers, 1933-1962 and 1969-1977.
- 5 linear ft.

Cutler, a lifelong environmentalist, served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment in President Carter's Cabinet. His papers contain biographical material, records created during his many conservation and environmentalist positions, including his terms at the National Wildlife Federation, Wilderness Society, Governor's Advisory Board on Natural Areas, and Michigan State University faculty member.

The collection contains correspondence, published articles, assorted photographs, speeches, conference proceedings, and other materials generated as a result of his extensive professional involvement with conservation causes.

[Finding aid](#)

Davis, Kenneth Pickett

- Kenneth P. Davis papers, 1930-1974.

- 35 linear ft.
Chief of Division of Forest Management Research, U. S. Forest Service; dean, School of Forestry, University of Montana; chairman, Department of Forestry, University of Michigan; professor of forest land use, Yale University; member of Michigan State Board of Registration of Foresters; and council member, vice-president, and president of the Society of American Foresters.
Correspondence, articles, reports, consulting files, and printed material concerning interests in forest management, forest fire control, use planning, forestry education, and participation in several land use lawsuits, including suit on the multiple use plan for Sylvania area, Ottawa National Forest; and photographs.
[Finding aid](#)

Garfield, Charles William

- Charles W. Garfield papers, 1899-1929.
- 50 items and 1 vol.
Charles W. Garfield served as president of the Michigan Forestry Commission and was also a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Garfield was concerned with the preservation of Michigan's timber resources. The collection details his involvement both to conserve timber resources, as well as to forest and reforest portions of the state in his leading role at the Michigan Forestry Commission. Correspondence in the collection reveals Garfield's professional relationships with prominent conservationists and environmentalists of the early decades of the 1900s: Julius C. Burrows, Burke A. Hinsdale, Alfred C. Lane, William B. Mershon, Gifford Pinchot, Hazen S. Pingree, Filibert Roth, and Volney M. Spalding.
Correspondence dealing with the Michigan Forestry Association and conservation and forestation in Michigan; eight drafts of speeches or articles on forestry and conservation, probably written by Garfield; biographical sketch of Garfield; and letter book, 1900-1903, of the Michigan Forestry Commission.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Glassen, Harold W.

- Harold W. Glassen papers, 1947-1968.
- 2 linear ft.
Lansing, Michigan, attorney, member of the Michigan Conservation Commission, and president of the National Rifle Association.
Correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches, and scrapbooks concerning his conservation activities and his leadership of the National Rifle Association, particularly regarding gun control legislation.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Hastings, Walter E.

- Walter E. Hastings papers, 1921-1962.
- .4 linear ft. (6 folders and 2 v.) and 3 outside v.
Michigan Department of Conservation official and wildlife photographer.

Correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers. Correspondents include: Fred W. Green, John A. Hannah, Clarence C. Little, Frank Murphy, and Alexander G. Ruthven.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Hazzard, Albert Sidney

- Albert S. Hazzard papers, 1936-1979.
- 75 items.

Hazzard served as director of the Michigan Institute for Fisheries Research, which was a joint collaboration between the University of Michigan and the Michigan State Conservation Department.

This collection contains newsletters, reports, testimonies, and other material about environmentalism in Michigan, including material relating to conservation of Michigan's natural resources, environmental protections, and the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Huron River Watershed Council

- Huron River Watershed Council records, 1965-2006.
- 3 linear ft.

The Huron River Watershed Council was established in 1965 to study and establish responsible stewardship of water resources and uses of the Huron River watershed. Included in the collection are executive committee files including minutes and agendas, reports, correspondence, annual reports and financial statements, newsletters, and published research reports and studies.

[Finding aid](#)

Kidder, Wilbur Charles

- Wilbur Charles Kidder papers, ca.1911-1955.
- 1 linear ft.

Wilbur Charles Kidder employed himself in a variety of career pursuits. From Osceola County, MI, Kidder was county sheriff for the period from 1907 to 1911, as well as an undertaker. He also served as a conservation officer for the Michigan Department of Conservation from 1911 until 1946.

Diaries, 1924-1946, describing work and other activities, expense books, ca.1911-1924; and miscellaneous personal and biographical information.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Kidder, Wilbur Karl

- Wilbur Karl Kidder papers, 1935-1970.
- 2 linear ft.

Conservation officer in Tustin, Gladwin, and Baldwin, Michigan.

Diaries describing work and other activities, and miscellaneous personal and biographical information.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Leonard, Justin W.

- Justin W. Leonard papers, 1937-1975.
- 13 linear ft.

Leonard spent the early and middle of his career at the Michigan Department of Conservation, and later became a professor in the School of Natural Resources at UM. He was a proactive member of many environment/biology/zoology-related professional organizations, filling leadership roles with many of them.

The collection consists of correspondence, professional files, and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Lovejoy, Parrish Storrs

- P. S. Lovejoy papers, 1918-1941.
- 5 linear ft.

