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Water Holdings in the State Archives

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Introduction

A water supply for the American Southwest has always been vital. Some of the region's Native American inhabitants built canals to bring water to the desert valleys, while others relied on water conservation practices. Mexican, European and American settlers who, at first trickled, then streamed in to Arizona's valleys also constructed irrigation systems and waterworks. The twentieth century brought a flood of people who eventually taxed the region beyond its ability to supply itself with water.

With an annual rainfall of approximately ten inches a year, Arizona's increasing population uses far more water than is available within the confines of the state. Nearly sixty percent of water used in Arizona comes from a limited groundwater supply, the remainder comes from reservoirs and other water supply projects. Indeed, supplying Arizona with the water it needs for agriculture, industry, and municipal populations is a complicated affair.

Arizona's government has been involved with water issues, in one aspect or another, since territorial days. Early settlers filed water claims with the territorial county recorders. County courts settled disputed claims between individuals when they arose. As Arizona's water needs became greater, they also became more complex. Irrigation companies began constructing canals. Cities grew in the desert, which produced a secondary problem to that of supplying clean water--removing the dirty. Various commissions and government agencies were created to handle the intricate bureaucracy of water. Arizona's legislature enacted laws to regulate water, and Arizona's courts became increasingly busy mitigating water issues--within and outside the state.

Today, water issues, policies, problems, and laws form an elaborate matrix that influences nearly every aspect of Arizona's government, communities, and industry. The Arizona State Department of Libraries, Archives, and Public Records maintains the historical records of many of the organizations and individuals responsible for managing the state's water resources. Most of the water-related collections held by the State Archives are those of government agencies, many of which continue to influence the outcome of water issues in Arizona.

This purpose of this guide is to provide individuals interested in researching water-related topics with an introduction to primary resources available in the State Archives. It should not be considered as an all-inclusive listing of items accessible in the Archives since new records and publications are continually being made available for public use.

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Collections

RG 1

Governor's Office

Material from the Office of the Governor contains the records from many of Arizona's Territorial and State Governors. To make research easier, each governor's records have been organized as an individual sub-group. The records also contain a subject file which spans the tenure of several governors and contains information maintained from one governor to the next. Material relating to water issues is interspersed among the other items and does not comprise the entire record group. Researchers are encouraged to consult the finding aids held in the Archives' reading room.

Subject Files

The Governor's Subject Files are arranged in alphabetical order by topic. Material concerning water issues ranges from the Arizona Territory-era to the most recent records received. Researchers are encouraged to consult the finding aid for this sub-group. Information in the collection pertains to: Groundwater Code, State Water Commissioner, Water and Water Resources (Arizona-California Water Papers, Irrigation, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, Nation Reclamation Association, Nation Rivers and Harbors Congress, Colorado River, Boulder Dam, Glen Canyon Project), Colorado River Water Users Association, Interstate Stream Commission, and many others.

Alexander O. Brodie

Material in this sub-group contains reports on the San Carlos Dam Project and items relating to reclamation projects on the Colorado River.

Richard E. Sloan

Issues concerning water in this sub-group of correspondence include: hiring Indians for road crews on the Roosevelt Dam project and San Carlos River water.

George W. P. Hunt

Material in Hunt's Land and Water files contain items relating to state lands, homesteads, water, the 1923 Holbrook flood, the Rose Swindle, and the 1928 St. Francis Dam disaster. Most of the documents are correspondence with a few newsclippings and reports. Other correspondence pertains to the Gila River, water conservation, the National Reclamation Association, flood control dams at Cave Creek, various water and irrigation companies, and lack of adequate water on Indian reservations.

Thomas E. Campbell

This sub-group of one box and a reel of microfilm contains correspondence from 1917 to 1922. Topics include: Cave Creek Dam, the Colorado River Basin, flood control, irrigation, and the National Reclamation Association.

John C. Phillips

The eighteen folders in this sub-group contain correspondence from 1929 to 1930 and include the topics of agriculture and water.

