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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, subject files, reports, meeting minutes, financial records, and other organization files that document Harold Edward Woodsum, Jr.'s terms on the board of directors of the National Audubon Society.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Harold Edward Woodsum, Jr., 1994.

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## Biographical / Historical

Harold Edward Woodsum, Jr. was born on August 13, 1931 in Portland, Maine, the son of Harold Edward Woodsum and Ethel York. He attended Yale University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1958. He was awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree from Yale in 1979. Woodsum later attended Westbrook College and earned a Doctor of Laws degree in 1991. He was co-founder and partner in the law firm of Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton McMahon from 1965 to 1988. In 1988, Woodsum became the Director of Athletics of Yale University and remained in that position until 1994. He was elected into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1992. Woodsum is a past trustee of both Yale University and Westbrook College.

A longtime supporter of environmental issues, Woodsum served in several organizations including the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. His thirteen year career in the National Audubon Society began with his election to the board of directors in 1981. He was elected treasurer in 1985 and served as chairman of the board from 1988 to 1993.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers document Harold Edward Woodsum, Jr.'s terms on the board of directors of the National Audubon Society (NAS). The collection consists of Woodsum's organizational files relating to board business and subject files relating to environmental issues. The files include correspondence to and from other board members, most notably Peter Berle, president of the National Audubon Society. Minutes of meetings, reports, financial records, and files relating to Woodsum's involvement in the annual Birdathon are also included.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by topic

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1984-1994

The papers consist of materials created and accumulated by Woodsum while serving on the National Audubon Society (NAS) Board of Directors. The inventory is comprised of one alphabetical listing that incorporates organizational files and subject files. Files documenting the activities of the NAS Board of Directors include correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, and financial records. Woodsum's correspondence to and from other board members comprises a significant portion of the papers. Correspondence between Woodsum and NAS President Peter Berle is listed under Berle. One folder of personal correspondence is listed at the end of the correspondence files. The files pertaining to Woodsum's participation in the annual Birdathon comprise another significant portion of the organizational files. The Birdathon files include correspondence, pledges, and sponsor lists. Subject files on environmental and conservation issues are interfiled with the organizational files and consist primarily of printed material.

The original arrangement of the files was preserved where possible. Consequently, like materials, i.e. financial records, may be listed under separate headings. Cross-references have been created where appropriate

b. 1, f. 1	Acid rain	1980s
b. 1, f. 2	Adopt-a-pothole program	1992
b. 1, f. 3	Ancient forests	1989
b. 1, f. 4	Annual dinner	1993
b. 1, f. 5-7	Annual meeting	1989-1992
b. 1, f. 8	Annual reports	1988-1993
b. 1, f. 9	Arctic refuge	1988, 1992
b. 1, f. 10	Audit information	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Audubon Adventures	1988-1992
b. 1, f. 12	Audubon Cause	1992-1993
	<i>Audubon</i> [magazine]	
b. 1, f. 13	General	1991
b. 1, f. 14-15	Membership business plan	1993
b. 1, f. 16	Beef industry	1992
	Berle, Peter (President)	
b. 2, f. 17-21	Correspondence	1988-1991
b. 2, f. 22-27	Reports	1988-1993
	Birdathon	
	1989	

## Birdathon &gt; 1989 (continued)

b. 3, f. 28-30	Correspondence	
b. 3, f. 31	Guide for participants	
b. 3, f. 32	Pledges	
b. 3, f. 33	Sponsor lists	
1990		
b. 3, f. 34	Correspondence	
b. 3, f. 35	Guide for participants	
b. 3, f. 36	Pledges	
b. 3, f. 37	Reception	
b. 3, f. 38	Sponsor lists	
1991		
b. 3, f. 39	Correspondence	
b. 3, f. 40	Guide for participants	
1992		
b. 3, f. 41	Correspondence	
b. 3, f. 42	Guides for participants	
b. 3, f. 43	Pledges	
b. 3, f. 44	Sponsor lists	
1993		
b. 4, f. 45	Correspondence	
b. 4, f. 46	Guides for participants	
b. 4, f. 47	Pledges	
b. 4, f. 48	Sponsor lists	
b. 4, f. 49	Correspondence	1994
Board of Directors		
b. 4, f. 50	Bylaws and constitution	1985
b. 4, f. 51	Committee assignments See also: <a href="#">box 5, folder 73</a>	1984-1989, undated
b. 4, f. 52-54	Correspondence	1988-1994
b. 4, f. 55	Lists [of board members]	1986-1990