A key figure in the Michigan conservation movement, Lovejoy worked several years in the U.S. Forest Service, before assuming a forestry professorship at the University of Michigan. Lovejoy wrote and published articles about forestry; much of the material in his collection pertains to his published record. Correspondence also comprises a large portion of the collection. Lovejoy's collection contains correspondence between Lovejoy and Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold, two early environmentalists.

Correspondence and articles relating to conservation, forestry, and agricultural activities and organizations, particularly the College of Forestry of the University and the Michigan Farm Bureau; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Michigan Forestry Association

- Michigan Forestry Association papers, 1905-1953.
- 5 linear in.

The Michigan Forestry Association was established to help forest land owners to better manage their timber lands and to prevent over-harvesting.

Correspondence, financial records, constitution, membership lists, and reports constitute this collection.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Winters, Robert Kirby

- Robert Kirby Winters papers, 1923-1986.
- 2.5 linear ft.

Robert Kirby Winters, having earned a bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in forestry from the University of Michigan, went on to work for the U.S. Forest Service. Kirby ended his career as Director of the International Forestry Division, after many years in different roles in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Personal and professional files; also publications, speeches, and other writings; and photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Wolfe, Joan

- Joan Wolfe papers, 1962-1973.

- 0.3 linear ft.

Joan Wolfe, a resident of Belmont, MI was employed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It was Joan Wolfe's leadership that led to the founding of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council which was established in Grand Rapids, MI in 1968 and continues to be a driving force in the passage of environmental protection legislation and an active environmental watchdog organization.

The papers in this collection pertain to Wolfe's environmental organizing activities, including a 1966 environmental "teach-in." In addition, there are files that document the passage of Michigan's Environmental Protection Act in 1970, as well as Wolfe's concern over the use of agricultural pesticides.

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Environmental Education and Study

Beeton, Alfred Merle

- Alfred Merle Beeton papers, 1952-1994.
- 12.6 linear ft.

Alfred Merle Beeton, was a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Michigan, specializing in limnology, the study of land-locked bodies of water. In particular, Beeton was concerned with aquatic ecology issues in the Great Lakes. Throughout his extensive career, which began in 1952 and continued through the late 1990s, he conducted and directed research efforts, spearheaded policy legislation, provided limnological consulting services, and served several times as an expert witness in corporate polluter cases.

The papers of Alfred Beeton, while covering his entire career, are most comprehensive in their documentation of Beeton's activities from 1966 to 1976, during his tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The collection is organized into eight series: Correspondence, Professional Activities and Inquiries, Drafts of and Information on Talks and Manuscripts, Course Material, Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Studies, Toxic Substance Control Commission, Court Activities and Depositions, and Topical.

[Finding aid](#)

Camp Filibert Roth (University of Michigan)

- Camp Filibert Roth (University of Michigan) records, 1928- 1987.
- 7.0 linear ft., 1 oversize v., and 1 oversize folder.

Camp Filibert Roth, near Iron County, Michigan, was the summer training camp for University of Michigan Forestry students. While at Camp Filibert Roth, forestry students gained practical experience with timber management, fire fighting skills, and lumber harvesting methods.

Correspondence, memoranda, and other materials concerning the operation of the camp; include correspondence of Robert Craig, Jr. and Samuel T. Dana; material collected by camp director John Carrow which relates to the camp and School of Natural Resources; and photographs and scrapbooks.

[Finding aid](#)

Cary, William M.

- William M. Cary papers, 1963-1986.
- .75 linear ft.

Environmental education teacher at East Grand Rapids, Michigan, High School and member of the board of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

This collection contains newsletters, reports, testimonies, and other material about environmentalism in Michigan, including material relating to conservation of Michigan's natural resources, environmental protections, and the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

[Finding aid](#)

Center for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences

- Center for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences (University of Michigan) records, 1945-2002.
- 42.5 linear ft.

The Center for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences is a unit of the University of Michigan's Institute of Science and Technology which conducts and sponsors interdisciplinary studies of fresh water lake ecology. It is the successor to the Great Lakes Research Institute and the Great Lakes Research Division of the University of Michigan. Primarily research data, analysis, and reports on two major studies: the Coherent Area Study of Lake Michigan, 1963-1971, and the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant Studies, 1967-1983. The former includes field data on water temperature, water chemistry, benthos and plankton counts, meteorological conditions, ice formation, wind and current studies, and daily logs of research vessels, as well as reports and grant applications. Cook Power Plant studies include a variety of reports and other material prepared in conjunction with the licensing and operation of the nuclear plant at Benton Harbor, Michigan including limnological and biological studies, an environmental impact statement, and transcripts of hearing testimony. Also includes material related to other lake studies conducted by John C. Ayers, a small number of photographs of research vessels, and audiotapes relating to use of an experimental research submarine. Also includes administrative files and operational records of research vessels.

[Finding aid](#)

Craine, Lyle E.

- Lyle E. Craine papers, 1937-1986.
- .5 linear ft.

Professor of conservation in the School of Natural Resources of the University of Michigan.

