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Collection Summary

Title: Frederick Haynes Newell Papers

Span Dates: 1885-1931

ID No.: MSS34637

Creator: Newell, Frederick Haynes, 1862-1932

Extent: 6,500 items ; 23 containers ; 9.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Consulting engineer and public official. Correspondence, diaries, articles, subject files, and clippings relating mainly to Newell's service in the U.S. Reclamation Service and on the U.S. Public Lands Commission and the National Advisory Board for Fuels and Structural Materials.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Chase, Frank D., -1937--Correspondence.
Finney, Edward C. (Edward Clingan), 1869-1956--Correspondence.
Frank, Glenn, 1887-1940--Correspondence.
Garfield, James Rudolph, 1865-1950--Correspondence.
Graves, Henry Solon, 1871-1951--Correspondence.
Hagedorn, Hermann, 1882-1964--Correspondence.
Howell, Robert Beecher, 1864-1933--Correspondence.
Husband, William Walter, 1871-1942--Correspondence.
Keppel, Frederick P. (Frederick Paul), 1875-1943--Correspondence.
Moses, George H. (George Higgins), 1869-1944--Correspondence.
Newell family.
Newell, Frederick Haynes, 1862-1932.
Newell, Roger S. (Roger Sherman), 1898-
Norris, George W. (George William), 1861-1944--Correspondence.
Penney, J. C. (James Cash), 1875-1971--Correspondence.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.
Seymour, Charles, 1885-1963--Correspondence.
Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.
Tarbell, Ida M. (Ida Minerva), 1857-1944--Correspondence.
Wilson, Riley Joseph, 1871-1947--Correspondence.

Organizations

National Advisory Board for Fuels and Structural Materials (U.S.)
United States Reclamation Service.
United States. Public Lands Commission (1903-1905)

Subjects

Fuel.
Land use--United States.
Public lands--United States.

Occupations

Engineers.
Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Frederick Haynes Newell, consulting engineer and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, John M. Newell, in 1944.

Processing History

The Newell Papers were processed and described in 1982. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frederick Haynes Newell is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Frederick Haynes Newell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1862, Mar. 5	Born, Bradford, Pa.
1885	Graduated, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1888	Appointed assistant hydraulic engineer, U.S. Geological Survey
1890	Married Effie Josephine Mackintosh
1902	Appointed chief engineer, U.S. Geological Survey; became head of newly created U.S. Reclamation Service in the Department of the Interior
1907	Appointed member of Inland Waterways Commission
1915	Dismissed from U.S. Reclamation Service by Interior Secretary Frederick K. Lane
1932, July 5	Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frederick Haynes Newell (1862-1932) span the years 1885-1931. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, articles, subject files, and clippings relating primarily to Newell's service in the United States Reclamation Service and on the United States Public Lands Commission and the National Advisory Board for Fuels and Structural Materials. Included are personal and family materials and notes of his son, Roger S. Newell. The collection is organized into four series: [Diaries](#), [Letters Sent and Received](#), [Newspaper Clippings](#), and [Publications and Miscellany](#).

Among the principal correspondents are Frank D. Chase, Edward C. Finney, Glenn Frank, James Rudolph Garfield, Henry Solon Graves, Hermann Hagedorn, Robert Beecher Howell, William Walter Husband, Frederick P. Keppel, George H. Moses, George W. Norris, J. C. Penney, Gifford Pinchot, Charles Seymour, Albert Shaw, Ida M. Tarbell, and Riley Joseph Wilson.