## Board of Directors (continued)

b. 4, f. 56-57	Meetings	1985-1992
	Nominating Committee	
	Nominees	
b. 4, f. 58	Correspondence	1988-1990
b. 4, f. 59	Lists [of nominees]	1986-1989
b. 4, f. 60-61	Reports	1988, undated
	Budget	
	1988-1989	
b. 5, f. 62	Correspondence	
b. 5, f. 63	Reports	
b. 5, f. 64	1989-1990	1989-1990
b. 5, f. 65	1990-1991	1990-1991
b. 5, f. 66	Capital campaign	1992
b. 5, f. 67	Capital fund	1988-1989
b. 5, f. 68-70	Chapter affairs	1989-1993
b. 5, f. 71	Clark estate	1992-1993
b. 5, f. 72	Code of ethics	1988
b. 5, f. 73	Committee assignments See also: <a href="#">box 4, folder 51</a>	1989-1993
	Committees	
b. 5, f. 74	Ad hoc on election process	1992
b. 5, f. 75	Chapters and regional activities	1988
b. 5, f. 76	Communications	1990, 1993
b. 5, f. 77	Education	1988-1989
b. 5, f. 78	Evaluation	1989
b. 5, f. 79	Field operations	1993
b. 5, f. 80	International	1988
b. 5, f. 81	Natural areas review	1988
b. 6, f. 82-83	Nominating	1985-1990
	Planning	

## Committees &gt; Planning (continued)

b. 6, f. 84	General	1988-1993
b. 6, f. 85	Five-year planning committee meeting	1989
b. 6, f. 86-87	Policy	1993
b. 6, f. 88	Wildlife report	1990
Contributions		
b. 6, f. 89-91	Correspondence	1988-1993
b. 6, f. 92-96	Logs	1989-1990
b. 7, f. 97	Corkscrew Water Treatment Plant	1993
Correspondence		
b. 7, f. 98-99	A-B	1988-1994
	Berle, Peter See also: <a href="#">box 2, folders 17-21</a>	
b. 7, f. 100	Bush, George	1989-1990
b. 7, f. 101-102	C	1988-1994
b. 7, f. 103	Cadbury, B. Barton	1988-1994
b. 7, f. 104-107	D-G	1988-1994
b. 7, f. 108	Grant, Robert	1988-1989
b. 7, f. 109-112	H-M	1988-1994
b. 7, f. 113	Martin, Susan	1988-1993, undated
b. 7, f. 114	Miller, David	1989-1993
b. 8, f. 115	Nixa, Diane	1988-1993
b. 8, f. 116	O	1989-1993
b. 8, f. 117	O'Brien, Donal	1988-1991
b. 8, f. 118	P	1988-1992
b. 8, f. 119	Palmer, Chris	1988-1990
b. 8, f. 120	R	1988-1993
b. 8, f. 121	Raisbeck, Elizabeth	1988-1992
b. 8, f. 122	Reed, Nathaniel	1988-1993
b. 8, f. 123	Reed, Scott	1988-1993
b. 8, f. 124-126	S-W	1988-1993



## Correspondence (continued)

b. 8, f. 127	Whitaker, John	1989-1993
b. 8, f. 128	Wightman, Barbara	1988-1989
b. 8, f. 129	Yeager, Brooks	1989-1993
b. 8, f. 130	Personal	1988
b. 9, f. 131	Council symposium	1991
b. 9, f. 132	<i>Country Life</i> article English	1991
Development Department		
b. 9, f. 133-135	Correspondence and reports	1988-1993
b. 9, f. 136	Garrison Conservatory district See also: <a href="#">box 10, folder 155</a>	1990-1993
b. 9, f. 137	Ducks Unlimited	1991-1993
b. 9, f. 138	Dues sharing	1989
b. 9, f. 139	Earth Day	1990
b. 9, f. 140	Ecology camps [printed material]	1989-1992
b. 9, f. 141	Education	1988-1991, undated
b. 9, f. 142	"Elephant Folios," n.d. English	
b. 9, f. 143	Elmseed Project	1990-1992
b. 9, f. 144	Endangered species	1990-1993
b. 9, f. 145	Energy	1989-1991
b. 9, f. 146-147	Everglades	1991-1994
b. 9, f. 148	Exxon Valdez	1989
Financial information		
b. 10, f. 149	General	1988-1993
b. 10, f. 150	Presentations	1988-1989
b. 10, f. 151-153	Statements and reports	1988-1990
b. 10, f. 154	Foundations	1989
b. 10, f. 155	Garrison Conservatory district See also: <a href="#">box 9, folder 136</a>	1989-1993
b. 10, f. 156	Gifts [real estate]	1989