Benjamin B. Moeur

The four boxes and 2 reels of microfilm in this sub-group include correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, petitions, and speeches dating from 1933 to 1936. Correspondence focuses on livestock and drought conditions, Charleston Dam, the Gila River Project, the Mohawk Water Conservation District, Roosevelt Irrigation District, the Salt River Project, San Carlos Project, and other miscellaneous reclamation projects.

Rawghlie C. Stanford

The 1.5 cubic feet and two reels of microfilm in this sub-group date from 1937 to 1938. The majority of material is correspondence focusing on several topics, including land and water. Land and water files deal with bridges, state and national parks, water and irrigation, the Colorado River, and soil conservation.

Robert T. Jones

There are eight letters in this sub-group pertaining to water issues. All letters date from 1939 to 1940 and concern the Colorado River Basin and Compact, bridges, underground water code, and the Gila River irrigation and drainage projects.

Sidney P. Osborn

This sub-group contains 8.4 feet of material dating from 1941 to 1948. Most of the information concerns Arizona and World War II. The Land and Water files contain correspondence regarding floods in 1941, guarding bridges and dams, water quality, the Salt River Valley Water Users Association, a seaport for Arizona, irrigation problems, the Colorado River Compact, and US-Mexico water treaty.

Dan E. Garvey

This sub-group contains 3.2 feet and 3 reels of microfilm dating from 1939 to 1950. It appears that most of Governor Garvey's files are mixed with those of Governor Osborn. Researchers are encouraged to consult the finding aid for this record group.

John H. Pyle

A portion of the 8 feet of this sub-group (1936-1954) deals with land and water issues.

Paul J. Fannin and Samuel P. Goddard, Jr.

The papers for Governors Fannin and Goddard were never separated and are arranged as they were used in the governor's office. Material dates from 1941 to 1966 and includes correspondence pertaining to the Colorado River, flooding, the Interstate Stream Commission, the Rivers and Harbors Congress, as well as water development and conservation.

John R. Williams

Material in this sub-group totals 147 feet and several volumes and reels of microfilm. The collection contains reports, correspondence, and files dating from 1933 to 1974.

Subjects included in the records include the Central Arizona Project, flood control, Lake Havasu, Rio Salado, Western State Water Council, Interstate Stream Commission, the Salt River Project, and several others topics.

Raul H. Castro

This sub-group contains 63 feet of material dating from 1970 to 1978. Records include correspondence, memos, resolutions, and files. Topics covered in the sub-group range from flood assistance, and the US Water Resources Council to CAP water for Indians, the Salt River Project, Orme Dam, and irrigation.

Harvey W. Bolin

Governor Bolin's papers are included with those of Governor Castro.

Bruce E. Babbitt

This sub-group contains 215 feet of material, 70 reels of microfilm and dates from 1959 to 1986. Material includes correspondence, reports, legislation, minutes, and resolutions. Among this large collection are several topics relating to water issues. These topics include water quality, drought, flood relief, Ak Chin water claims, Western States Water Council, the Central Arizona Project, Orme Dam, Rio Salado, the Bureau of Reclamation, and several other topics.

RG 2

Secretary of State

82 ft, several volumes, and approximately 62 reels of microfilm; 1866-1988

The Arizona Secretary of State is an elected official responsible for certifying all election results, registering all legislative acts, and receiving oaths and bonds for government officials.

The collection contains records of many types and is divided into three sub-groups: Administrative Records, Private Business Records, and State Government Records. Material most useful to researchers of water issues will likely be found in sub-group 1, Record Books and Ledgers (notices of appropriation of water, dam and reservoir sites (1893-1922)) and Correspondence (1948-1977). Sub-group 3 includes some information on irrigation as well as district court papers and Supreme Court cases (1880-1912).

RG 4

Attorney General

46 ft; 1892-1989

Attorney General of Arizona directs the department of law, acts as a legal advisor to official state agencies, and issues opinions regarding the constitutionality of laws.

