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GOVERNOR DOUGLAS MCKAY ADMINISTRATION

Record Descriptions

Summary of Records

The records of Governor Douglas McKay consist of correspondence, press releases, speeches, meeting minutes, organizational reports, extraditions, and parole files. These records date from 1948, when McKay was elected Governor, to when he resigned to become U.S. Secretary of Interior.* The records represent Governor McKay's role in the events and issues confronting his administration.

The records of McKay's Office are predominantly the incoming and outgoing administrative correspondence. Topics include the development of the Columbia River Basin, the Liquor Control Commission, the Highway Commission, the Committee for Industrial Development, Indian Affairs, and Veteran Affairs. There is also a large amount of correspondence from citizens who are requesting the Governor's assistance in private matters or who are offering suggestions and opinions on the issues of the time.

Issues of particular concern to citizens at this time were, the development of the Columbia River Basin, the trafficking of alcohol, and the parole of Theodore Jordon Jr. and the Reverend William H. Nagel. The records illustrate Governor McKay's interest in the establishment of safety committees and opposition to the Columbia Valley Authority. McKay formed safety committees on home, industry, and traffic. The history of the formation and organization of these committees are documented in the files by reports, meeting minutes, and correspondence with members. McKay's fight against the proposed Columbia Valley Authority is represented in incoming and outgoing correspondence with citizens. The attitude of these correspondents are both positive and negative. Along with these letters, the records include reports and informative pamphlets concerning the CVA.

The records of Governor McKay also reflect current national and international issues. These include The Cold War, racism, and the future development of Western states.

*Some records addressed to Governor McKay but dated in January 1953, after his resignation, are included in the administrative correspondence series.

Administrative correspondence, 1948-1953

29 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject

Series documents the activities and communications of the Governor's office with various organizations, agencies, and citizens from 1948 to 1953. It includes incoming and outgoing correspondence, financial reports, meeting minutes, records of board members, informative pamphlets, information requests, and letters from citizens. The letters from citizens are primarily complaints, requests, or suggestions. Topics include the Columbia River Basin, Columbia Valley Authority, the State Highway Commission, Committee on Industrial Development, Indian Affairs, Liquor Control Commission, Board of Massage Examiners, Natural Resources, the Oregon State Penitentiary, and Veteran Affairs.

Photographs have been separated from this series.

Extradition records, 1948-1952

1 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by county

Series documents activities in the extradition of criminals to and from Oregon from 1948 to 1952. The records include warrants, police reports, requests from district attorneys, extradition requests from other states, and investigation reports requested by Governor McKay to help in his extradition decisions.

See the attached container list.

Funeral service records, 1959

.1 cubic foot

Arrangement:

This series documents the plans for the state funeral of Governor McKay. It includes a letter of transmittal from Travis Cross, Assistant to the Governor, a list of members of the funeral party, and a schedule for the funeral. The records are dated July 29, 1959.

Parole files, 1948-1952

1 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by surname

This series documents the Governor's activities in the parole of criminals in Oregon from 1948 to 1952. The records include conduct reports, medical reports, incoming and outgoing correspondence with penitentiary officials and lawyers, and letters from citizens regarding the parole of certain prisoners. The paroles of Theodore Jordon Jr. and the Reverend William H. Nagel generated significant activity during McKay's term as governor.

Inaugural address audio tape, 1951

.1 cu. ft., 1 phonographic disc.

Arrangement: by date

Series consists of printed pamphlet and phonographic recording of Governor McKay's Inaugural Address from January 8, 1951.

Administrative Correspondence Container List

Container 1

"A" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Adjutant General, 1949-51

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Agriculture, Department of, 1948-1952

Agriculture, Department of (Milk Control and Milk Marketing), 1949-1951

Agriculture, Department of (State Fair), 1949-1951

"Allen-American" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

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"American" miscellaneous, 1951-1952

American Legion, 1949-1952

Apprenticeship Council, 1949-51

Apprenticeship, Western Conference, 1949-50

Architect Examiners, 1949-1952

"As-Ay" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Attorney General, 1949-1951

Attorney General's opinions, 1949-1952

"Ba-Bel" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Banking Department, 1948-1951

Barber Examiners, State Board of, 1949-1951

"Ben-BI" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Blind, Commission for the, 1948-1951

"Bo-Bri" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Bonneville Power Administration, 1950-1952

Boy Scouts of America, 1949-1952

Boys camps, 1949-1950

"Bro-By" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Budget Division, 1949-1951

"C-Ce" miscellaneous, 1948-1951

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Camp Adair, 1950-1952

Camp White, 1951

Capitol Planning Commission, 1949-1951

"Ch-Ci" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Children and Youth, Governor's State Committee on, 1949-1952

Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of, 1949-1952

Civil Aeronautics Administration, 1950-1952

Civil Defense Agency, 1949-1950

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Civil Defense Agency, 1951-1952

Civil Defense Agency Interstate Compact, 1950-1952

Civil defense plan, 1950

Civil Service Commission, 1949-52

Civil Service Commission, Personnel, 1949-1952

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"Cl-Col" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Clackamas River Project, 1950

Colleges of Education, 1949-1951

Columbia River Basin, 1949-1951

Columbia River Basin Interagency Committee, 1949-1950

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Columbia River Basin Interagency Committee, 1950-1952

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Columbia Gorge Committee, 1952

Columbia Interstate Compact Committee, 1951-1952

"Columbia" miscellaneous, 1952

Columbia Valley Authority, 1949-1952

"Com-Cos" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Control, Board of, 1949-1952

Coquille River, 1949

Corporation Commission, 1949-1952

Cosmetic Therapy Examiners, State Board of, 1949-1951

"Cot-Cu" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

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Council of State Governments, 1949-1952

County Public Welfare, 1950

Covered Wagon Centennial, 1951-1952

Crooked River Project, 1949

"Da-De" miscellaneous

Daylight saving time, 1949-1952

Dental Examiners, State Board of, 1949-1952

Department heads, 1949-1951

Deschutes Project, 1951

Detroit Dam Project, 1950

"Di-Dy" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Displaced Persons Commission, 1949-1952

"Ea-Ec" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Eastern Oregon State Hospital, 1949-1952

Ebinger, John B., 1952

"Ed-Em" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

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Education, Oregon State Board of, 1949-1952

Education, Oregon State Board of Higher, 1948-1952

Education, Oregon State Board of (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Department of Vocational Education), 1949-1951

Education, State Department of (Advisory Committee on Teacher Education), 1949-1951

Employment service, 1949-1952

Employment, State Advisory Council on, 1949-1950

"En-Ey" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Engineer, State, 1949-1952

Executive Department, 1949-1951

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"Fa-Fi" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Fair Employment Practices Commission, 1949-1951

Federal Power Commission, 1952

Finance and Administration, Department of, 1951-1952

Fish Commission of Oregon, 1949-1951

"FI" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Flax and Linen Board, 1949-1951

Flood committee, 1949-1950

"Fo-Fu" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Forest products laboratory, 1949-1952

Forestry, Oregon State Board of, 1949-1950

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Forestry, Oregon State Board of, 1950-1952

4-H Club, 1949-1951

Fryer, W. M., 1946-1950

"Ga-Gl" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Gambling, 1949-1951

Game Commission, Delberg Gidersleeve, 1952

Game Commission, letters of recommendation, 1949

Game Commission, Oregon State, 1949-1950

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Game Commission, Oregon State, 1951-1952

Geology and Mineral Industries, State Dept. of, 1949-1952

"Go-Gy" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Governors' Conference, Executive Committee, 1951-1952

Governors' Conference, National, 1949-1952

Governors' Conference, reports and summaries, 1952

Governors' Conference, Western, 1949-1952

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"Ha-Hi" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Health, Oregon State Board of, 1949-1952

Highway Commission, 1949-1952

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Highway Commission, 1952

Highway Commission, (State Parks), 1949-1951

Highway Commission, (telegrams concerning road closures), 1950

Highway Commission, (Travel Information Dept.), 1949-1951

Highway Commission, (truck bill), 1952
Hillcrest School, 1949-1952
"Ho-Hy" miscellaneous, 1949-1952
Hoover's Speech (foreign policy), 1950-1951
Hospital, Oregon State, 1949-1951
Housing Authority, 1949-1952
Hunting season & forest closures, 1952
"Id-Ins" miscellaneous, 1949-1952
Indian affairs, 1950-1952

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Industrial Accident Commission, 1948-1952
Industrial Development, Oregon Committee for, 1950-1952
Inquiries, 1950-1953
Insurance Dept., 1949-1952
"Int-Iz" miscellaneous, 1949-1952
Intergovernmental Relations, Pacific Coast Board of, 1949-1952
Interim Committee, anadromous fish, 1951
Interim Committee, elementary and secondary education, 1949-1951

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Interim Committee, highways, 1949-1952
Interim Committee, miscellaneous, 1948-1952
Interim Committee, post high school, 1949-1951
Interim Committee, reapportionment, 1951-1952
Interim Committee, State Government Administration (Little Hoover Commission), 1949-1951
Interim Committee, tax & fiscal revision, 1950-1951
Interim Committee, tax structure, 1949

Interim Committee, weather control, 1952

Intermediate Institutions, 1951

Internal Security Committee, Oregon State, 1949

"International" miscellaneous organizations, 1949-1952

Interstate Cooperation Committee, 1949-1952

"Ja-Ju" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Jackson, Thomas J., 1949-1952