b. 10, f. 157	Grants	1989-1993
b. 10, f. 158	Grazing	1993
b. 10, f. 159	High priority campaign	1990
b. 10, f. 160	Hitachi Foundation	1989
b. 10, f. 161	Hog Island	1988
b. 10, f. 162	Investments [reports]	1989-1993
b. 10, f. 163	James Bay	1991
b. 10, f. 164	Litigation	1989-1990
b. 10, f. 165	Logo	1991-1992
	Long Island Sound	
b. 10, f. 166	Correspondence	1990-1994
b. 10, f. 167-168	Printed material	1989-1991
b. 11, f. 169	Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors	1992
b. 11, f. 170	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	1992
b. 11, f. 171	Maine Society	1988
b. 11, f. 172	Management consultants	1993
b. 11, f. 173	Marine resources	1993
b. 11, f. 174	Migratory bird program	1992-1993
b. 11, f. 175	Minority hiring	1990
b. 11, f. 176	Mission statement	1993
	New headquarters See also: <a href="#">box 5, folder 66</a>	
b. 11, f. 177	General	1989-1993, undated
b. 11, f. 178	Capital campaign plan	1990, undated
b. 11, f. 179	Clippings	1990-1993
b. 11, f. 180-181	Financing	1989
b. 11, f. 182	Printed material	1991
b. 12, f. 183	Newsletter	1990-1991
b. 12, f. 184	Niobrara hearing	1991
b. 12, f. 185	North American Free Trade Agreement	1993

b. 12, f. 186	North American Waterfowl Management Plan	1989
b. 12, f. 187	Oak Hammock Marsh	1993
b. 12, f. 188	Oil industry	1991
b. 12, f. 189	Palladium Medal	1990, 1992
b. 12, f. 190	Personnel directories	1986, 1988
b. 12, f. 191	Pine Island	1989
b. 12, f. 192	Planned giving	undated
	Platte River [Two Forks Dam opposition] See also: <a href="#">box 14, folder 221</a>	
b. 12, f. 193	General	1988-1990
b. 12, f. 194	Clippings	1989-1990
b. 12, f. 195-196	Reports	1989-1990
b. 12, f. 197-198	Population growth	1993
b. 13, f. 199	President's council	1992-1993
b. 13, f. 200-203	Printed material	1988-1991
b. 13, f. 204	Reed, Scott [re: National Audubon Society convention]	1992
b. 13, f. 205	Regional affairs	1989-1990
b. 13, f. 206	Reimbursement policy	1986
b. 13, f. 207	Research	1989
b. 13, f. 208	Retreat [staff]	1989
b. 13, f. 209	Roper study	1993
b. 14, f. 210	San Pedro River	1988
b. 14, f. 211	Sanctuaries	1990-1991
b. 14, f. 212	Science Department	1992
b. 14, f. 213	Science Institute	1989
	Television and media programs	
b. 14, f. 214-215	General	1988-1993
b. 14, f. 216	Printed material	1988-1994
b. 14, f. 217	Timber cutting	1993
b. 14, f. 218-219	Trips	1990-1992

b. 14, f. 220	Waste management	1992
b. 14, f. 221	Western water law See also: <a href="#">box 12, folder 193</a>	1990
	Wetlands	
b. 14, f. 222	General	1989-1992
b. 14, f. 223	Printed material	1989, 1991
b. 14, f. 224	Wise Use movement	1993, undated

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b. 15, f. 1	<i>Audubon</i> [magazine] English	1992-1993
b. 15, f. 2	Berle, Peter [correspondence]	1992-1993
	Board of Directors	
b. 15, f. 3-5	General	1991-1993
b. 15, f. 6-8	Meeting minutes	1990-1993
b. 15, f. 9-10	Restructuring Task Force	1992
b. 15, f. 11	Case, Michael	1993
b. 15, f. 12	Christmas Bird [census]	1991-1992
b. 16, f. 13	Cohen, Michael [correspondence]	1991
b. 16, f. 14	Conflicts of interest	1992
b. 16, f. 15-17	Development Department [contribution logs]	1990-1991
b. 16, f. 18	Evaluation Committee	1991-1993
b. 16, f. 19	Finance Committee	1991-1993
	Financial information	
b. 16, f. 20-21	General	1992-1993
b. 17, f. 22-27	Budget	1990-1994
b. 17, f. 28	Investments	1991
b. 17, f. 29	Kresge Foundation	1992
	Litigation	
b. 17, f. 30-32	Administration hearings	undated
b. 17, f. 33	Correspondence	1992-1993
b. 17, f. 34-35	Docket book updates	1990-1991
b. 18, f. 36-37	Nominating Committee	1989-1993
b. 18, f. 38-42	O'Brien, Donal [correspondence]	1992-1994
b. 18, f. 43	Property appraisal	1991
b. 18, f. 44-45	Riley, William [correspondence]	1991-1993
b. 18, f. 46-48	Working group	1993

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Birds  
Conservation of natural resources  
Environmental protection

### **Names**

Woodsum, Harold Edward, 1931-

### **Corporate Body**

National Audubon Society