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005 Department of Agriculture
006 State Forestry Department
140 Administrative Files
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220 1917, 1925-1970, 1987
240 10.33 cubic feet
241 7 @ 1.26 boxes; 1 @ 0.91 box; 6 map folders
261 Records detailing the actions and events of the State Forestry Department.
270 The collection contains documents in regards to officials inside and outside the State Forestry Department. There is correspondence between the State Forester, William S. Taber, and the State Forestry commissioners which discuss the events and activities within the Forestry Department. The commissioners in the files are Horace E. Quillen, Harry Jackson, Willard Springer, Jr., U. Lee Harman, G. Layton Grier, and George S. Williams. Forest ranger, Oscar D. Bailey and Assistant State Forester, C.D. Goodrich, correspondence is also included. The majority of other business correspondence found involves the Delaware State Forester, W.S. Taber with various organizations and government officials. Letters between the State Forestry Department and Delaware governors, Elbert N. Carvel, C.O. Buck, and Walter W. Bacon can also be found. Additional officials that contacted the Forestry Department is the Delaware State Archivist, Leon deValinger, and the Secretary of State, Earle D. Willey. There are communications between the Delaware State Forestry Department and the Maryland State Department of Forestry regarding the Interstate tower on the Delaware/Maryland line. In addition, there are other organizations who have corresponded as well: The Office of Defense Transportation, Office of Price Administration, War Production Board, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Public Instruction, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Association of State Foresters, Delaware Conservation Education Association, Delaware State Development Department, the California Fire Emergency Committee, Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, and correspondence regarding the Society of American Foresters and the Allegheny Summer Meeting of 1962.

Other prominent records include budgets and state appropriations, tree planting and plant identification information, forest farming documents, plant requests from organizations, 1934 Delaware Forest Law booklet, annual reports about white pine blister rust control, authorization documents for boundary markers, records of firefighting equipment, forest fire prevention advertisements, forest fire tower logs, inventory reports, cordwood sale reports, and documents from the Vocational Guidance Conference for high school students. Agreements between the State Forestry Department and various organizations are present in the files as well. Flash message forms and logs from the tower patrol for World War II can also be found in the files. There are inactive oath of office records for tower men and forest fire wardens, along with correspondence on revoked appointments of former forest fire wardens. A list of forest wardens is also included, alongside their

designated forest towers. Other inclusions are correspondence and annual reports on Delaware water and air resources, an application for the Solid-Waste Disposal Planning Grant, a 1945 Tree Journal from the Journal of American Arboriculture that is addressed to Governor Walter W. Bacon, a report on Incodel, the Interstate Commission on the Delaware River Basin, State Forestry newsletters, an Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters program from 1929. and a booklet called "The Delaware Land-Use Planning: Findings and Recommendations for Delaware Agriculture to Meet Impacts of War: A Report of the State Land Use Planning Committee."

Maps, sketches, work plans, and newspaper clippings are what remain of the administrative files. Many of the maps, sketches, and work plans are in regards to the Emergency Conservation Work (E.C.W.), which is also known as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) that assisted young men in employment during the 1930s and 1940s. Many of the sketches and maps of the CCC are of the Redden and Ellendale State Forests, including a Stand Map of the Redden State Forest. Other maps in the files are of the Smyrna, Bowers, and Wyoming Quadrangles provided by the Delaware Highway Department and several maps of both Delaware and Maryland provided by the United States Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior. Additional maps and sketches included are the Redden State Forest timber surveys, the Viola Fire Tower construction plans, sketches of the Viola Fire Tower extension and sliding wood sash, and the Interstate Fire Tower construction plans, which were all carried out by the CCC. Some of the CCC projects provided are the Gun Club Units work plans, the Jones Tract work plans, fire prevention projects with R.I. Clendaniel, tree planting, picnic shelters for Redden State Forest, and pavilion and sign building. Some particular CCC projects include the Delaware Colony Projects for the Doe Bridge at Mill Pond in Millsboro, the Dupont Highway right-of-way project, and the conservation of significant species like white oak, loblolly pine, scrub pine, black oak, and swamp hardwoods. The CCC also performed sample plot projects on private lands as well, to promote further forest conservation. Correspondence of the CCC Camp Supervisor, Joseph A. Crist, is also among the CCC documents. The newspaper clippings present in the files are from the *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Atlanta Journal*, *The Reading*, *Pennsylvania Eagle*, and the *Sunday Morning Star*. These clipping pertain to planting information or the former Delaware State Forest, W.S. Taber.

Some additional files are included, but confidential. The files are personnel records such as employee applications, pension documents, and tax records. Other personnel records are War and E Savings bonds, and numerous health insurance documents from Blue Cross Blue Shield such as health plans, brochures, newsletters, advertisements, and records regarding the Federal Disclosure Act on Federal Welfare and Pension Plans from March of 1962.

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330 Arranged in alphabetical order by folder's subject heading.

331 No index.

332 Handwritten; typed; and printed form.

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360 Fair condition; acid damage; vermin damage; rust damage; dirt damage.
370 Contains **confidential folders** such as payroll records, medical records,
tax records, and job applications.
390 Folder list.
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990 November 04, 1987
995 March 18, 1988; March 23; February 7, 1989; February 12, 1996; April
23, 1996; February 7, 1997; July 8, 2004; May 16, 2017; May 24, 2017
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