



## Oregon State Archives

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# GOVERNOR JOHN H. HALL ADMINISTRATION

## Record Descriptions

### Summary of Records

The records of the Office of Governor Hall consist of administrative and legal correspondence, proclamations, press releases, extraditions, parole files, voting rights restorations, and a plane accident report.

The records document the extradition of criminals from other states, legal opinions from the State Attorney General, the parole of prisoners and the restoration of their political rights, waterway construction, and the Vanport flood.

### Administrative correspondence, 1947-1949

2.7 cu.ft.

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject

Series documents the communications and activities of Governor Hall's office. Series includes correspondence, information requests, and informational pamphlets.

Information includes financial analyses, names of board and commission members and agency heads, and resolution of questions posed to the Governor. Topics include charity and commemorative events, waterway construction, lobby group correspondence, safety and training in the workplace, highway safety, housing, the Liquor Control Commission, Republican party mailings, international relief, taxation, and the Vanport flood.

Photographs have been separated.

### Extraditions, 1947-1949

.30 cu.ft.

Arrangement: alphabetical by county name, alphabetical by state name

Series documents activities involved in the extradition of criminals, both to and from the State of Oregon.

Records include action reports, travel vouchers for retrieving prisoners, extradition requests from other states, and investigation reports requested by the Governor to aid in his extradition decisions. Information includes charges or indictments against criminals, reason for charges or indictments, and Attorney General's agreement with extradition requests.

### Legal Correspondence, 1947-1949

.1 cu.ft.

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Arrangement: chronological by month of letter

Series documents communications and activities concerning legal problems and questions. Series includes affidavits, depositions, legal briefs, and correspondence.

Correspondence includes requests for the Governor to intervene on judicial matters and requests for legal opinions. Subjects include intergovernmental fiscal relations, extraditions, civil and criminal liability, tax codes, and the effects of proposed legislation.

#### **Parole Files, 1947-1949**

.50 cu.ft.

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject's name

Series documents activities involved in the parole status of criminals in Oregon.

Records include correspondence with individuals requesting clemency or release of individuals from prison and investigation reports requested by the Governor to aid in his parole decisions.

The death sentence of Wardell Henderson and the controversy about how his race may have influenced his sentencing takes up a large portion of the series.

#### **Plane Crash Investigation, 1947**

.10 cu.ft.

Arrangement: none

Series documents the investigative process of the private plane crash that killed Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert Farrell, and State Senator Marshall Cronett on October 28, 1947.

Series contains a report conducted by the Civil Aeronautics Board and includes the transcript of the testimony from witnesses and experts. Testimony includes descriptions of the crash site and events leading to the crash. Expert appraisal of factors that may have contributed to the crash is also included.

#### **Press Releases, 1947-1949**

.10 cu.ft.

Arrangement: chronological by date of request letter

Series documents the release of information by Governor Hall to the public either in the course of public business or in response to correspondence. The series contains releases from the governor's office, open letters to be published by another party, and letters that prompted the press release.

Subjects include charity announcements, designation of special events, and tourism promotions.

#### **Proclamations, 1947-1949**

.10 cu.ft.

Arrangement: chronological by proclamation date

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Series documents announcements made by the Governor on various activities or events. Contents include proclamation, date, and governor's signature.

Subjects include the National Guard, Army Day, Navy Day, Oregon Territory celebration, state of emergency announcements, and selective service registration.

### **Voting Privilege Restorations, 1948**

.10 cu.ft.

Arrangement: chronological by date of document

Series records the restoration of voting privileges to released convicts by the governor. Series includes the convict's petition and the governor's declaration.

Information includes the date, convict's address, date of convict's conviction and release, type of incarceration and release, names and addresses of character witnesses and the recommendation of the parole board. The governor's declaration includes the name of the convict, the date, and the restoration of voting rights.

### **Administrative Correspondence Container List**

Container 1

Accounting, State Board of

Aeronautics, Oregon State Board of

Agriculture, State of Oregon Department of

Albeni Falls

American Academy of Political and Social Sciences

American Archivist

American Automobile Association

American Cancer Society

American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, Inc.

American Heart Association, Inc.

American Small Business Organization, Corp.

Army Day

Art Museum, Portland

Austin-in-Action

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Battleship Oregon Commission

Belgium

Blind, Commission for the

Bond Commission

Boy Scouts of America

Building Congress, Oregon

Building Program--Oregon State Board of Control

California, Water to

Cattle Rustling

Charleston, South Slough; Oregon

Child Care, Health, and Welfare; Oregon State Advisory Committee on

Children and Youth Committee, 1948

Civil Service Commission, State

Columbia Basin Development (includes maps)

Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee

Columbia Slough, Oregon

Commercial Fishing

Control, Board of

Coos River, Oregon

Coquille River, Oregon

Corporation Commission

Council of State Government

Daylight Time

Deportation

Displaced Persons, Committee on

Eastern Oregon Wheat League

Educational Advisory Committee to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission

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Education, Board of

Education, Department of

Emergency Committee on Transportation

Engineers Examiners, Board of

Fair, Oregon State

Federal Inter-Agency Committee on Recreation

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

Forestry, Oregon State Board of

Freedom Garden Planting Weed

Container 2

Game Commission, Oregon State

Geology and Mineral Industries, State Department of

Governor's Traffic Safety Commission

Hall, John H.- Biographical Data

Higher Education

Highway Commission, State

Highway Department, Travel Bureau

Homesteading

Hospital Day

House of Commons, Letters on Commemorative Stone from

Housing

Housing Authority of Portland

Industrial Accident Commission, State

Insurance, Department of

Intergovernmental Relations, The Pacific Coast Board of

Interior, United States Department of the

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International Wheat Agreement

Internment Camps

Jackson, Thomas

Juvenile Delinquency

Labor, Bureau of

Land Board

League of Women Voters of Portland

Liquor Control Commission

Liquor Control Commission Resignations

Lobbyists

March of Dimes

McNary Dam

Medical Examiners

Mortgage Companies

Mother of the Year, Oregon State

Mounted Posse, Oregon

National and Inter-American Music Week Committee

National Maritime Day

Oil Shortage

Olympia National Park

Oregon State College

Oxbow Site, Snake River

Oysters

Penitentiary

Penitentiary, Investigation of Death in

Police, State

Polio

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Port District, Bayocean

Public Employees Retirement System

Public Utilities Commission

Racial Issues

Racing

Radio Broadcasting Service

Railroad Police Commission

Raw Materials Survey

Republican Party

Roads

Roeper, Paul

Rogue River Coordination Board

Roses

Container 3

Salaries

Sandy River, Oregon

Scroggins, Grady

Secretary of State

Silent Guest

Slot Machines

Tax Commission

Tax Commission Reports

Territorial Centennial Commission

Tillamook Bay and Bar, Oregon

Tourist Development Committee

Un-American Activities

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Unemployment Compensation Commission

Union Pacific Railroad

United Nations Day

United Service Organizations (U.S.O.)

Universal Military Training

Vanport Extension Center

Vanport Flood Correspondence

Vanport Flood Reports

Veteran Affairs

Vocational Education

Walton, Izaak; League of America

War Assets Administration

Water Rights

Western Governor's Conference

Western States Conference on Training

Westport Slough, Oregon

Willamette Valley Project (see also Columbia Basin Development)

Williams, Dale

Yaquina Bay

Yaquina Lifeboat Station

Youth in Government (Boys' State)