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JOHN FINDLAY LITSEY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

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VOLUME: 0.2 LINEAR FEET

HISTORY

John Findlay Litsey was born in Fairbanks, Alaska. In the early 1920s, the family moved to Seattle, Washington. John attended the University of Washington and, in the summer of 1938, worked on Peale Island in Yellowstone National Park, probably as part of a fisheries research crew-possibly fish planting for the Bureau of Fisheries, which operated at Lake at the time. In 1939, he joined the U. S. Navy, piloting PVYs in the Aleutian theater. After World War II, he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in fisheries. He retired from the Navy in 1961. A keen fisherman, he was a founding member of the Washington Fly Fishing Club (founded 1939) and in retirement commenced seasonal hunting and fishing in Eastern Washington. John passed away in 1996.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of a photograph album documenting John Findlay Litsey's work on Peale Island in Yellowstone National Park in 1938. The album includes images of Peale Island, construction of possibly a fish weir known as the "chipmunk trap", and boats. There are also many images of the work crew, with all members identified, as well as images of several young women, probably concessioner employees at Lake. The album also contains images from Washington, including skiing on Mt. Rainier. The album depicts a type of work and park location that is not often documented.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Candis Litsey, 2019.

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