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Empire State Forest Products Association.
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Summary: Minutes and reports of annual meetings and committees, financial reports, membership lists, circular letters, surveys, pamphlets, articles, scrapbook and photographs. Also, material concerning forest fires, pest damage and control, and legislation affecting the forest industry, the "Keep New York Green" Committee and use of wood as fuel during World War I.


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Minutes and reports of annual meetings and committee meetings, circular letters, articles, financial reports, papers relating to the part the Association played in the war effort, membership lists, surveys, inventory of land reports, tax levy lists, sales of land papers, material on conservation, insect control, and Veterans' Vocational Training projects, policy matters relating to Congressional and state legislature bills, pamphlets, and general correspondence. Lyman A. Beeman, C. O. Brown, A. W. Budd, William D. Comings, Harry R. Curnow, Clarence Fisher, G. M. Francis, Augustus Low, Thomas F. Luther, Charles Norris, George Ostrander, A. B. Recknagel, George Sisson, Thomas H. Stirling.

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1. Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes, State of New York, Comptroller's Office, Albany, May 3, 1881. (Name written in cover of book: George N. Ostrander)

2. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1840, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, at the Sale to be held at the Capitol Commencing November 20, 1848. Name in book, George N. Ostrander, Attorney and Counselor at Law.


6. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes in May 1839 for Arrears in the years 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835. (in manuscript box - add.)

7. List of Lands sold for Arrears of Taxes Prior to the Sale of 1848, at the Sales of 1834, 1839, 1843. (in manuscript box - add.)

8. Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1852 - 1855 and 1840 - 1844

9. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1856 - 1860 also of certain lands for the years 1852 - 1855.

10. Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1866 - 1870 and also certain lands for the years 1840 - 1865.

11. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for years 1899 - 1903 and also certain lands for some of the years 1870 - 1898.

12. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1909 - 1913 and also for certain lands for the years 1902 to 1908.

13. List of Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1919 - 1923 and certain lands for the years 1909 - 1918.

14. Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1888 - 1892 and for certain lands for the years 1831 - 1887 (in manuscript box - add.)


16. List of State Lands outside the Forest Preserve, 1907.


18. Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes for the years 1883 - 1887 and for certain lands for the years 1831 - 1882.


20. Manila folder with clippings about Professor A.B. Recknagel. "Prof A.B. Recknagel Continues Account of Forestry Progress".


   a) clipping from Cornell Daily Sun - re: Prof. A.B. Recknagel's sabbatic in Calif.
   b) statement by S.O. Heiberg to Special Comm on Forestry of the N.Y. Legislative Comm. on Interstate Cooperation, Feb., 1945
   c) correspondence pertaining to Prof. Recknagel's resignation as sec'y of E.S.F.P.A and Directors meeting. 1943-1948
   d) Forestry in Wartime - in Report of the Chief of the Forest Service, 1942
   e) Timber Men Announce A War Policy by Prof. A.B. Recknagel
   f) correspondence between Dr. Hardy L. Shirley and Mr. Julius Kahn, 1946
   g) correspondence between Julius Kahn and David B. Cook and Stephan G. Thompson. also newspaper clipping, New State Forestry Law Criticized as Failing to Protect Woods. 1946
   h) The Hook Bill - regulatory control - April 30, 1946
   i) Hammond - Demo Forest Practice Bill - 1946
Summer meeting - New York Section of S.A.F., September 4 - 5, 1947. Program and notes.


m) Some Viewpoints of the Timberland Owner by A.B. Recknagel, Nov. 9, 1939

n) Folder of E.S.F.P.A. correspondence. Includes:
   Bulletin 55, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62 - 1937 - 1943
   Paper by W.G. Howard at Nov. 30, 1942 meeting

