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Biography

Originally from Minneapolis, MN, Doris Dawdy's first professional aspirations were very different from her present occupation as a researcher of water rights and other historical issues in the American West. In her late-teens, Dawdy played the clarinet, saxophone, and violin in addition to conducting her own orchestra. She attended the MacPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, Minnesota to train as a professional music instructor, but left the school just before graduation to pursue other interests.


Her primary interests, however, are in the fields of politics and political science, with a particular focus on analyzing government agencies and their operations. She attributes these interests to her experiences as an aid to a Minnesota senator and as a lawyer's public stenographer. Through exposure to her husband's work, Dawdy added another dimension to her research interests: water rights in the western United States. Dawdy's extensive research into water quality issues, particularly in California, has given her over thirty-five years of experience and expertise with which she writes her books. Her diligent efforts to follow and report on trends in water management arise out of a concern over water use in the West, especially in California.

Dawdy continues to write about a variety of topics pertaining to the American West. She recently published George Montague Wheeler: The Man and the Myth (Athens: Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 1993), a critical look at Wheeler's explorations in the American West from 1869-1879, and has three more books in various stages of completion. The soonest to be released is an examination of the history of the Army Corps of Engineers, which is being published by the University of Ohio Press. The second book discusses water and land issues on Navaho/Hopi reservations and is currently under review. The third book is a work-in-progress that serves as a follow-up to Congress in Its Wisdom: The Bureau of Reclamation and the Public Interest, Studies in Water Policy and Management, No. 13 (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1989), by further examining the actions of the USBR.

Doris and her husband, prominent research hydrologist and consultant David R. Dawdy, currently reside in the San Francisco Bay Area. Further bibliographical citations for Doris Dawdy are located in the Who's Who in American Art, Who's
Who in the West, World's Who's Who of Women, and Contemporary Authors.

Collection Scope and Contents
The Doris O. Dawdy Papers represent the research files Dawdy used to create her book Congress in Its Wisdom: The Bureau of Reclamation and the Public Interest, Studies in Water Policy and Management, No. 13 (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1989). Congress in Its Wisdom "provides a critical look at the Bureau and its works, arguing for a reform of the agency and a new mandate from a constituency of all citizens and representing all interest groups." (caption from back cover)
The collection is divided into seven series: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), Selenium, Westlands Water District (WWD), Subject Files, Geographical Files, Clippings, and Reports. The bulk of the Dawdy Papers is arranged first by subject matter, and then chronologically. Two additional topics prevalent in the collection but not represented by series are the Kesterson Reservoir and the San Luis Drain.

Additional Information
Material Cataloged Separately
Published and unpublished reports have been transferred to the general collection of the Water Resources Collections and Archives. See call numbers related to the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the San Luis Drain, Kesterson Reservoir, Westlands Water District, and selenium.
Related Collections

Collection Number
Collection number updated December 2018. Legacy collection number was MS 99/2. This change was part of a project in 2018/2019 to update the collection numbers for collections in the Water Resources Collections and Archives.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program
United States. Bureau of Reclamation
Westlands Water District (Calif.)
Agricultural pollution -- California -- San Joaquin Valley
Drainage -- Environmental aspects -- California -- San Joaquin Valley
Kesterson Reservoir (Calif.)
San Luis Drain (Calif.)
Selenium -- Environmental aspects -- California -- San Joaquin Valley

I. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) 1900-1995
Arrangement
Organized according to original arrangement by Dawdy.
Scope and Contents
This series contains files on USBR issues related to water issues in central California, including the Reclamation Reform Act, the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program, the Friant Dam, and the San Luis Drain.

II. Selenium 1865-1994

A. Chronologies 1984-1986
Scope and Contents
Contains chronology fact sheets for the USBR in California, Kesterson Dam, and selenium.
II. Selenium 1865-1994

B. Clippings 1983-1994

C. Authors 1865-1994
    Arrangement
    Arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically where applicable.
    Scope and Contents
    Contains articles and reports by, and notes about, authors addressing any of the key issues in this collection.

III. Westlands Water District (WWD) 1956-1994
    Arrangement
    Organized according to original arrangement by Dawdy.
    Scope and Contents
    This series addresses issues related to the Westlands Water District from the late 1970s to the early 1990s.

IV. Subject Files 1925-1994
    Arrangement
    Arranged alphabetically by subject.
    Scope and Contents
    The subjects in this series cover a variety of topics related to the key issues in this collection, including R.J. Claus litigation and other lawsuits, the Solicitor's Office of the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Public Trust Doctrine, and a variety of water issues.

V. Geographical Files 1885-1991
    Arrangement
    Organized according to original arrangement by Dawdy.
    Scope and Contents
    This series contains files relevant to water issues within each state.

A. California 1936-1991

B. Arizona 1985-1992

C. Nevada 1885-1991

VI. Clippings 1955-1995
    Arrangement
    Arranged chronologically except for the last six folders in the series, which are organized into three subjects: subsidies, California water policy, and U.S. Congress - George Miller.
VII. Reports 1966-1995

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents
Photocopied title pages of the reports Dawdy collected for her research. These reports have been removed from this manuscript collection and have been individually cataloged as part of the Water Resources Collections and Archives main collection.

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