The collection consists of correspondence, opinions of Attorney General's office, petitions, transcripts, news clippings, and photographs. Organized into three groups

(Attorney General's Office, Tax Division, and Colorado Water Commission), material includes cases involving the Salt River Valley Water Users Association.

Items in the Colorado Water Commission series dates from 1939 to 1967. Material includes: maps of frontwork and levee system, CR files, and items pertaining to the Cibola Valley and Yuma irrigation project. The files contain correspondence, findings, resolutions, litigation material from AZ v. CA, and items pertaining to the CR Boundary Commission.

RG 6

Secretary of the Territory

96 ft and several volumes; 1863-1942

The President of the United States appointed the Secretary of the Territory. Duties of the office included upholding legislative acts, preserve a record of territorial auditors, record all deed and title evidence, and act as Territorial Governor when the Governor was unable to fulfill their duties.

Series headings in this collection consist of: administrative files, correspondence, county records, legislative records, military and Indian affairs, Mexico and other states, institutions, and public officers and offices. Material dealing with water issues is spread throughout the collection. Series likely of most use to researchers are: correspondence and county records. The correspondence series contains notices of appropriation of water and reservoir sites (1893-1910) and other various correspondence. The county record series contains dam site maps (n.d.).

RG 10

Arizona-California Boundary Commission

4 ft; 1943-1965

Commission examined the conditions along the Colorado River forming the boundary between Arizona and California.

The collection contains a minute book and four boxes of documents. Material consists of correspondence, mailing lists, reports, meeting transcripts, and office files. The office files contain aerial photograph requests, correspondence and reports from Perley Lewis, and information from the US Geological Survey. A report titled "Interstate Compact Defining the Boundary between the States of Arizona and California" is also present.

RG 25

Arizona Colorado River Commission

fraction cf; 1927-1936 and 1939-1944

The CR Commission was created in 1927 and negotiated with representatives from Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and federal agencies regarding allocation of Colorado River water.

The volumes contain minutes of meetings with other states pertaining to the Colorado River Compact, Arizona's claim to revenue from the Boulder Dam Project, the Colorado River water treaty with Mexico, and other such topics.

RG 29

Arizona Corporation Commission

52 ft, several volumes and reels of microfilm; 1870-1978

The Corporation Commission was responsible for classifying corporations, inspecting and investigating the business and property of corporations, issuing licenses, and ascertaining fair value of property and public services.

Of the five sub-groups in this record group, the Utilities Division, sub-group 4, will likely be of most use to water researchers. This sub-group contains applications, complaints, and dockets pertaining to Arizona power and water utilities. The sub-group contains an item-level inventory.

RG 33

Records from Other States--State of California

2 reels microfilm and 1 folder; 1931-1946

Material in this collection contains administrative records dealing with Colorado River water allocation from the California Department of Water Resources (1931), reports, and the Mexican Water Treaty from the California Colorado River Board (1945-1946).

RG 48

Groundwater Management Study Commission

1 roll microfilm and 7.25 ft; 1977-1980

The Groundwater Management Study Commission was established in 1977 with the objective of developing a comprehensive groundwater code for Arizona.

Records for this organization consist of a roll of microfilmed minutes (Nov. 16, 1977 to June 6, 1980) and 7.25 feet of paper records. The paper records include transcripts from public information meetings, hearings, correspondence, drafts of legislation, and studies and reports. Meeting minutes were from meeting at several locations across Arizona and date from 1977 to 1980. Correspondence files and logs for Frank C. Brophy, Bob McCain, Kathy Ferris, Greg Shannon, Tom Hagen, and Barbara Goldbert.

RG 50

Department of Health Services

Sub-Group 2 fraction ft and microfilm; 1966-1971

The Arizona Department of Health Services has a number of organizations under its jurisdiction, including the Water Pollution Division and the Water Supply Division. The primary task of this department is to promote quality health care and services within the state.