Biographical materials, files relating to his education and to his professional career, and conference papers and talks.

[Finding aid](#)

Dana, Samuel Trask

- Samuel Trask Dana papers, 1893-1970.
- 9 linear ft. and 1 outsize folder.

Professor of forestry and dean of the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, member of the Hoover Commission on the Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and fellow and president of the Society of American Foresters.

His collection of papers contain correspondence, photographs, reports and a topical file that pertains largely to his activities with professional organizations.

[Finding aid](#)

Hankinson, Thomas Leroy

- Thomas L. Hankinson papers, 1899-1935.
- 8 linear ft.

Thomas Leroy Hankinson taught biology and conservation courses at Michigan State Normal College, which would later become Michigan State University. His research interests were heavily weighted towards the study of fish, but his papers include lab and field notes on a range of conservation and naturalist topics. Photographs comprise the contents of boxes 6-10, and provide visual evidence of existing wildlife habitats, as well as contemporary conservationist philosophies.

Correspondence, reports, and field and laboratory notes concerning his studies of the fish of Michigan, Illinois and New York; also photographs.

[Finding aid](#)

Herbert, Paul Anthony

- Paul A. Herbert papers, ca. 1941-1975.
- 15 items.

Professor of forestry at Michigan State University.

Correspondence, news clippings, and other materials largely relating to life of Harry R. Gaines, first president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Lagler Karl Frank

- Karl Frank Lagler papers, 1941-1970.
- 2 linear ft.

A professor at the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, Lagler had a profound interest in fish biology, also known as ichthyology. His research and advocacy interests primarily focused on the development of fish hatcheries and the fishery industry in the Great Lakes region. During his career, he helped to establish a Department of Fisheries within the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources. Correspondence files detailing his professional career and his interests in conservation, ichthyology, and fishery research and development.

[Finding aid](#)

Larue, George Roger

- George R. LaRue papers, 1910-1951.
- 4 linear ft.

Professor of zoology at University of Michigan.

Correspondence, mostly of a professional nature, with students and scholars in the field of zoology; also manuscripts, addresses, lecture notes, and other papers. Correspondents include: Earl C. Michener, the Michigan Department of Conservation, the Michigan Department of Health, the Michigan Stream Control Commission, Arthur H. Vandenberg, and Albert H. Vestal.

[Finding aid](#)

Nichols Arboretum (University of Michigan)

- Nichols Arboretum (University of Michigan) records, 1935-2004.

- 0.8 linear ft., 3 flat file drawers.
Nichols Arboretum consists of 123 acres of land adjacent to the University of Michigan's central campus. Begun with a donation of land in 1906, it was administered by the Department of Landscape Design for most of the 20th century.
Narrative histories, publications, and printed material (includes Tree Line newsletter), display materials, presentation materials for proposals, administrative files, including correspondence, and maps and drawings. Also includes one compact disc "Sounds of the Arb."
[Finding aid](#)

Peterson, Mirdza L.

- Mirdza L. Peterson papers, 1960s-1990s.
- 0.2 linear feet.
Graduate of the University of Michigan, senior research microbiologist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
Reprints of articles dealing with social waste; also photograph portraits.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Roth, Filibert

- Filibert Roth papers, 1893-1951.
- 1.5 linear ft.
Filibert Roth was a popular professor of forestry at the University of Michigan. His ideas regarding the conservation of natural resources provided foundation and guidance for the forestry program at the University of Michigan.
Correspondence, 1893-1951, and diary and daybook, 1910; also biographical sketches, memorials, and speeches on forestry and conservation; and two volumes of Roth's letters and other papers collected by his former students; and photographs.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Spurr, Stephen Hopkins

- Stephen Hopkins Spurr papers, 1940-1971
- 4 linear ft.
Professor of forestry, dean of the School of Natural Resources, University vice-president and dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies of University of Michigan; president of University of Texas.
Files concerning his work with the Organization for Tropical Studies, the Ramparts Canyon Dam Project in Alaska, and other professional work.
[Finding aid](#)

Stapp, William B.

- William B. Stapp papers, 1964-1994.
- 1.5 linear ft.
William B. Stapp, a pioneering environmental educator, was professor of resource planning and conservation within the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. He developed a particular interest in international environmental education, which contributed to his being appointed the first chief of the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Environmental Education Section.
Scrapbooks, visual materials, and published material detailing his professional career and activities.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

University of Michigan Foresters Club

- Foresters Club (University of Michigan) records, 1954-1960.
- 1 folder (ca. 100 items).
University of Michigan chapter of an organization sponsored by six Midwestern accredited forestry schools.
Materials relating to the Midwest Foresters' Conclave; contain correspondence and miscellaneous materials on planning meeting activities.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

University of Michigan. School of Natural Resources and Environment

- School of Natural Resources and Environment (University of Michigan) records, 1903-[ongoing].
- 55 linear ft., 1 oversize v., and 2 oversize folders.
The University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment began as early as 1881 with a small selection of course offerings in the subject of forestry, which were later developed into a complete course of study. The forestry program was the first in the United States. The School of Natural Resources was created in 1927 and the school operated with five departments: Forestry, Wood Technology, Fisheries Management, Wildlife Management, and Conservation. The school has experienced various evolutions over the years, reflecting changing environmental policies and needs.
Records document history and activities of School of Natural Resources and its predecessors, and include executive committee minutes, faculty minutes, topical files, Stewart Marquis files, student papers, scrapbooks, visual materials, and records of Aubrey Tealdi and H. O. Whittemore relating to landscape architecture.