These additional papers (see Report of the Curator and Archivist, 1950-1954), which are concerned primarily with the annual fall meetings and January directors' meetings of the Association (1953-1957), consist of minutes, attendance lists, programs, reports of Secretary Nelson C. Brown and Treasurer A.M. Ross, reports made by Stanley W. Hamilton of the "Keep New York Green" committee, Gerard A. Pesez of the New York Tree Farm Committee, A. Augustus Low of the committee on legislation, and John R. Curry and Robert Whyland of the forest taxation committee; mimeographed copies of papers read by Sharon J. Mauhs, C. J. Yops, S. J. Hyde, E. W. Littlefield, and other representatives from the N.Y.S. Conservation Department on forest fire and forest pest damage and control, the operation of the Forest Practice Act, salvage projects, and other subjects; speeches made by N.Y.S. Senator Wheeler Milmore on the activities of the Joint Legislative Committee on Natural Resources with Special Reference to the Forest Preserve, by Arthur S. Hopkins on the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Commission, by Harold D. Ellis on the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., by Maurice K. Goddard of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters on forest management in his state, and by Allan W. Bratton, consulting forester. In addition to correspondence relating to annual meetings, the papers include letters concerning the work of the "Keep New York Green" committee, the publication of a brochure on forestry in New York State with drafts and proofs, and other matters of interest to the forest industries. Printed items include copies of the Association bulletins (1919-1927), pamphlets commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Association (1956), reprints of articles on forestry and various aspects of conservation, and copies of the N.R.A. codes for the lumber and timber industries. Also, A.B. Recknagel's scrapbook of newspaper clippings (1917-1918) on war time interest in the use of wood as fuel, his career during the same period, and other subjects. Seven framed photographs, some unidentified, [of members of the association??]. Correspondents include Lyman A. Beeman, Nelson C. Brown, Clarence L. Fisher, Lawrence J. Kugelman, A. Augustus Low, A. B. Recknagel, and W. Clyde Sykes.

Main entry:


Cross references to main entry:

Cards on all proper names listed above Pennsylvania (forestry)
World War I (fuel conservation)
Forestry (New York State)
EMPIRE STATE FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION

Additional Contributions by A. B. Recknagel

To the Collection of Regional History

(Nov. 11, 1955)

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Additional Empire State Forest Products Association Papers:

Box B One manila folder, marked "Supplementary Folder I" by ABR, containing the following: 1953—54


5. Program, minutes, attendance list, of Jan. 1954 Directors' meeting; covering letters; mimeo. copies of following speeches and reports given on this occasion:

   a) Report on forest fire control. S. J. Hyde, Supt., Forest Fire Control. 4 pp. 2 copies.
   d) Report on forest pests. C. J. Yops, Supt., Bureau Forest Pest Control. 2 pp. mimeo. 2 copies.
   f) Talk by Allen W. Bratton, Consulting Forester. 4 pp. mimeo.

Box B One manila folder, marked "Supplementary Folder II" by ABR, containing the following:


2. Program for Jan. 1953 meeting with mimeo. copies of following papers presented:

   c) Report on forest pests. C. J. Yops. 3 pp.
   d) Report on forest fire control. S. J. Hyde. 4 pp.

    (Cont'd.)
(3) One handwritten [ABR's?] page of notes for discussion at ESFPA meeting, 4/7/54


(6) Correspondence, June-August 1954, concerning the death of George Sisson, the death of Starrett Huff, and the October 1954 meeting of the State Forestry Executives in Milwaukee, at which ABR rep. the ESFPA.


(8) Copy of program for meeting to be held in Syracuse, Oct. 7, 1954.

2 4" boxes of framed photographs == 8 items, including:

Tombstone inscription of Clifford Robert Pettis, 1877-1927, "The Father of Reforestation in New York State."

Gustave Lorey

Ira [Asa?] E. Norris

F. L. Moore

George W. Sisson, Jr.

3 unidentified men

Photos deframed + placed in Box 8.
Additional Empire State Forest Products Association Papers, rec'd January 1958:


Material sent to members following annual fall meeting, Syracuse, October 7, 1954, including:
- Attendance report of 1954 meeting. 1 p.
- Minutes of meeting. 2 pp.
- Summary of brochure distribution for 1954. 1 p.
- Covering memo, Oct. 22nd. 1 pp.

Material sent to members following annual meeting, October 13, 1955:
- Minutes. 2 pp.
- Secretary's report. 1 p.
- Treasurer's report. 1 p.
- Covering memo, Oct. 27th. 1 p.