The records of the Water Pollution Division range from 1966 to 1969 and contain a fraction of a cubic foot of paper records and sixteen rolls of microfilm. The records contain correspondence, water pollution plans, City of Phoenix sewer bond programs, and water drainage design data.

The records of the Water Supply Division range from 1968 to 1971 and contain a fraction of a cubic foot of paper records and forty-two rolls of microfilm. Item in the sub-group include: correspondence, application for expanding water supply systems, water source materials, and engineering specifications for systems.

RG 53

Arizona Department of Transportation

Approximately 42 ft; 1912-1918

The Department of Transportation is the combination of three agencies: Office of the State Engineer, the Arizona Highway Department, and the Arizona Highway Patrol. Among the many duties of the organization were the establishment and construction of state routes.

The collection is divided into two groups: Highway Department and Department of Transportation. The Highway Department sub-group includes the following series pertaining to water issues: Highway Commissioner, and State Engineer's Office. Useful information in the Department of Transportation sub-group is the Public Transportation Division.

Information in the Highway Commissioner's records includes three feet (1969-1974) of office memos, correspondence, and reports on public meetings and proposed projects. Material in the State Engineer's series includes two feet (1918-1972) of files on dam projects, regulation regarding dam construction, pictures, graphs, economic examinations, drainage reports, design and construction reports, flood control maps, and warrant logs. Information on dams includes the Salt River Project, Lake Mary Project, Roosevelt Dam, the San Carlos Project, and several projects in the Pacific Northwest. Files from the Public Transportation Division detail the 1980 Salt River flood with specific information regarding the AMTRAK service between Phoenix and Mesa. Material includes schedules, photographs, sound recordings, and a poster.

RG 59

State Land Department

At least 65 ft, several volumes, and many rolls of microfilm; 1860-1987

The State Land Department administers regulates state lands according to current laws and oversees transactions (sales and leases) of lands owned by the state. The department also manages and develops urban areas.

This record group has been divided into several series, those of most use to those researching water issues are: State Land Commissioner Reports (1912-1978); Water Division (1891-1956); and Groundwater Division (1946-1956). Researchers may want to consult the other series in this collection for random information on water held herein. The finding aid for this record group includes item-level descriptors; examining the finding aid is highly recommended.

The State Land Commissioner's Reports consist of 25 feet of material and includes: hearings, correspondence, township plats, range drainage maps, water course documents, reports, and minutes.

Water Division records include water locations and filings (starting in 1891), notices of appropriation, Colter filings (1923-1956), correspondence, flood control reports, and newspaper clippings. Inclusive date of the series are from 1891 to 1956 and are found in 10 cubic feet, seven volumes, and three rolls of microfilm.

Records from the Groundwater Division, two cubic feet of materials, range from 1946 to 1956 and include irrigation well filings, canceled notices of intentions to drill, and well logs.

RG 74

State Resources Planning Board

3 ft; 1932-1943

The Resources Planning Board, abolished in 1971, was to investigate and prepare formal plans for the development, conservation, control, regulation, and use of Arizona's water resources.

The collection consists of minutes, correspondence, reports, subject files, and George Roy's files. Subjects of material in the collection include: Gauging and discharge of streams; irrigation and power districts in Arizona; land use plan (1934); Sabino Canyon Dam; water in Arizona (1876-1936); water and soil conservation; Colorado River Commission; and Bureau of Reclamation Projects (1941-1942).

RG 75

Arizona Power Authority

1 ft; 1939-1948

Colorado River Commission duties concerning power were transferred to the Arizona Power Authority in 1945. The organization was to gather data on development and use of power generated from Colorado River projects.

The collection consists largely of files with information on possible board members, proposed legislation, court cases, utility rates as well as including correspondence, speeches, legal material, newsclippings, telegrams, complaints, and statistical reports.

The finding aid also makes reference to microfilm reels 17.3.3 through 17.3.5.

