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**Abstract**

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**source**

Kite, J. Steven

**Creator**

Kite, J. Steven

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0.18 cubic feet 4 folders

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## Biographical / Historical

J. Steven Kite graduated from Madison College in 1976 with a BS in geology. He was an instructor in the school's Department of Geology during the 1979-1980 academic year. Kite joined West Virginia University's Department of Geology and Geography in 1983.

Raus Hanson, whose weather data is included in this collection, taught geography at Madison College from 1928 until 1960.

## Scope and Contents

Data, statistics, and reports related to weather in the Shenandoah Valley. The materials were compiled by Steven Kite with contributions made by Raus Hanson and others. Of particular interest are the monthly and yearly precipitation totals from Madison College compiled by Hanson from 1941-1966. Two reports discuss weather patterns, specifically wind shifts and precipitation, in the Shenandoah Valley. A file of correspondence concern sharing Hanson's weather data with Page County High School.

## Separated Materials

An original copy of Raus McDill Hanson's *A Quarter of a Century of Weather Records on Madison College Campus, Harrisonburg, Virginia, (1942-1966)*. *Harrisonburg, Va: Madison College, 1967* was separated from the collection and cataloged bibliographically.

## Keywords

Weather diaries

Meteorology -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Statistics

Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Climate -- Statistics

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# Provenance

Per correspondence with the donor, Raus Hanson's weather data may have been given to Skip Watts, instructor at Madison College, by Hanson's widow, Ethel Hanson.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Raus Hanson weather data**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/30628

**Unit Date** 1966

**Mixed Materials [1000897443]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Creator** Hanson, Raus McDill, 1889-1982

### **Scope and Contents**

Includes list "Misleading and incorrect ideas accepted by many persons regarding geographical facts" and multiple copies of Madison College campus monthly precipitation records (November 1941-December 1966) recorded by Raus Hanson.

### **"Preliminary Notes on Wind-shift Sequences as a Guide to Single Station Forecasting"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/30631

**Unit Date** 1979-1980

**Mixed Materials [1000897443]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Paper written by Skipp Watts and Andy Colletti.

### **"Discussion on Several Reasons for Precipitation Differences Among Recording Stations in Central-Western Virginia"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/30630

**Unit Date** May 1980

**Mixed Materials [1000897443]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Project completed by Jeff Bosch and Andy Colletti with Steven Kite serving as advisor.

### **Correspondence with Melvin L. Miller**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/30629

**Unit Date** 1980

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**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Correspondence between Steven Kite, Mrs. Ethel Hanson, and Melvin L. Miller, Chairman of the Page County High School Science Department regarding sharing Raus Hanson's weather data and incorporating the data with that already held by PCHS.