[Finding aid](#)

Urban Options (Organization)

- Urban Options records, 1976-2008.
- 14.5 linear feet.
East Lansing non-profit organization founded in 1978 to provide energy efficiency information and services to homes and business in Michigan.
Administrative and financial files; records of grants, programs, and services; documentation of the Energy Demonstration House; records of the organization's work with regional task forces and issue advocacy; seminar and curriculum development materials; printed brochures and newsletters; press releases and clippings; and photographs and slides.

[Finding aid](#)

Wallace, George John

- George John Wallace papers, 1929-1985.

- 10 linear ft.
Ornithologist, professor of zoology at Michigan State University; specialist in the study of the effect of pesticides on birds.
Organizational files relate to his activities with the Michigan Pesticides Council, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Michigan Audubon Society, and other professional organizations and societies; topical files concern his general interest in birds and the study of ornithology; professional and personal correspondence; collected information about pesticides; writings, course materials, and bird lists.
[Finding aid](#)

Weaver, Richard Lee

- Richard L. Weaver papers, 1937-1964.
- 6 linear ft.
Professor of conservation and conservation education at the University of Michigan. Professional papers relating to his activities as college naturalist, Dartmouth College; as project leader of the National Association of Biology Teachers' program to increase emphasis on teaching of conservation in schools; also files concerning interest in conservation education and his participation in conservation workshops and conferences in the United States and abroad in Pakistan in 1961; and photographs.
[Finding aid](#)

Young, Cynthia

- Cynthia Young papers, 1897-1986.
- .3 linear ft.
Daughter of Edwin and Ann Boyes of Detroit, Michigan, friends of Michigan naturalists including Karl Christofferson, ornithologist at Blaney Park, Michigan, Arthur Andrews, honorary associate curator of coleoptera at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, and Percy Taverner, member of the Michigan Ornithological Club in the early 1900s.
Correspondence, clippings, reports, photographs, and other materials relating chiefly to Christofferson, Andrews, and Taverner.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Young, Leigh Jarvis

- Leigh Jarvis Young papers, 1908-1960.
- 1 linear ft.
The record group includes organizational materials,
Leigh Jarvis Young had a multi-faceted career--he was appointed as professor of forestry at the University of Michigan, director of the Michigan Department of Conservation in 1927, and later elected mayor of Ann Arbor.
Correspondence, photographs, and other papers concerning his work at University of Michigan, in the Michigan Department of Conservation, and as mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and seven volumes of his student notebooks on University courses in botany, economics, geology, psychology, forest engineering, entomology, forest botany, and dendrology. Correspondents include: Fred Green, Apr. 1927, William B. Mershon, Apr. 1927, Chase S. Osborn, Jan. 1927, and Gifford Pinchot, Dec. 1925.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Industry and Development

Allen, B.E. (Basil Ernest)

- B. E. Allen papers, 1950-1971.
- 2.5 linear ft.

Manager of Woodlands Division of Union Bag-Camp Corporation, Savannah, Georgia, manufacturers of paper, bags, and boxes, and vice president and council member of Society of American Foresters.

Correspondence and other materials concerning forest land use and Allen's activities with Society of American Foresters.

[Finding aid](#)

Beal, Junius Emery

- Junius Emery Beal papers, 1869-1946.
- 15.3 linear ft.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, businessman, publisher of Ann Arbor Courier, Republican politician, and regent of University of Michigan.

Correspondence, letter books, speeches, newspaper clippings, and photographs; papers (1909-1920) of Michigan Public Domain Commission, of which Beal was a member; papers (1877-1904) concerning Port Huron Gas Light Company; and printed material and miscellanea (1885-1905) concerning League of American Wheelmen and his interest in bicycling.

[Finding aid](#)

Bell, Laird

- Laird Bell papers, 1903-1962.
- 1 linear ft.

Chicago attorney, chairman of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, alternate U. S. delegate to 10th Assembly of the United Nations, 1955.

Correspondence, speeches, articles, and other materials concerning his interest in problems of higher education, post-war Germany, the United Nations, the Timber Conservation Board and timber conservation, and the life of his grandfather, Wisconsin lumberman, W. H. Laird.

[Finding aid](#)

Garfield, Charles William

- Charles W. Garfield papers, 1899-1929.
- 50 items and 1 vol.

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Hinsdale, Alfred C. Lane, William B. Mershon, Gifford Pinchot, Hazen S. Pingree, Filibert Roth, and Volney M. Spalding.