RG 88

Rio Salado Development District

29 ft, 117 presentation boards, and 150 oversize maps; 1952-1988

The Rio Salado Development records document the planning and promotion of flood control and community development along the Salt River. Voters defeated the proposed project in 1987.

The collection is organized into four series and includes bylaws, minutes, agendas, legislation, reports, notes, memos, correspondence, newspaper clippings, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, and other audio-visual material.

RG 92

Supreme Court

This collection contains information about several cases dealing with water rights. Many of the cases name canal or irrigation companies as litigants in proceedings dating as early as 1890. This material is located on several reels of microfilm; researchers are encouraged to consult the finding aid for this record group.

The Arizona State Water Master is affiliated with the Arizona Supreme Court and renders decisions on water rights issues in the state. The Supreme Court Records contains several reels of microfilm dealing with two cases heard by the Water Master. Case 1154-B, "The Determination of the Relative Rights of the Use of the Waters of the Gila River....," originated in Greenlee County, was heard by that county's Superior Court, and dates from 1926 to 1936. Case C-23030-B, Southwest Cotton Company, et. al. v. Maricopa Municipal Water Conservation District, et. al. dates from 1926 to 1942 and contains several charts, maps, and blueprints.

RG 95

Arizona v. California Records

48 ft and 2 oversize boxes; 1890-1967

The Arizona v. California Records document the 1952-1963 Supreme Court case between the two states over water allocation rights on the Colorado River.

The collection contains legal exhibits, briefs, memoranda, and reports. A small number of office files, photographs, print material, and water permit applications are also present.

RG 97

State Legislature

83 ft and several volumes, microfilm reels, and VHS cassettes; 1912-1988

This collection contains bills, committee hearings, resolutions, correspondence, and subject files organized into several sub-groups. Sub-group 6, Members, contains information likely to be of most use to water researchers. Comprising approximately eleven cubic feet, material dates from 1931 to 1988. The sub-group has been further divided into a series for each legislator whose records are in the collection. There is also one box containing Water Commission Meeting minutes.

Senator Robert R. Morrow's three boxes of papers date from 1935-1940 and 1950-1966. The papers deal with the Colorado River Boundary Commission.

The one cubic foot of records of Senator Polly Getzwiller date from 1973 to 1979. Material in this series contains correspondence, files, legislation and minutes from: the Groundwater Management Study Commission, Central Arizona Project, State Water Plan Study, groundwater quality, Arizona Water Commission, US Water Resources Council, hydrology problems, and other topics.

RG 99

Department of Library, Archives, and Public Records

Several boxes; 1857-1988

Documents in this collection consist of miscellaneous material relating to the history of Arizona. Some items were transferred from the State Library to the State Archives. The collection contains several letters from prominent figures in Arizona history and politics (James McClintock, Fred Colter, Charles Carson, Carl Hayden, George Hunt, and several others). Subject matter includes: Colorado River conferences, Arizona Colorado River Commission, the Colorado River Compact, Arizona Power Authority, Boulder Dam, Irrigation, and so on. The collection also contains a sub-collection consisting of the papers of Thomas E. Farish, Arizona State Historian. Researchers are advised to consult the finding aid for RG 99.

Arizona Counties, RG 100 - 114

Records for Arizona counties vary in both the time period of inclusive material and the material itself. Each county has been designated as its own record group with general sub-groups for specific county positions and offices. In some cases, sub-groups for a particular county may not exist due to a lack of records. Researchers are encouraged to contact the Archives for further assistance with county records. In most instances, records have been microfilmed.

For all counties, sub-group 8 contains the records of that county's Superior Court if the records are available. This sub-group is further divided into series containing Civil, Criminal, and Probate records. Court cases concerning water rights and litigation are civil cases and can be found in this series of sub-group 8.

Many county records also contain documents from the County Recorder's Office listing millsites as well as canal and other water rights. Other material relating to water issues are noted with each county's records.

