

**July 2015 Project Progress Report**  
**Digitization of Water Resources Archive Materials**  
**Funded by the Colorado Water Conservation Board**  
**July 22, 2015**  
**Colorado State University Water Resources Archive**

The Colorado Water Conservation Board granted the Colorado State University Water Resources Archive \$99,000 over two years (2013-2015) to fund digitization of archival materials. The CWCB identified the following subjects as priorities: groundwater, irrigation, river compacts, and significant litigation in any of these areas; subjects of secondary priority were climate variability, natural disasters, water quality, endangered species, and water leaders. The Archive agreed to send progress reports at 6-month intervals.

During the project's first year (2013-2014), the Archive used the first allocation of \$49,500 to make 47,938 pages and photographs from its holdings available online.

**Year 2 progress to date:**

- Selected and digitized **46,316** pages, photographs, and large maps from 6 collections:
    - Papers of Carl F. Nordin
    - Papers of Frank Milenski
    - Papers of Delph E. Carpenter and Family
    - North Poudre Irrigation Company Oral History Collection
    - Records of the Consolidated Home Supply Ditch and Reservoir Company
    - Records of the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company
  - Material selection focused on subject areas such as Colorado rivers and water projects, irrigation, early water leaders, irrigation, and water law and compacts
  - Material types selected include data, indices, administrative records, depositions, notes, correspondence, meeting minutes, oral history transcripts, field books, maps, and photographs
  - Created the appropriate level of metadata for ~75 percent of materials
  - Uploaded ~40 percent of digital objects and metadata into the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository
  - Linked ~35 percent of digital objects to collections' finding aids
  - The Colorado State University Libraries changed digital repository systems in June 2015. Because scanning vendor was approximately two months behind schedule, digital objects were not ready and could not be uploaded before the repository change. New system will be ready for new uploads in approximately 1 month.
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## Future Plans

- Generate metadata for remaining Year 2 objects
- Upload remaining Year 2 digital objects and metadata into the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository
- Link remaining Year 2 digital objects to collections' finding aids
- Promote digitized materials through various newsletters and other targeted efforts
- Select and begin scanning ~16,500 pages and photographs with \$25,000 funding provided by CWCB for 2015-16
- Continue subject focus as originally outlined; add any other new CWCB interests

As always, the Water Resources Archive welcomes the opportunity to make a presentation to the CWCB about the results their funding has achieved.

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See the materials through the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository:

- <http://digitool.library.colostate.edu/> (home page; click through "CSU Fort Collins" and "CSU Archives and Special Collections" links to get to Water Resources Archive)
- Note that materials are still being added

See the materials through the Water Resources Archive finding aids:

- <http://lib.colostate.edu/archives/water/collections.html>
- Note that finding aids are still being updated

Search for materials from the Water Resources Archive home page:

- <http://lib.colostate.edu/archives/water/>
- Choose "Online documents and images"