

Guide to the Walter Clay Lowdermilk Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Lowdermilk, W. C. (Walter Clay), 1888-1974

TITLE: Walter Clay Lowdermilk papers

DATES: 1969

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Typed manuscript (mimeograph) "Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States," oral history interview (703 pages in two volumes) conducted by Malca Chall for the Regional Oral History Office at the University of California at Berkeley, illustrated, 1969, Berkeley, California. Also included is a typed manuscript (mimeograph) "The Heavens Cooperate," by Inez M. Lowdermilk.

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f. folder

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Biographical / Historical

Walter C. Lowdermilk (1888-1974): agronomist; helped to found the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Agriculture Dept., and was its associate chief (1933-1939) and assistant chief (1939-1947); worked as consultant on conservation projects in China, Israel, Yugoslavia, Japan; president of American Geophysical Union (1941-1944); author.

Scope and Contents

Two items make up the Walter Clay Lowdermilk Papers. The first is "Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation and Reclamation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States" by W. C. Lowdermilk, a two-volume typescript with inlaid photographs. It takes the form of an interview with Malca Chall of the University of California at Berkeley Regional Oral History Office, and "was planned to cover Dr. Lowdermilk's more than fifty years of conservation and natural resources management, and to chronicle through his career the development of the soil conservation movement in the United States, many countries of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, China, and Japan." The second item, "The Heavens Cooperate," by Ines (Marks) Lowdermilk, describes briefly some of the Lowdermilks' adventures in various countries. These materials came to Yale University from the University of California.

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b. 1, f. 1 - 2	"Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation and Reclamation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States" English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1969
b. 1, f. 3	"The Heavens Cooperate," by Inez (Marks) Lowdermilk English	[1969?]

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
Natural resources
Soil conservation

Geographic Names

Africa
Asia
Middle East

Occupations

Agriculturists

Names

Lowdermilk, Inez M. (Inez Marks), 1890-1989
Lowdermilk, W. C. (Walter Clay), 1888-1974