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.
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
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
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
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
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
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
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)