Correspondence dealing with the Michigan Forestry Association and conservation and forestation in Michigan; eight drafts of speeches or articles on forestry and conservation, probably written by Garfield; biographical sketch of Garfield; and letter book, 1900-1903, of the Michigan Forestry Commission.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Lee, Joseph T. A.

- Joseph T. A. Lee papers, 1964-1990.
- 2.5 linear feet, 266 oversize drawings, and 1 oversize folder.

Joseph T. A. Lee was an Ann Arbor architect, as well as a professor in the University of Michigan School of Architecture. Lee was one of the driving forces behind the design and construction of the Kerrytown Market; he was chief architect, as well as one of the first owners. Researchers interested in environmentalism topics would be most interested in the "Other Ann Arbor Projects" series, and particularly Lee's involvement in the Geddes-Fuller corridor debates. In the 1960s and 1970s, Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan discussed proposals to widen traffic thoroughfares along Geddes and Fuller to better handle the increasing amount of traffic. Lee participated in citizen action groups that protested the expansion of the Geddes and Fuller Roads, arguing that it would negatively impact the surrounding environment.

His papers include administrative and financial materials on the early development of Kerrytown and clippings and other materials on his involvement in the Geddes-Fuller corridor debates. His papers also include architectural drawings of the Kerrytown Townhouse and Kerrytown Market complexes as well as some photographs of early Kerrytown development. Also included are minutes, notes, and planning materials of the Ann Arbor Area Goals Conference, a conference to discuss and establish goals for the rapidly changing physical environment of Ann Arbor and surrounding area.

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Littlefield Family

- Littlefield family papers, 1834-1935.
- .5 linear ft.

The Littlefield Family papers primarily document Josiah Loomis Littlefield's personal and professional life, with other family members' limited appearance in the collection. As Josiah Littlefield became involved in the timber business, he bought land to supply his sawmill, and developed strong conservationist practices, purchasing land to plant seedlings and for forest preserves. Filibert Roth, founder of the School of Forestry at the University of Michigan encouraged Littlefield in his efforts to conserve timber resources. The Littlefield Family papers provide insight into early approaches to reforestation. Correspondence, typescript of autobiography, and excerpted typescript of University of Michigan student diary, 1867-1871, of Josiah Littlefield, surveyor, lumberman, and conservationist; also letters of other members of the Littlefield and Hall families, with limited material about Michigan agriculture and lumbering, medical practice, women's activities, and surveying and land speculation.

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Lunden, Herman

- Herman Lunden papers, 1899-1929.
- 5 linear ft.

Though Herman Lunden was a timber man (a manager for the Kneeland-Bigelow Company, Bay City, Michigan), he was interested in issues of reforestation and conservation of natural resources.

Autobiography; correspondence, 1899-1924 (scattered); Kneeland-Bigelow Company records, 1912 and 1923-1929; subject files relating to his interest in conservation, reforestation, forest fire prevention, local Republican party affairs, road improvement, and the development of the northern Lower Peninsula as a tourist and recreational region.

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Mershon, William B.

- William Butts Mershon papers, 1848-1943.
- 47 linear ft.

A lumberman and businessman from Saginaw, Michigan, Mershon was an avid sportsman. Researchers interested in environmental conservation will find material about logging, mining, fishing, hunting, forestry, as well as state agencies such as Michigan Department of Conservation, the Michigan Forestry Commission, and the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Association.

Correspondence concerning Michigan wildlife conservation, Michigan Sportmen's Association, Michigan Manufacturer's Association, Michigan State Tax Commission, Michigan politics, the Democratic Party, personal business investments, lumbering and mining interests, and personal affairs; four volumes of diaries and a book of notes on hunting and fishing trips, and volumes of business records, including cash books, time books, ledgers, journals, and other business volumes covering his personal accounts, investments, and lumbering business; also photographs.

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Wheeler, Frederick

- Frederick Wheeler papers, 1859-1941.
- 2.4 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

President of the Michigan Forestry Association, resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Business papers, articles, and correspondence, Wheeler family papers, and other materials concerning family affairs, conservation, Michigan Forestry Association, and the Wheeler genealogy; and twenty-one volumes of miscellaneous notebooks; also photographs.

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Parklands and Nature Preserves

Fox Island Lighthouse Association.

- Fox Island Lighthouse Association records, 1875-2012.
- 0.4 linear feet and 2.4 GB (online)

The Fox Island Lighthouse Association is a non-profit organization founded to preserve the South Fox Island light station in northern Lake Michigan.

Organizational records, newsletters, a historic structure report, news clippings, collected research materials such as copies of correspondence from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, audio recordings and transcripts of oral history interviews, photographs, maps, and diagrams. Includes both digital and paper records.

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Gillette, Genevieve

- Genevieve Gillette papers, 1914-1987.
- 10 linear ft. and 1 outsize folder.

