

2019-20 Project Final Report
Digitization of Water Resources Archive Materials
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Colorado State University Water Resources Archive

Upon receiving a CWCB grant of \$25,000 to be spent by June 30, 2020, the Water Resources Archive digitized a selection of its historical materials. Of highest priority were documents related to groundwater research and administration in Colorado, irrigation, river compacts, and significant litigation in any of these areas.

Goals as stated in the Scope of Work (August 28, 2019):

- Digitize at least 24,000 pages and ~3 photo albums and scrapbooks from collections in the Water Resources Archive
 - Assign metadata to the materials at the item/folder level as appropriate
 - Make the digital objects and metadata available through the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository
 - Link to the digital objects from the collections' finding aids
- Publicity of availability in various venues
- Final report at project completion

Achievements:

- To date, the Archive has used most of the \$25,000 to digitize **21,295 total** pages/items:
 - 20,999 total pages of paper
 - 3 photo albums and scrapbooks (296 images)
- Selected and digitized materials from **4** collections:
 - North Poudre Irrigation Company Records
 - Arkansas Valley Sugar Beet and Irrigated Land Company Records
 - National Water Resources Association Papers
 - Groundwater Data Collection
- Material types selected include correspondence, annual reports, engineering documents, reports, financial information, data, and conference proceedings
- Created the appropriate level of metadata for all materials
- Uploaded digital objects and metadata into the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository
- Linked digital objects to collections' finding aids
- Promoted digitized materials through various targeted efforts

Note: In mid-March 2020, much of the country was shut down due to the global coronavirus pandemic. CSU Libraries staff have been working remotely since then, able to continue digital projects, with the exception of scanning documents on-site. This prevented us from achieving the target scanning numbers. Additionally, our scanning vendor could not resume work until late summer 2020, so we were delayed in receiving their output. With such unexpected obstacles, we could not complete the project or spend out the budget by the June 30 deadline. Please reference our Interim Report of 2 July 2020.

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

See the materials through the CSU Libraries' Digital Repository:

- <https://mountainscholar.org/handle/10217/100122> (link goes directly to Water Resources Archive section – search or browse there)

See the materials through the Water Resources Archive finding aids:

- <https://lib.colostate.edu/find/archives-special-collections/collections/water-resources-archive/> (home page; click on “Finding Aids” in menu at right, look for collections named above)