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MS 413
Kneipp, Leon Frederick, 1880-1961
Papers, 1900-1965

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, notes, memoranda and printed matter pertaining to Kneipp's career with the U. S. Forest Service, 1900-1947. Includes minutes of Service Committee, 1926-1934 and material relating to a 1935 trip to Germany with forestry officials under the auspices of the Oberlander Trust.

4 Boxes, 1.75 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Leon F. Kneipp between 1958-1960.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was preliminarily processed by Todd Mills in 1979; Riva Dean finalized the processing and completed the finding aid in November 1999.

ARRANGEMENT

5 Series: 1/Personal Papers, 1900-1965. 2/European Trip, 1935. 3/Notes & Notebooks, undated. 4/Service Committee Minutes, 1926-1934. 5/Congressional Material, 1951-1954.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Leon F. Kneipp served in the Forest Service for nearly forty-seven years, beginning in 1900 when the forest service was part of the Department of the Interior. He began his career as a forest ranger assigned to the Prescott Forest Reserve in Arizona. He served in a number of positions and was made assistance chief of the Forest Service and district forester in charge of Forest Service Operations at Ogden Utah. For the twenty-five years before his retirement in 1947, he was assistant chief in charge of land acquisition and planning. He was a pioneer in the movement for preservation of wilderness tracts.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Kneipp collection includes material which will be of interest to those studying the development of the U. S. Forest Service in the early twentieth century. The entire collection is really Forest Service materials as the "personal" papers in the collection are all related to Kneipp's career with the Forest Service. Correspondence included in the collection is all concerning Forest Service matters or general conservation issues. There is a small amount of correspondence with notable conservationists including Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold.

The series on Kneipp's 1935 trip to Germany will of be of interest to those studying the development of the Forest Service to see if Kneipp's interest in the management of Austrian Forests was further developed in his work. The "notes and notebooks" series is one which Kneipp seems to have developed himself and gives his thoughts as well as talks and work on issues such as grazing rights, outdoor recreation and conservation of natural resources.

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1900-1965

Box 1

- f. 1 Forest Service Appointments, 1900-1946
- f. 2 Biographical File, 1912-1950
- f. 3 Forest Service Retirement Scrapbook, 1946
- f. 4 Birthday Greetings, 1946
- f. 5 Forest Service Golden Anniversary, 1955
- f. 6 Correspondence
- f. 7 Correspondence, American Forestry Association
- f. 8 Cosmos Club

Series 2: European Trip, 1935

- f. 9 Diary, 1935
- f. 10 European Travel Correspondence, 1935
- f. 11 European Travel Notes, 1935

Box 2

- f. 12 European Travel Printed Matter, 1935

Series 3: Notes & Notebooks

- f. 13 Notes & Memoranda, undated
- f. 14 Forestry Notes, 1916-1949
- f. 15 "Brain Children that Didn't Make the Printed Page or TV Screen"
- f. 16 "Reports...Western Range and Water in the West"
- f. 17 "Miscellaneous Papers...National Forest Programs and Conservation of Natural Resources"
- f. 18 "Miscellaneous Fulminations Regarding Various Subjects"

Box 3

- f. 19 "Outdoor Recreations - Misc. Material"

Series 4 : Service Committee Minutes, 1926-1934

- f. 20-26 Minutes of Service Committee, 1926-1932

Box 4

- f. 27-28 Minutes of Service Committee, 1933-1934

Series 5 : Congressional Material, 1951-1954

- f. 29 Statements before Congressional Committee, 1951
- f. 30 Reports of Congressional Committee concerning grazing rights