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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Mountain Lake: David Sherman Collection consists of papers collected by David Sherman of the U.S. Forest Service and Appalachian Trail Conference while working to establish a federal wilderness area around Mountain Lake in Giles County, Virginia during the 1980s. Materials include hotel brochures, magazine and guidebook articles, a dissertation about the lake, maps, federal reports about the environmental conditions, and research and correspondence about local land ownership.

Creator

Sherman, David

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Mountain Lake is a 6,000 year old freshwater lake in Giles County, Virginia that is fed by cold underground springs. It was formerly known as Salt Pond, and the area sits atop Salt Pond Mountain along the eastern continental divide. A hotel or resort has operated at the privately owned site since 1857.

Around 1980, David Sherman of the U.S. Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conference became involved in the effort to designate the area around Mountain Lake as a federal wilderness area. Although unable to secure property including Mountain Lake itself, over eight thousand acres of Mountain Lake Wilderness area to the lake's north, including a portion of the Appalachian Trail, are now administered by the Jefferson National Forest.

Scope and Content

The Mountain Lake: David Sherman Collection contains papers collected by David Sherman while he working to establish a federal wilderness area around Mountain Lake in Giles County, Virginia during the 1980s. Old hotel brochures and articles printed in local magazines and guidebooks dating from 1870 to 2002 provide historical background on the area. Maps and photographs provide geographic information about the land. There is also a copy of a doctoral dissertation on the history of Mountain Lake written by Frederick C. Marland, a Virginia Tech graduate. Other material in the collection documents Sherman's effort to preserve the Mountain Lake area. These items include federal studies and reports about the environmental conditions generated by federal agencies, copies of legislation, and research and correspondence about local land ownership.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject.

Some collection material was originally stored in a three-ring binder marked "Mountain Lake, Virginia. Miscellaneous Documentation." The papers in the binder were removed, placed in folders corresponding to their tab-divided groupings and labeled (binder), then the folders were interfiled with other material according to subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

Miscellaneous photographs, postcards, and maps of Mountain Lake region (binder)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Postcards sent to C. J. French in Crewe, VA and Narrows, VA showing Bedford County, Virginia sites, including Peaks of Otter, Flat Top, Apple Orchard Falls and Mountain Lake in Giles County

Unit Date 1907-1912

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Photographs, Mountain Lake area by David Sherman

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Brochures, Mountain Lake Hotel (binder)

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Brochures, Mountain Lake and Giles County, VA

Unit Date 1912-1984, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Photocopies of magazine and guidebook articles about Mountain Lake (binder)

Unit Date 1870-2002

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Publications containing articles about Mountain Lake

Unit Date 1884-1974

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

The Gray Jacket (published monthly by the literary societies of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College)

Unit Date February 1884

Outdoors: Selected Verse and Prose with Illustrations from Photographs Taken at Mountain Lake, Virginia, edited by Edna Turpin

Unit Date 1916

The Iron Worker

Unit Date Spring 1947

Highlights in the Early History of Montgomery County, Virginia by Lula Porterfield Givens

Unit Date 1966

Context: A Bulletin of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Unit Date Spring 1974

Correspondence about Mountain Lake, Frederick C. Marland to Goodridge Wilson, including typed transcript of a 1957 lecture by Dr. Ivey Forman Lewis, A History of Mountain Lake, (binder)

Unit Date 1965-1966

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photocopy of 1967 Dissertation, The History of Mountain Lake, Giles County, Virginia: An Interpretation Based on Paleolimnology, by Frederick C. Marland (binder)

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Report, Evaluation of Mountain Lake Scenic Area and Mountain Lake Biological Station, Giles County, Virginia for Registered Natural Landmark, by Dr. Ian A. Worley (binder)

Unit Date 1974

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Report, Cascades - Mountain Lake Recreation Composite, Blacksburg Ranger District, Jefferson National Forest, Virginia, prepared by Paul A. Timko (binder)

Unit Date 1977

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Report, Mountain Lake Wilderness Study Area: Final Environmental Impact Statement and Study Report, Jefferson National Forest, Virginia and West Virginia

Unit Date ca. 1981

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Photocopies of correspondence and legislation, Mountain Lake Wilderness Study Area and Trails (binder)

Unit Date 1981-1984

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Report, A Proposal: Mountain Lake Wilderness, Jefferson National Forest, Virginia and West Virginia: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Unit Date 1981

Chapter photocopied from Hiking Virginia's National Forests by Karin Wuertz-Schaefer

Unit Date 1977

Deeds and plats from 1938-1977 showing property in the Mountain Lake area

Unit Date compiled ca. 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Maps (oversize) accompanying deeds to property in the Mountain Lake area

Unit Date 1965-1970, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Deeds, Ownership Information and Map (binder)

Unit Date 1972-1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Mary Moody Northen biographical material (binder)

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Letter, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, C. D. Andrus to Mary Northen (binder)

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Deeds and correspondence, Mary Northen property

Unit Date 1980-1985

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Correspondence and newspaper clippings, Mountain Lake land use and ownership (binder)

Unit Date 1980-1988

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)