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Abstract: Correspondence, memoranda, field notes and reports and drawings relating to his work as an irrigation engineer in California & the west primarily with the Resettlement Administration.

Languages Represented: English

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**Scope and Content**
Milo Beyer Williams was born September 15, 1882 in Manly, Iowa. Graduating from Iowa State College in 1905, he began post graduate work in agricultural engineering at the University of California in 1906. Williams served in California from 1908 in various capacities for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the State Land Settlement Board of California, the Marysville River Farms, and as a consulting Agricultural Engineer. In 1934-35 he worked for the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley. In 1935 Williams was hired by the Resettlement Administration, Washington D.C. to oversee their projects in the western United States.

The collection primarily concerns Williams' work with the Resettlement Administration and includes correspondence about projects, memoranda, reports, field notes, blueprints, and drawings. A few letters from his family, written to him while on business trips for administration projects, is included in Series 1. A small amount of personal material, mostly about his own agricultural holdings, is found in Series 3.

**Box 1**

**SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1922-1939.**

**Scope and Content Note**
Primarily typed copies of letters written by Williams, 1935-1939, arranged chronologically, and relating mainly to his work with the Resettlement Administration.

Letters written to Williams, 1922-1939, arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. An A-Z miscellany precedes those who wrote three or more letters.

**OUTGOING**

Box 1, folder 1

**Letters written by Williams 1935-1939**

Physical Description: 54

**INCOMING**

Box 1, folder 2

**A-M Miscellaneous 1922-1939**

Physical Description: 12

folder 3

**N-Z Miscellaneous 1922-1939**

Physical Description: 45

folder 4

**United States. Resettlement Administration (by Jonathan Garst, et. al.) 1935-1937**

Physical Description: 49

folder 5

**Williams, Constance [daughter] 1937**

Physical Description: 3

folder 6

**Williams, Helen W. [wife] 1935-1939**

Physical Description: 41
SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1922-1939.

INCOMING

folder 7  Williams, Milo Woodbridge [son] 1937-1939
   Physical Description: 11

Carton 1, folders 1-45
SERIES 2: SUBJECT FILES, 1921-1938.
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, and drawings, etc., mostly relating to
   Williams' Resettlement Administration projects.

Ctn. 1, folder 1  American Society of Agricultural Engineers n.d.
   folder 2  Arizona Part-time Farms 1936
   folder 3  Arizona Projects 1935-1937
   folder 4  Bancroft Ranch Walnut Creek, California 1927
   folder 5-6  Bosque Farm Project, New Mexico 1935-1936
   folder 7  California Part-time Farms n.d.
   folder 8  California Projects 1931-1936
   folder 9  California State Planning Board Monthly Reports 1938
   folder 10  Carson Irrigation District 1935-1936
   folder 11  Casa Grande Valley Project 1935-1936
   folder 12-14  Delhi State Land Settlement 1921
   folder 15  Dos Palos Drainage District 1937
   folder 16  Drainage Basin Committees members 1937
   folder 17  Eastern Great Basin 1937
   folder 18  El Nido Irrigation District 1933
   folder 19  Flood Control Committees— California 1938
   folder 20  Flood Zoning Studies 1938
   folder 21  Fort Sumner Area 1935-1936
   folder 22  Goodyear Project— Arizona 1935
   folder 23  Great Basin 1937
   folder 24  Hope Irrigation Readjustment Project 1935-1936
   folder 25  Irrigation [1931]
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   folder 28  Lower Colorado Drainage Basin 1937
   folder 29  Lower Colorado River 1936-1938
   folder 30  Middle Rio Grande Conservancy 1935
   folder 31  Mills Land Use Adjustment Project 1936
   folder 32  National Resource Committee 1936-1937
   folder 33  Nevada—general 1937
   folder 34  Nevada State Planning Board 1938
   folder 35  New Mexico Projects 1934-1935
   folder 36  Oregon, Washington, Idaho 1937-1938
   folder 37  Resettlement Administration 1937
   folder 39-39  San Diego County 1935-1937
   folder 40  Santa Margarita Ranch 1936
   folder 41  Southern California Projects 1935
   folder 42  Utah—miscellaneous n.d.
   folder 43  Vail and Santa Margarita Ranches n.d.
   folder 44  Virgin River, Littlefield, Arizona n.d.
   folder 45  Widtsoe Project n.d.

Carton 1, folders 46-52
SERIES 3: PERSONAL, ca. 1912-1941.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes field notes and daily reminders re projects; also miscellaneous financial and other
   personal material, mostly concerning his own agricultural holdings.

Ctn. 1,
   folder 46-47  Field Notes 1932
   folder 48  Daily reminder 1932

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### SERIES 4: BLUEPRINTS AND DRAWINGS, ca. 1920s-1930s.

**Scope and Content Note**

Concerning pipe line construction at the Delhi State Land Settlement and other projects. Includes construction maps, ownership maps, blueprints, reconnaissance maps, preliminary maps, contour maps, hydographs, and pipeline profiles (rolled).

**Box 2**

- Pipeline Profiles (Rolled items)
  - Delhi Colony (1) n.d.
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- Irrigation Map of Reno Valley 1929

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