RG 100
Apache County

Apache County contains several civil cases dating from 1888 to 1915 contesting water rights.

RG 101
Cochise County

RG 102
Coconino County

RG 103
Gila County

RG 104
Graham County

A quarter foot of material dating from September 1951 to November 1968 dealing with sewer and public water works.

RG 105
Greenlee County

See RG 92, Supreme Court, for material relating to case number 1154-B, The Determination of the Relative Rights of the Use of the Waters of the Gila River.

RG 106
LaPaz County

RG 107
Maricopa County

Material in sub-group 5, County Recorder, contains claims to canals, millsites, and water locations from 1872-1902. The small number of documents are indexed, with some years missing.

Sub-group 5 also contains one microfilm reel of Maricopa County Canal Books dating from 1871 to 1922. The Canal Books list canal claims, claimants, date of claim, and detailed information regarding the specifics of canal/water claims.

The materials in sub-group 8 consist of over 1,000 civil court cases from the Maricopa County Superior Court dealing with water rights. There are eleven reels of microfilm with information dating from 1871 to 1948. Some of the cases have resulted in landmark rulings (Kent Decree, Benson-Allison Decree, etc.) Researchers are encouraged to consult with Archives' staff for help in locating a particular case. Among litigants listed are: Maricopa Canal Company, Salt River Valley Canal Company, Arizona Canal Company, Gila River Irrigation Company, Tempe Water Development Company, and Salt River Valley Water Users Association. Most of the cases have been microfilmed and are listed as "Maricopa County Superior Court Water History Cases in Arizona, Civil Cases."

Sub-group 8 also contains twenty boxes of material from the Maricopa County Water Commissioner. These items date from 1878 to 1987 and include logs, log books, photographs, decree implementation records, fee books and reports.

Items in sub-group 9, Board of Supervisors, Water Records contains a fraction of a foot of material dating from 1920 to 1965. Records include petitions for hearings, maps, official bonds, resolutions, and correspondence. Minutes and correspondence relating to the Leon Irrigation District (1920-1922), the Nadaburg Irrigation District (1923-1959), and Maricopa County South Water Conservation District (1927-1929) are also present. There are also correspondence, reports, and petitions for the Irrigation Water Delivery District (1941-1965).

RG 108
Mohave County

RG 109
Navajo County

RG 110
Pima County

Sub-group 5, County Recorder, contains a water register from the Bisbee-Naco Water Company. Names from A to K are listed in this 1906 register.

RG 111
Pinal County

RG 112
Santa Cruz County

RG 113
Yavapai County

Sub-group 11, County Treasurer, contains annual statements and receipts for the Chino Valley Irrigation District from 1962 to 1969.

RG 114
Yuma County

Material in sub-group 5, County Recorder, contains information pertaining to water rights deeds (1891-1903), water appropriations (1913-1921), and four volumes of water contracts (1917-1944).

RG 118
City of Tucson
1 ft; 1917-1955

Items in this collection include warrants for health, sewer, and drainage (1917 and 1919) and correspondence, receipts and information regarding the construction of Northside Swimming Pool at Himmel Park.

RG 127
City of Prescott
1 reel microfilm; 1873-1895

This collection contains three reels of microfilm. Among information in the City Council series are minutes from meetings and resolutions dealing with town improvements and rates for the Prescott City Water Works.

RG 141
Arizona Interstate Stream Commission
97 ft; 1899-1975

The Arizona Interstate Stream Commission Records contain information about the Commission and its role concerning water issues in Arizona. The collection contains files, legal information, legislation, reports, and correspondence with the bulk of material originating in the 1950s and 1960s. Most of the legal information pertains to the Arizona v. California Supreme Court case and is in the form of briefs, memoranda, trial notes, court transcripts, and exhibits. Of particular interest are the files of Charles Carson, special counsel for Arizona's Colorado River Commission and later lead counsel for the AISC.