* Material sent to members following directors' meeting and Golden Anniversary dinner, Albany, January 18, 1956, including:
- Attendance report. 1 p.
- Covering memo, Feb. 1st. 1 p.

Material sent to members following annual meeting, Albany, October 4, 1956:
- Attendance report. 1 p.
- Minutes. 1 p.
- Covering memo, October 16, 1956. 1 p.

Material sent to members following directors' meeting, January 16th, Albany:
- Minutes of directors meeting. 1 p.
- Address by Commissioner Sharon J. Mauhs, NYS Conservation Dept. 2 pp.
- Report of Robert Whyland, Chairman, Committee on Taxation, Jan. 10th. 1 p.

* See other 1956 (Jan.) items, p.2. (Cont, p. 2)


Report of Progress under the Forest Practice Act, by E. W. Littlefield, Assistant Director, Lands and Forests, NYS Conservation Dept. 3 pp. mimeo.


Covering memo, Jan. 25th.

Material sent to members following annual meeting, October 17, 1957, Syracuse:

"Fifty Years of Industrial Forestry: The Empire State Forest Products Association" by Nelson Cl Brown and A. B. Becknagel, to be presented before the Annual Convention of the Society of American Foresters at Syracuse - November 12, 1957. 6 pp.

Attendance report. 1 p.

Treasurer's report. 1 p.

Copy of letter to all members from the Legislative Committee, A. Augustus Low, Chairman, calling attention to the four "Mimeo" bills intro, into 1957 Session of the Legislature, urging opposition to these measures, the object of which is to make valid title of State owned Forest Preserve lands where now the State holds invalid title; believes bills will again be introduced in next Session and would like to recommend that Association President be empowered to employ Counsel for 1958 Session to follow all bills introduced affecting them and to oppose those that may be adverse to them. 1 p.

Enclosed with above letter are findings of fact and conclusions of law in pertinent cases, NYS Supreme Court, June 25, 1940, July 1, 1942, August 5, 1949, 2 pp.


Minutes of business meeting. 2 pp.

speeches and

Mimeo/reports, rec'd loose, but presumably to be filed with Jan. 1956 items; all given at Jan. 18, 1956 Albany meeting:


NOTE: all above are off-set print unless otherwise noted.

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Also, copy of THE NORTHEASTERN LOGGER, December 1957; March 1960 issue. add'l. to add. 11-9-60, p. 8.

5/16/58

pamphlet, "Fifty Years of Industrial Forestry: The Empire State Forest Products Association"
EMPIRE STATE FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION. Papers, 1957-1961; 2 in.
These additional papers [see 1950-1954, 1954-1958 Reports] consist of correspondence of officers and members; minutes of directors' meetings; attendance lists for annual January banquet; treasurer's reports and record of dues and assessments; reports on forest fire and pest control and other topics relating to forestry; policy statements of the E.S.F.P.A. taxation committee; reports of the New York State Tree Farm Committee, the "Keep New York Green" organization, and the Bureaus of Forest Management, Tree Nurseries, and Forest Pest Control of the N.Y.S. Conservation Department; E.S.F.P.A. committee reports on taxation, forest management, wild life, and recreation; minutes of the annual fall business meeting; miscellaneous pamphlets and reprints. Among the correspondents concerned are Lyman A. Beeman, Nelson C. Brown, Maurice K. Goddard, Stanley W. Hamilton, Howard A. Hanlon, George P. Kingsley, Arthur B. Recknagel, Hardy L. Shirley, Fred C. Simmons. (1280)

