

# Guide to the John Dennett Guthrie Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1121

**CREATOR:** Guthrie, John D. (John Dennett), 1878-1962

**TITLE:** John Dennett Guthrie papers

**DATES:** 1901-1959

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 11 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain correspondence, notes, writings, printed material, photographs and memorabilia concerning forestry and forest policy in Alaska, Arizona, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia and material on Guthrie's association with Civilian Conservation Corps, United States Forest Service, Society of American Foresters and the Yale Forest School.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Provenance unknown.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ph.B., Union College, 1902, M.S., 1932; M.F., Yale 1906; government forestry work, western U.S., 1902-1908; forest supervisor in Arizona, 1908-1917, New Mexico, 1919-1920; assistant regional forester, Oregon, 1920-1933; administrator with Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-1943.

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## Scope and Contents

The John D. Guthrie Papers document half a century of forestry and conservation organization and activity in America. The collection is especially rich in materials concerning the formation and work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC); other organizations represented include the United States Forest Service, the Society of American Foresters, the American Forestry Association, and the Yale Forest School. The papers have been grouped by organization, subject or type, and where possible arranged in a rough chronological order. They include correspondence, notebooks, writings, printed matter, photographs and memorabilia.

The collection documents forestry work in five states: Arizona and Oregon, where Guthrie worked for the U.S. Forest Service during the early part of his career; Alaska, which he visited and wrote about in 1920-1921, as part of a Forest Service program to publicize the state's forest resources; Texas, where he was first stationed by the CCC; and Virginia, where he lived in later life. In his capacity as a CCC inspector, Guthrie also toured, and received reports from, many other states. There are also numerous materials on international forestry in the files concerning international forestry congresses and the Society of American Foresters' Committee on International Relations. His special interest in forestry in Mexico can be seen in correspondence with Miguel A. de Quevedo, president of the Sociedad Forestal Mexicana.

Guthrie's writings files include typescripts, related correspondence, and research material. Guthrie's writings reflect his interests in forestry, and most are short articles or book reviews prepared for the AFA's *American Forests*, the SAF's *Journal of Forestry*, or the U.S. Forest Service's *Service Bulletin*. Other writings include poetry (Guthrie compiled two anthologies of forest verse, and wrote many poems himself), fables, and parts of a group-authored serial novel, *Emanon*.

The photographs document further Forest Service and CCC work in the western states; unfortunately, many are not identified. The memorabilia includes passports, certificates, flags, and conservation postage stamps.

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory, [ca. 1901-1959]

11' (11 boxes)

|       |   |                           |
|-------|---|---------------------------|
| b. 1  | Correspondence, general   | [ca. 1920-1957]           |
| b. 1  | American Forestry Association   | [ca. 1926-1957]           |
|       | Civilian Conservation Corps   |                           |
| b. 2  | General   | [ca. 1933-1942]           |
| b. 3  | General   | [ca. 1933-1943, 1946]     |
| b. 3  | Regional inspections  | [ca. 1933-1936]           |
| b. 4  | Regional inspections  | [ca. 1937-1941]           |
| b. 4  | Printed matter  | [ca. 1933-1942]           |
| b. 5  | Society of American Foresters   | [ca. 1911-1941]           |
| b. 5  | Society of American Foresters   | [ca. 1937-1957]           |
|       | United States Forest Service  |                           |
| b. 5  | General   | [ca. 1906-1955]           |
| b. 5  | Notebooks and diaries re: forest supervision                          | [ca. 1906-1941]           |
| b. 5  | Printed matter  | [ca. 1915-1959]           |
| b. 6  | Yale Forest School, and Society of Robin Hood                         | [ca. 1905-1953]           |
| b. 6  | Virginia forestry and conservation: correspondence and printed matter | [ca.1913-(1949-1959)]     |
|       | Foreign forestry: correspondence and printed matter                   |                           |
| b. 6  | International forestry congresses, and general                        | [ca.1936-1940, 1945-1946] |
| b. 6  | Mexican forestry  | [1933-1939]               |
| b. 7  | Writings  | [ca. 1912-1937]           |
| b. 8  | Writings  | [ca. 1938-1955]           |
| b. 8  | Printed matter  | [ca.1901-1926]            |
| b. 9  | Printed matter  | [ca. 1927-1959]           |
| b. 9  | Photographs   | undated                   |
| b. 10 | Photographs   | undated                   |
| b. 11 | Memorabilia   | undated                   |

## **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**

Conservation of natural resources  
Environmental protection  
Forest policy -- United States  
Forests and forestry -- Alaska  
Forests and forestry -- Arizona  
Forests and forestry -- Oregon  
Forests and forestry -- Texas  
Forests and forestry -- Virginia

### **Genres / Formats**

Photoprints

### **Occupations**

Conservationists  
Foresters

### **Names**

Guthrie, John D. (John Dennett), 1878-1962

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Forestry Association  
Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)  
Society of American Foresters  
United States. Forest Service  
Yale University. School of Forestry and  
Environmental Studies