RG 142
Arizona Department of Water Resources
77 ft; 1947-1988

The Department of Water Resources Records document the activities of the Department and issues concerning water management in Arizona during the 1970s and early 1980s. Approximately three-fourths of the collection consists of paper records, mostly correspondence and office files (Office of the Director, department office files, legislation, engineering files, and flood control information). The remainder of materials

include: a small number of photographs, technical drawings and blueprints, maps, large aerial photographs, bound reports, and computer analyses.

Manuscript Collections

MG 1

George Hebard Maxwell

9 ft; 1897-1955

This manuscript group includes letters, papers, press releases, galley proofs, and newspaper articles by or about George Maxwell. Topics covered by material in the collection include: the National Reclamation Association, water supply from the Colorado River, Arizona-American High Line Project, the Colorado River Compact, Boulder Canyon Project, Bridge Canyon Dam, Homecrofters, flood control, and others. The collection also consists of correspondence with many national personalities.

MG 8

Bisbee-Naco Water Company

1 book; 1906

Ledger book from water company.

MG 9

Clara Osborn Botzum Papers

7 notebooks; 1931-1979

Arizona business woman and legislator. Co-owner of Rio Vista and Rico mines, served in Arizona legislature from 1942 to 1950 and 1958 to 1962. Member of Agriculture and Irrigation; Highway and Bridges; and Natural Resources committees.

The majority of this collection is comprised of correspondence although there are some newspaper clippings and photographs present. Information concerns the Parker-Gila Project, suspension bridge at Parker Dam site, highway bridge at Parker, Parker dam road, CCC, as well as correspondence regarding appointment to Colorado River Boundary Commission.

MG 25

George W. P. Hunt Collection

20 ft; 1859-1934

Early Arizona legislator and later Governor. Also served as US Minister to Siam.

The collection contains correspondence, speeches, addresses, and newsclippings. Most of the material deals with Hunt's political views and other such issues. However, there is limited information concerning the Colorado River (statements, speeches, and articles dating from 1926 to 1930).

MG 36

Mulford Winsor Papers

11 boxes; 1874-1976

Arizona newspaper man then politician. Served as Arizona Historian, Executive Secretary to Gov. Hunt, Chair of State Land Commission, state Senator, member and Secretary of the Colorado River Commission, Director of State Library and Archives.

The collection consists of files, correspondence, notebooks, and legislative material. Few items deal with water-related issues. Those that do include: Colorado River notes and papers (1922 and 1926) and a book containing clippings, publications and other papers dealing with the water commission (1925-1928).

MG 41

J. Irvin Burk Collection

5 folders; 1920-1940

Burk was an Arizona legislator and member of the Colorado River Commission.

The collection consists of correspondence, reports, photographs, post cards, and other articles. Material documents Burk's career and opinions on the Colorado River controversy. The finding aid describes material at the item level.

MG 53

Central Arizona Project Reports

1 box; 1950-1962

This manuscript group contains two folders of information. Material relates to the Central Arizona Project and Central Arizona Project Association.

Other Material

Vertical Files

The Archives' Vertical Files contain clippings and other information regarding numerous topics in Arizona history. The files are arranged in alphabetical order by subject. Researchers are encouraged to speak with the Archives' staff regarding the Vertical Files.

Colorado River Steamer Log

This logbook gives an account of a steamer captain's activities on the Colorado River from 1878 to 1880. Information consists of voyage notes, the number of passengers on

the vessel, and information relating to the steamers cargo. The steamers traveled the Colorado River along the Arizona-California border. Vessels mentioned in the log include the *Cocopah*, *Colorado*, *Gila*, and *Mojave*.