Landscape architect Genevieve Gillette was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Michigan Parks Association and subsequently, new parklands. Her advocacy was instrumental in establishing Isle Royale as a national park. Ann Arbor, Michigan, landscape architect, speaker and lobbyist on behalf of conservation and beautification, president of the Michigan Parks Association, and member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Recreation and Natural Beauty during the Johnson Administration.

Correspondence, reports, oral history interviews, and other materials concerning her interest in state and national conservation legislation; and photographs.

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Isle Royale (Detroit News)

- Isle Royale papers, 1885-1955.
- 2 linear ft.

As early as the 1920s, the Detroit News spearheaded a campaign to transform Isle Royale into a national park. The materials contained in the Isle Royale papers were collected in order to build momentum for the "Isle Royale National Park movement."

The collection includes files of Detroit News conservation editor Albert Stoll and director of public relations Lee A. White, including correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous papers relating to the Detroit News' campaign to make Isle Royale a national park and to secure land for it. Also included: manuscript and notes of an article by Martha M. Bigelow, 1955.

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Little Traverse Conservancy

- Little Traverse Conservancy records, 1972-1999.
- 8 linear ft.

The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) is to promote conservation through land acquisition by donation or purchase, the establishment of nature preserves, and educational programs, rather than through lawsuits or political action. LTC was founded in 1972 in the Northern Michigan community of Harbor Springs after its

predecessor group, the Little Traverse Group, was defeated in a series of lawsuits it had brought against some property developers. Early member Horace M. Huffman, Jr. and longtime executive director Tom Bailey have been among the Conservancy's most influential leaders. A major project was the \$1.4 million purchase of the Colonial Point Forest, completed in 1987.

The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, notes, newspaper clippings, press releases, annual reports, and brochures created by the Conservancy and relating to its history and activities. Also included are biographical sketches of founding members based on oral history interviews. The collection contains the files of its board of trustees, executive director, and other influential members, as well as documentation of many of its land acquisitions projects, among them being the Thorne Swift Nature Preserve, the North Point Preserve, and the Colonial Point Forest. Also included are records related to other various activities of executive director Tom Bailey, such as his leadership of the Emmet County Park and Recreation Commission and the Emmet County Solid Waste Planning Advisory Committee, his appointment to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and his previous employment with the Hazardous Waste Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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Michigan Audubon Society

- Michigan Audubon Society records, 1913-1992.
- 4.75 linear ft.

The Michigan Audubon Society was established in 1904, and while the early efforts of the Society focused on preserving birds' habitat and welfare, the organization later expanded its advocacy efforts to include more comprehensive environmental conservation issues. This collection contains organizational records, which among other activities, document the acquisition and stewardship of nature centers and wildlife refuges in the state of Michigan.

Historical and background information; files of annual meetings of executive committee and board of directors; files relating society's activities, to its nature centers and bird sanctuaries, and to the operation and activities of local chapters within the state; also correspondence and scattered photographs.

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Michigan Natural Areas Council

- Michigan Natural Areas Council records, 1938-2003.
- 8 linear ft.

The Michigan Natural Areas Council (MNAC) records depict the mission and activities of an organization dedicated to preserving natural lands and establishing provisions for their continued protection. The Council recognized six types of protected areas, categorizing them according to the purpose for which they were used: Managed Tract, Natural Area Preserve, Natural Research Area, Nature Reservations, Nature Study Area, and Scenic Site.

The records have been arranged into three series: Administrative files, Natural Areas files, and Site files. Administrative files include background/historical materials, standing committee records, executive committee files, and files documenting the organization's

relationship with other environmental groups. The Natural Areas files include topical files and project files documenting the organization's efforts on behalf of specific natural areas. The Site Files consist of correspondence, reconnaissance and site committee reports, and maps relating to areas of environmental concern.

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Michigan Nature Association

- Michigan Nature Association records, 1945-2005.
- 7 linear ft.

Michigan Nature Association was first formed to protest the destruction of tern habitats in Macomb County, but developed into an organization that purchases land and transforms these parcels into nature preserves. Since its establishment, the Michigan Nature Association has taken a dual approach which incorporates both education and the creation and maintenance of natural areas.

Newsletters, flyers, mailings, and publications chiefly concerning the association's efforts to acquire new sanctuaries and promoting visits to existing sanctuaries; visual materials; and files relating to litigation against Detroit Edison opposing their planned placement of transmission lines through a nature sanctuary. Most of the files were maintained by Bertha Daubendiek, a founder and secretary-treasurer of the organization.

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Outdoor Journalists

Charles, Gordon

- Gordon Charles papers, 1934-2005, bulk 1953-1998.
- 16 linear feet.

Syndicated outdoor recreation and travel writer whose column was carried in Michigan newspapers. Charles was located in the Traverse City area and as a result, there is a heavy concentration of published material on the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan. Journals, publications, articles written for the Traverse City Record-Eagle, and subject files containing photographic slides, articles, and other materials on travel and outdoor activities topics and on northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula, Michigan travel destinations.