These additional papers [see 1950-1954, 1954-1958 Reports] consist of Circular letters to members of the Empire State Forest Products Association; minutes of the directors' meetings, 1958-1961; attendance lists, annual January banquet, 1958-1961; treasurer's reports and lists of dues and assessments, 1958-1961; reports on forest fire and pest control and other topics relating to forestry; tax policy statements of the E.S.F.P.A. taxation committee, reports of the New York State Tree Farm Committee; progress reports by the "Keep New York Green" organization; reports of Bureaus of Forest Management, Tree Nurseries, and Forest Pest Control, N.Y.S. Conservation Department; E.S.F.P.A. committee reports on taxation, forest management, wildlife, and recreation; minutes of the annual fall business meeting, 1958-1961. The papers also contain the following pamphlets: From the Forests They Felled - Cities They Grew, address by H. A. Hanlon, January 15, 1958; Recent Developments and Relationships of the State Forest Preserve, by Joseph S. Illick; reprint from Proceedings, Society of American Foresters, "Fifty Years of Industrial Forestry: The Empire State Forest Products Association," by Nelson Brown and A. B. Recknagel, 1957; Constitution of the E.S.F.P.A. The papers also include incoming and outgoing correspondence (originals, carbons, photostats) and mimeographed letters pertaining to the affairs of the E.S.F.P.A. The principal correspondents concerned are Lyman Beeman, Nelson C. Brown, Maurice Goddard, Stanley W. Hamilton, Howard A. Hanlon, George P. Kingsley, A. B. Recknagel, Hardy L. Shirley, Fred C. Simmons. Detailed checklist attached.

Cross references:

Beeman, Lyman
Brown, Nelson C.
Goddard, Maurice
Hamilton, Stanley W.
Hanlon, Howard A.
Illick, Joseph S.
Kingsley, George P.
Shirley, Hardy L.
Simmons, Fred C.
N.Y.S. Conservation Department
Forestry (New York State)

To 34 box in stacks. Transferred to 4th box # ☐ during 8/62 move.

EMPIRE STATE FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION.

Additional Contributions by A. B. Recknagel to the Collection of Regional History

( Feb. 12, 1962. )

The following contributions are in addition to those previously made as listed in the Report of the Archivist 1950-1954, p. 36 and as follows:

Nov. 11, 1955 and Dec. 6, 1957 which brought all matters to date.

Hereewith are attached the five (5) envelopes designated in red pencil A, B, C, D, E, with contents therein:

A) Minutes Meeting Jan. 15, 1958 and seven (7) supplements


E) is record of the Activities and Co-Ordinating Committees and some data on the Forest Management Committee of the ESFPA.

NOTE: This brings up to and thro 1961 all pertinent data on the Association since its inception in 1906 and is undoubtedly the most complete source of information available.

A. E. R.
Checklist of materials received Feb. 1962:  
Add. #1280

Empire State Forest Products Association. Papers, 1957-1961: (2 corr.) BOX 8 181 pcs., 5 pamphlets or programs

FILE A [so designated by donor; transferred from mailing envelopes to jute folders]


6. ESFPA, dues and assessments, 1957.


13. Public Relations and Public Education in Forestry at the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, by Floyd E. Carlson.


FILE A (cont.)


FILE B


FILE B (cont.)

15. Resolution re death of former President and Director, Clarence L.

FILE C

9. ESFPA Taxation Committee Report.
FILE C (cont.)


21. Attendance at ESFPA meeting at Syracuse, October 13, 1960.


24. Report of Taxation Committee, ESFPA.


27. New York State Tree Farm Committee Report.

28. First Interim Report, Wild Life and Recreation Committee.

29. Summary of Remarks by Neil Stout, Executive Director Joint Legislation Committee on Natural Resources.


FILE D

1. Fifty-fifth annual Dinner, ESFPA, January 11, 1961

2. Circular letter to members of ESFPA from Nelson Brown.

3. Directors' Meeting Minutes, undated.

4. Attendance at 1961 Albany dinner, ESFPA.


FILE D (cont.)

8. ESFPA New York State Tree Farm Committee Report
27. Statement of Taxation Situation, Committee on Taxation, ESFPA.
28. Presentation of Ranger School Award Winner, Prof. Plumley.
1. Reprint from Proceedings, Society of American Foresters, "Fifty Years of Industrial Forestry: The Empire State Forest Products Association." 1957

2. Incoming letters, carbon copies of outgoing letters, photostatic copies of letters, and mimeographed circulars concerning the affairs of the ESFPA. Among the principal correspondents are Lyman Beeman, Nelson C. Brown, Maurice Goddard, S.W. Hamilton, Howard A. Hanlon, George Kingsley, A. B. Recknagel, Hardy Shirley, Fred C. Simmons. 1952, 1959-60.