Photograph Collection

The Archives has extensive photograph holdings. Many of the 73,000 images in the photograph collection are indexed on a database, with several including a digital image of the photo. Within the collection are various sub-collections. These smaller groupings include photos from the Arizona Highway Department (mostly bridges); 1923 Colorado River Survey (mile-by-mile photos from Lee's Ferry to Pearce Ferry); Arizona State Land Commission photos (1912); Emergency Relief Administration (1935); Arizona Tourism; and Roosevelt Dam photographs. Other keywords researchers may want to consider when searching the database are: canals, irrigation, rivers, dams, floods, Schoenfeld, and the specific name of a river, canal, or dam.

Material in the Arizona Collection of the State Archives and State Library

The Archives' Arizona Collection holds monographs, reports, and other publications pertaining to Arizona's history. Some items are original documents or publications of a limited number. Location information for most items in the Collection is available using SIRSI, the State Library and Archives' on-line catalog. In a few cases, items may not have been entered into the on-line system. A card catalog is also available in the State Library. For more information regarding publications in the Arizona Collection, researchers are encouraged to contact the Archives. Researchers may also find additional material in the State's Law Library and the Federal Documents Repository of the State Library. The State Library also holds annual reports from state organizations involved with water issues, such as the Arizona Interstate Stream Commission and the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Researchers should consult with a librarian for help in finding these reports.

Publications held by the Arizona Collection are too numerous to include in this guide. The following list provides a general impression of the types of items in the Collection. Non-specific call numbers are provided below as a foundation for further searches.

(Ariz 333.91) This material focuses primarily on the political and administrative side of water development in the West. Documents include minutes and proceedings of commissions, correspondence, and treaties.

(Ariz q333.91 C711) Minutes and hearing proceedings of the Federal Colorado River Commission.

(Ariz q333.91 C712) Minutes from meetings of the Colorado River Basin States Committee.

(Ariz q333.91 C714) Minutes from meetings of the Committee of 14.

(Ariz q333.91 C715) Material pertaining to the Mexican Water Treaty.

(Ariz q333.91 C7198) *Chronology of Arizona-California Water Rights Controversy* is a three-ring binder containing a typewritten, detailed account of the Arizona-California controversy. Some entries contain call numbers of publications referred to in the text. The volume also contains a four-page list of "Colorado River Material in US Congressional Serial Set...through 1951."

(Ariz q333.91 C72) Fred Colter's publication *The Reclaimer*, filings on the Colorado River, and other material.

(Ariz q333.91 H63) Fred Colter's publication *Highline*, and speeches by Dwight Heard.

(Ariz 625) Highway Department studies and reports concerning drainage, bridges, and traffic.

(Ariz 627) Colorado River information (pamphlets, typed or mimeographed reports); irrigation; All-American Canal; flood investigations; flood control on Arizona rivers; flood damage reports; channelization; Rio Salado; Colorado River storage projects; reclamation studies; power and water utilities; Colorado River problems in Bureau of Reclamation reports.

(Ariz 627.5) Reports on several Arizona projects: Colorado River storage projects; Hassayampa; Snowflake; and Verde River.

(Ariz 627.8) Dams: Hoover/Boulder; Alamo; Roosevelt; New Waddell; Mormon Flat; Lyman; and Glen Canyon (including studies on Native American archaeological sites); water supply and conservation districts.

(Ariz q627.8 B76i) *The Story of Hoover Dam*, published by Ingersoll-Rand Company is a bound group of booklets describing the construction of the dam and includes numerous photographs and drawings.

(Ariz 628) Water and Wastewater: aqueducts, water supply systems; canals; water quality.

Material in Vault

Colorado River Scrapbooks

The Archives has access to eight scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings and other information pertaining to projects and controversy over the Colorado River during the

late 1910s and early 1920s. Some of the volumes are marked "Colorado River Commission of Arizona."

(333.91 M16n) *Notebook on Colorado River Problems (McCluskey)*

This small binder contains typewritten copies of notes, legal decisions, and the Colorado River Compact maintained by Mr. McCluskey.

(627.8 L98c) *Report on Lyman Dam*

(979.09 S66) *Report of J. W. Powell*

(979.09 U58r) *Report Upon the Colorado River and the West*