An [appendix](#) to the finding aid provides subject terms for the filing system employed by Newell in a subseries of the Letters Sent and Received.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Diaries, 1885-1932](#)
- [Letters Sent and Received, 1905-1932](#)
- [Newspaper Clippings, 1884-1926](#)
- [Publications and Miscellany, circa 1897-1928](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-2	<p><u>Diaries, 1885-1932</u></p> <p>Pocket-size diaries containing personal and business comments along with allusions to the weather and similar observations. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 3-15	<p><u>Letters Sent and Received, 1905-1932</u></p>
BOX 3-4	<p><u>Abeyance, 1928-1931</u></p> <p>Correspondence mainly regarding business matters of the Reclamation Service. A carbon copy of reply is usually attached to incoming letters. Correspondence is missing from some periods in the span. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 5-6	<p><u>Miscellaneous, circa 1905-1917</u></p> <p>Principally letters received. A carbon copy of the reply is usually attached to the incoming letters. Contains a special correspondence file with J. B. Lippincott for the year 1905. Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX 7-15	<p><u>Topical Information, circa 1913-1932</u></p> <p>Correspondence in temporarily bound volumes of a subject nature and other material such as printed matter, newspaper clippings, and personal notes. An index is filed in the first box of this group. The arrangement is by volume numbers. <i>See Appendix for list of subject classifications.</i></p>
BOX 16-22	<p><u>Newspaper Clippings, 1884-1926</u></p> <p>Bound volumes of clippings relating to Newell, the U.S. Reclamation Service, or some other phase of his work. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 23	<p><u>Publications and Miscellany, circa 1897-1928</u></p> <p>Monographs and published articles by Newell. Also two volumes of data on Puerto Rico and the personal notes of his son, Roger S. Newell.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1-2	Diaries, 1885-1932 Pocket-size diaries containing personal and business comments along with allusions to the weather and similar observations. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1885-1888, June
BOX 1	1889-1901
BOX 2	1902-1932, June 28
BOX 3-15	Letters Sent and Received, 1905-1932
BOX 3-4	Abeyance, 1928-1931 Correspondence mainly regarding business matters of the Reclamation Service. A carbon copy of reply is usually attached to incoming letters. Correspondence is missing from some periods in the span. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 3	1928, Mar.-June
BOX 3	1928, July-Dec.
BOX 3	1929, Jan.-Apr.
BOX 4	1930, Jan.-May
BOX 4	1930, July-Dec.
BOX 4	1931, Jan.-June
BOX 5-6	Miscellaneous, circa 1905-1917 Principally letters received. A carbon copy of the reply is usually attached to the incoming letters. Contains a special correspondence file with J. B. Lippincott for the year 1905. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 5	Correspondence
BOX 5	Clippings
BOX 5	Printed matter
BOX 6	“Progress of Reclamation,” by Newell for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 1911
BOX 6	Reports and writings by Newell, 1912
BOX 6	J. B. Lippincott, correspondence, 1905
BOX 7-15	Topical Information, circa 1913-1932 Correspondence in temporarily bound volumes of a subject nature and other material such as printed matter, newspaper clippings, and personal notes. An index is filed in the first box of this group. The arrangement is by volume numbers. <i>See Appendix for list of subject classifications.</i>
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Letters Sent and Received, 1905-1932

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BOX 15	98B
BOX 16-22	Newspaper Clippings, 1884-1926
	Bound volumes of clippings relating to Newell, the U.S. Reclamation Service, or some other phase of his work.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 16	1884-1899
BOX 16	1900-1901
BOX 16	1902
BOX 17	1903-1904
BOX 17	1905
BOX 17	1906-1908
BOX 18	1909, Aug.-Sept.
BOX 18	1909, Oct.-Dec.
BOX 19	1910
	(3 vols.)
BOX 20	1911
BOX 20	1912

Newspaper Clippings, 1884-1926

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 20	1913
BOX 21	1913 (2 vols.)
BOX 21	1914
BOX 22	1915-1917
BOX 22	1918-1926
BOX 23	Publications and Miscellany, circa 1897-1928 Monographs and published articles by Newell. Also two volumes of data on Puerto Rico and the personal notes of his son, Roger S. Newell.
BOX 23	Monographs mostly on civil engineering topics
BOX 23	Photograph
BOX 23	“Lecture on Oil and Gas Wells of Panama with Lantern Slides” (Slides not in collection)
BOX 23	Personal notes of Roger S. Newell (son)
BOX 23	Puerto Rico (2 vols.)

Appendix: File Numbers and Subject Classification

File Numbers	Subject Classification
3B	Addresses
21A	Research Service
42A	A National Water Law
42B	A National Water Law
42C	A National Water Law
48	Drought
49A	Soybeans
49B	Soybeans
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49G	Soybeans
60B	Yale Lectures
64	Business Letters
65	Mexico
66	Conservation
66A	Conservation
67	Research
69	Advertising--New Business
70A	Colorado River and Boulder Dam
70B	Colorado River and Boulder Dam
72A	Virginia Water Resources
72B	Virginia Water Resources
72C	Virginia Water Resources
72D	Virginia Water Resources
74	Virginia Water Resources
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76	Public Ownership
77	Public Utilities
78	Public Utilities--Municipal Ownership
81A	Hoover Campaign
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98A	Employment
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