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Curwood, James Oliver

- James Oliver Curwood papers, 1897-1927.
- 9 linear ft., 1 v. [outsize], and 1 oversize folder.

Curwood was a Michigan adventure author who was also involved in the motion picture industry. In the 1920s, he became active in the conservation movement, and much of the correspondence from 1921-1927 illustrates his involvement with environmental causes. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, manuscripts of publications, copies of books, and miscellanea; include material concerning his literary activities, the writing and production of motion pictures, his promotion of conservation causes, especially forest fire prevention, deer herd management, and the campaign against water pollution, and his work with the Conservation Commission, particularly his disputes with the Michigan Department of Conservation, Governor Alexander J. Groesbeck, and state director of conservation, John Baird; also photographs; and copies of correspondence collected by Ivan Conger.

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East, Ben

- Ben East papers, 1935-1980.
- 13 linear feet.

Ben East was a Michigan journalist who wrote for *Outdoor Life* from 1946 until 1972. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and much of his professional life was spent identifying and communicating prime hunting and fishing spots to readers in the Great Lakes region. He was active in the conservation movement, and advocated for state and national parks. Material in the Ben East collection addresses many of the issues involved with the conservation of Michigan's natural resources during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.

The Ben East papers focus on East's magazine writing and editing duties with *Outdoor Life* magazine. The series in the collection include Editorial Copy, Personal Papers, Photographs, Publications, and Topical Files.

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Eldridge, Judith A., collector.

- Judith Eldridge collection of James Oliver Curwood material, 1890s-2000s.
- 2 linear feet.
Biographer of American writer James Oliver Curwood.
Research materials accumulated in preparation of her biography of James Oliver Curwood; include photocopies of Curwood stories found in various serial publications, notes on Curwood, his writings, and the movies made from his work.
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Frankel, Betty.

- Betty Frankel papers, 1958-1993.
- 5.3 linear feet.
Award-winning writer for the Observer and Detroit Free Press newspapers, where she authored the garden and landscape columns; charter member of the Landscape Critics Council of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.
Gardening and landscape columns written from the 1960s through the 1990s by a Detroit journalist; notebooks and calendar books from the 1970s and 1980s related to stories the author published in the Observer and Free Press newspapers; two books that cover the topics of landscaping and gardening.
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Fulton, Douglas

- Douglas Fulton papers, 1950-1999.
- 10.3 linear ft.
As the Ann Arbor News' outdoor writer and photographer from 1962 to 1983, Fulton covered conservation and environmental topics within the state of Michigan, but also nationwide. Boxes 1-6 contain Fulton's Ann Arbor News outdoor and environmental articles, Box 8 contains correspondence related to environmental topics, Boxes 9 and 11-12 contain Fulton's outdoor photographs, and Box 10 contains Fulton's research material, used as the foundation for his published work.
Copies of articles written for the Ann Arbor News, mainly on outdoors and environmental issues, but also including record reviews; personal files consist of correspondence, biographical information, and professional associations; photographs of Michigan parks, forests, and important natural landscapes; and subject files on environmental and miscellaneous topics.
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Sharkey, Reginald, 1913-

- Reginald Sharkey papers, 1953-2007, bulk 1967-1991.
- 4.5 linear feet (in 6 boxes) and 1 oversize folder.
Conservationist from Petoskey, Michigan; environmental writer and columnist for northern Michigan newspapers. Sharkey died in 2005.
Transcript of oral history interview, 2004, and other biographical materials; also copies of his newspaper columns and other writings; and photographs; and original drawings and editorial cartoons that accompanied his articles.
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Shelley, Howard, 1909-2003.

- Howard Shelley motion pictures, ca. 1960s-ca.1970s.
 - 4 linear feet and 17 oversize motion picture reels.
- Michigan film maker, producer with Mort Neff of television program "Michigan Outdoors."
- Motion pictures (silent) featuring Michigan wildlife and outdoors activities. Some of the films relate to specific areas of the state, such as Tahquamenon Falls and the Tittabawassee River. There are some sound recordings of narration intended to accompany the films.

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Sheppard, Glen, 1936-

- Glen Sheppard papers, 1940s-2010, bulk 1990-2008.
 - 35.5 linear feet (in 36 boxes).
- Glen Sheppard was the owner, publisher, editor, and principal writer of The North Woods Call, a small but influential conservation newspaper dedicated to the stewardship and protection of Northern Michigan's natural resources, for 40 years. The Call published conservation news, editorials, and expository pieces on the topics of conservation, scientific research, and outdoorsmanship. Sheppard built a journalistic reputation as a staunch and unapologetic defender of the natural resources and wildlife of Northern Michigan.

The Glen Sheppard papers document the research and writing undertaken by Sheppard during his 40-year tenure at the North Woods Call newspaper. The collection's three series contain Sheppard's writings, newspaper articles written by others, press releases, research materials, government reports and publications, and visual materials on a broad array of topics of environmental import for the state of Michigan, including land and water resource management, pollution, flora and fauna. The collection also contains acts of legislation and reports from the Department of Natural Resources and other government agencies and files pertaining to the administration of Michigan governors John Engler and Jennifer Granholm.