Journal Debate, Neuberger, 1949

"Ke-Ki" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Keep Oregon Green, 1949-1952

"Kl-Le" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Labor, The Dalles "Pineapple Incident", 1949

Lafferty, A.W., 1951-1952

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Land Board, State, 1949-1952

League of Oregon Cities, 1952

Legislation, pending, 1949-1952

Legislation, tax, 1950-1951

Legislative Assembly, Special Session, 1951

"Li-Lo" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Library, Oregon State, 1949-1952

Lincoln Life Insurance Co., 1952

Liquor Control Commission, Oregon, 1948-1950

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Liquor Control Commission, Oregon, 1951-1952

"Maa-Mar" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

MacLaren School for Boys, 1948-1952

"Mas-Mc" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Massage Examiners, Board of, 1951-1952

"Mc-Me" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

"McKay Speaks", 1949-1950

Medical Examiners, Board of, 1949-1952

"Mi-My" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Mollala River Project, 1951

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Morse, Senator Wayne, 1952

Musical compositions, 1950-1951

"Na-Ne" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

"National" miscellaneous organizations, 1949-1952

National Employment of the physically handicapped, 1949-1952

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1949-1952

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National Guard, 1949-1950

National Probation and Parole Association, 1949-1952

National Reclamation Association, 1949-1953

Natural Resources, 1949-1953

"Ne" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Nesmith, L. W., 1949-1951

"Ni-Ny" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

"Northwest" miscellaneous organizations, 1952

Nurses, State Examination Board of, 1949-1952

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"O" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

"Oregon" miscellaneous organizations, 1949-1952

Oregon Historical Society, 1949-1952

Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, 1951-1953

Oregon Parole and Probation Survey Advisory Committee, 1952

Oregon State College, 1949-1952

Oregon State Employees Association, 1950-1951

Oxbow Brownlee Projects, 1952

"P" miscellaneous, 1948-1952

"Pacific" miscellaneous Organizations, 1949-1952

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Pacific Northwest Trade Association, 1949

Pardons, 1949-1952

Parole and Probation, State Board of, 1949-1952

Pelton Dam, 1951-1952

Penitentiary, 1948-1951

Police, State Dept. of, 1949-1952

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Portland Chamber of Commerce, 1949-1952

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Press releases, 1950

Printing Board, State, 1947-1951

Proclamations, 1949-1952

Public Employees Retirement Board, 1948-1952

Public Utilities Commission, Oregon, 1949-1952

"Q-Ra" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Racing Commission, Oregon, 1949-1952

"Re" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Real Estate Commission, Oregon, 1949-1952

Rent control, 1949-1950

Rent control, Eugene, 1949

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Republican Party, 1949-1950

"Rh-Ri" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Retirement Board Public Employees-Applications for the Director of the Board, 1950

Retirement Board Public Employees-Employees Retention, 1949-1951

"Ro" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Rogue River Dam & Project, 1950-1952

Rogue River: A Thesis, 1950

"Ru-Sc" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Safety, Governor's Commission on Home, 1949-1952

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Safety, Governor's Commission on Industrial, 1949-1952

Safety, Governor's Commission on Traffic, 1949-1952

Sanitary Authority, 1949-1952

"Se-Si" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Secretary of State, Oregon, 1949-1952

Sex criminals, 1949-1952

"Sc-So" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Siletz River, 1950

"Sm-Sw" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Socialized Medicine correspondence, 1949

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Soil Conservation Commission, 1949-1952

"Sp-Sy" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Special Agents' Commissions, 1949

State Fair Commission, 1950-1952

Survey-Oregon State Hospitals, Mental Health Association, 1951

"T" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Taft, Robert A., 1952

Tax Commission, State, 1949-1953

Tax Commission, State, Sagie Nishiaka file, 1952

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Temperance & Rehabilitation Division, 1949-1952

Tillamook Bay; bay ocean project, 1952

"U" miscellaneous, 1949-1951

Umpqua River, 1949

Unemployment Compensation Commission, 1949-1953

"United" miscellaneous organizations, 1949-1952

United Service Organization (USO), 1949-1952

University of Oregon, 1949-1950

U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, 1949-1952

U.S. Congressional Delegation, 1949-1951

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1949-1951

U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1949-1951

U.S. Dept. of Interior, 1949-1952

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U.S. Dept. of Labor, 1949-1951

U.S. Federal Power Commission, 1949-1951

U.S. Federal Security Agency, 1949-1951

U.S. Selective Service, 1949-1952

"V" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Veterans Affairs, 1949-1953

"Wa-We" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

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Western Governors' Conference 1951-1952

"Wh-Wj" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Willamette River Basin Commission, 1948-1952

"Wo-Z" miscellaneous, 1949-1952

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Jordon Jr., Theodore, 1949-52

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Nagel, William H., 1949

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