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Van Coevering, Jack

- Jack Van Coevering papers, 1928-1978.
 - 21 linear ft.
- Jack Van Coevering wrote a outdoor life column for the Detroit Free Press for 35 years. After his retirement, he worked as a research assistant and then as an adjunct professor for the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources.
- Files of Detroit Free Press outdoor pages and conservation articles, clippings, and photographs, correspondence, and notes on Michigan conservation history, pesticides, pollution, plants and animals, hunting and fishing, parks, rivers and lakes, conservation writing, and ecology; also manuscript of history of conservation in Michigan with background information; and materials gathered for intended biographical study of Michigan conservationists including audio-tapes with transcriptions of interviews.

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Other Collections of Interest

Belser, Karl Jacob

- Karl J. Belser papers, 1924-ca. 1972.
- 4.4 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Urban planning specialist.
Reports, sketches, and other material relating to the development of the Willow Run Bomber Plant area in Wayne County, Michigan, during World War II; studies of the proposed Detroit Civic Center, 1952; also papers concerning his later work as planning director in Santa Clara County, California; and letter from Frank Lloyd Wright; also photographs.
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Cowles, Henry Chandler

- Henry C. Cowles lantern slide collection.
- 1 linear foot (104 glass lantern slides)
Cowles was a botanist at the University of Chicago and a pioneer in the study of ecology. Cowles extensively studied sand dunes of the Great Lakes. Through extensive field trips, Cowles and other Chicago ecologists produced a collection of more than 4500 photographs documenting natural environments between 1891-1936.
104 glass lantern slides and negatives, primarily relating to Michigan, depicting sand dunes, shorelines, forests, and flora. The slides, created by Cowles, George Fuller, W . S. Dudgeon, and others, were likely collected by James Teeri, curator of ecology at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Many of the University of Chicago slides are available online through the Library of Congress in the American Environmental Photography Collection. Approximately 40 of the glass slides are unique.
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Hutchins, Henry B.

- Harry Burns Hutchins papers, 1879-1930.
- 22 linear ft.
Professor of law and president of the University of Michigan.
Correspondence, reports, and speeches relating to all aspects of his University activities; and visual materials.
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Postcard collection

- Postcard collection, 1890s-[ongoing]
- 9.4 linear ft.
Postcard views of Michigan scenes.
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Otis, Charles Herbert

- Charles Herbert Otis papers, 1913-1958.
- .4 linear ft.

Curator of University of Michigan Arboretum, 1910-1913, and professor of botany at Bowling Green State University.

Correspondence with Leo Goldberg and others concerning sighting of a flotilla of flying saucer-like objects near Ann Arbor, Michigan; correspondence about the book Michigan Trees and his other publications, the University of Michigan Arboretum and the School of Natural Resources; drawings of leaves and other tree parts prepared as illustrations for Michigan Trees; and photographs.

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Ruthven, Alexander Grant

- Alexander Grant Ruthven papers, 1901-1961
- 65 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

President of University of Michigan, 1929-1951.

Professional files relating to his career with the University Museum and as a professor of zoology, and presidential files containing correspondence, reports, speeches, and other University materials, including budget and legislative files, material relating to changes in University administration, his relationship with faculty, students and alumni, and cases of discipline, freedom of speech and tenure which arose during his years as president; and photographs.

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Symon, Charles

- Charles Symon papers, ca. 1933-1983
- 1 linear ft.

Historian and author of We Can Do It: A History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan, 1933-1942 (1983).

Research material for his book, including correspondence with, and reminiscences of, former CCC members; miscellaneous CCC publications and newspaper clippings; and photographs.

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This listing is a sampling of the published material available in the Bentley's holdings. To retrieve additional results, please search the [Mirlyn](#) catalog.

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Suggested Search Terms for Further Research

The collections included in this subject guide are not meant to be an all-inclusive listing of collections pertaining to conservation and environmental movements. For your convenience, some suggested terms are provided below; these can be used in a [Mirlyn](#) search.

Search tips

To narrow your search, select "Subject word(s)" from the pull-down menu on the [Mirlyn](#) search page. To broaden your search, select "Word(s) anywhere." Terms and search fields can be combined in the advanced search mode, and you may limit your search to material type: books, serials, archives, manuscripts, visual materials, etc. The online finding aids are also indexed by these subject terms, but you may be able to find collections with small portions detailing conservation and environmental topics that use specific folder descriptions not included in the Mirlyn subject headings.

- Air pollution
- Air quality
- Conservation of natural resources
- Dam
- Environmental justice
- Environmental law
- Environmental protection
- Erosion
- Fishery management
- Forests and forestry
- Habitat conservation
- Hazardous waste
- Land conservation
- Land use
- Logging
- Mining
- Natural resources
- Sewage
- Stream conservation
- Pollution
- Water pollution
- Water quality
- Wetland conservation
- Wildlife conservation