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HISTORY

The reports were created by employees of Zion, Bryce, Cedar Breaks and Civilian Conservation Corps. The majority of reports are written directly to the Superintendent; however reports were also generated to supervisors, peers and the public. The reports from 1925-1937 in this collection contain submittals from Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks to supervisors and the Superintendent of Zion National Park. The majority of the reports were written by park rangers, park naturalist, park clerical staff and supervisors of CCC projects. A variety of topics are documented. The most common are weather conditions, visitor information, accidents, wildlife, hunting and construction projects. Within the reports graphs, photographs and spreadsheets are included. The reports dated after 1937 are solely generated by staff at Zion National Park. Information regarding Bryce, Cedar Breaks and CCC activity are only noted, full reports are not included.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports (bulk 09/1925-03/14/1973)

CATALOG NUMBER ZION 38104

VOLUME 2759 EA

DESCRIPTION Reports, spreadsheets, photographs, correspondence,

press releases, memorandums, tickets, patrol logs,

receipts.

ORGANIZATION Organized into 13 Series.

Series 1 Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent

1925-1931;

Series 2 Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the

Superintendent 1929;

Series 3 Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the

Superintendent 1930;

Series 4 Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the

Superintendent 1931;

Series 5 Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the

Superintendent 1932;

Series 6 Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to

the Superintendent 1933;

Series 7 Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to

the Superintendent 1934;

Series 8 Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to

the Superintendent 1935;

Series 9 Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to

the Superintendent 1936;

Series 10 Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to

the Superintendent 1937;

Series 11 Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the

Superintendent 1938-1941;

Series 12 Ranger Reports to the Superintendent 1954-

1959 and 1963-1969;

Series 13 Ranger Reports to Chief Ranger 1959-1968.

Arrangement is original; from latest date to the earliest

within each series.

PROVENVANCE Material housed in museum archives.

RESTRICTIONS NO

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

HIERARCHY

Series I. Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1925-1931 (bulk dates: 09/1925-10/03/1931)

Series II. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1929 (bulk dates: 04/01/1929-01/01/1930)

Series III. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1930 (bulk dates: 01/21/1930-12/31/1930)

Series IV. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1931 (bulk dates: 02/02/1931-12/31/1931)

Series V. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1932 (bulk dates: 02/01/1932-12/31/1932)

Series VI. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1933 (bulk dates: 01/31/1933-12/1933)

Series VII. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1934 (bulk dates: 01/31/1934-01/05/1935)

Series VIII. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1935 (bulk dates: 02/01/1935-12/1935)

Series IX. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1936 (bulk dates: 01/31/193612/1936)

Series X. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1937 (bulk dates: 02/01/1937-01/10/1938)

Series XI. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1938-1941 (bulk dates: 02/01/1938-01/05/1942)

Series XII. Ranger Reports to the Superintendent 1954-1959 and 1963-1969 (bulk dates: 01/06/1954-04/07/1969)

Series XIII. Ranger Reports to the Chief Ranger 1959-1968 (bulk dates: 06/29/1959-08/11/1968)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1925-1931 (bulk dates: 09/1925-10/03/1931)

Arrangement is original (or how it was found), in chronological order from earliest to latest.

Reports, spreadsheet and sales calculations.

Subjects of interest: Visitor information, museum collections, specimen collection, guided trips, lectures, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, signs for "Nature Trails", exhibits, glass lantern slides, Zion Pamphlet, construction of Information Office, list of determined species, artifact collection, dedication ceremonies at Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, psychrometer research, George Grant photography, report of sales of publications, Zion personnel, wild life survey, caterpillar spraying, Zion – Bryce Natural History Association, construction of Grotto Trail, work on Lower Emerald Pools Trail, construction of trail in the Court of the Patriarchs.

Series II. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1929 (bulk dates: 04/01/1929-01/01/1930)

Arrangement is orginal (how it was found) from last to first date.

Reports, spreadsheets, press release, calculations.

Subjects of interest: Construction of residence, weather conditions, deer population, visitor information, deforestation along Rockville dugout road, removal of telephone line, repair of telephone line at Observation Point, hunting issues, boundary survey by Maurice Cope, patrol notes, signs, arrests, operation hours, museum exhibits, flower gardens, field trips, lectures, psychometer research, George Grant photography, eight thousand gallon storage tank at auto camp, construction of horse barn, water samples, motion picture filming, Narrows Trail work, construction of horse stable and foundation for checking station, construction of Superintendent house, gopher issues, tree planting, replacing sewer line, grading main road, auto camp maintenance.

Series III. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1930 (bulk dates: 01/21/1930-12/31/1930)

Arrangement is original order (how it was found) from latest to earliest date.

Reports, spreadsheets, patrol logs, receipts.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, visitor information, cattle trespass, deer population, telephone line repairs, land acquisition on south boundary, wood hauling, rough trail constructed from Observation Point to above Temple of Sinawava to follow telephone line, personnel changes, boundary survey at Bryce, road work between Zion and Bryce, signs, patrol log from Bryce, location of Jenning's homestead, new comfort station at Bryce campground, reconstruction on wing dams, road work from Lodge to Narrows, repair to tunnel, completion of shelter on West Rim Trail, construction of walls on road near Clear Creek, accident reports, job application, poaching, new Cathedral Trail, report of sales of publications, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, press memorandum, resident employees move into houses, oil treatment in ponds for mosquitoes, skunks in the auto camp, fatality of Mr. Cafferata on Mt. Zion, corral drainage problems at Bryce, manure issues at Bryce, construction of new ranger house at Bryce, decline in stage travel, equipment, pioneer relic display, fatal accident of Mr. Albin Brooksby from equipment of the Cableworks, arrests, Nevada Contracting Company camp has been cleaned up and re-seeded, construction on Mt. Carmel Road, construction on Virgin River Bridge, construction on Pine Creek Bridge, grazing permits, auto camp maintenance.

Series IV. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1931 (bulk dates: 02/02/1931-12/31/1931)

Arrangement is original order (how it was found) from latest to earliest date.

Photographs, tickets, reports, correspondence, spreadsheets, press release.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, operating hours, move of telephone line, road construction in main canyon, work on gallery in tunnel, personnel changes, visits with Mr. Whitehouse at Union Construction Camp, boundary line, guard rail on road at Bryce completed, design of Campbell Canyon and Fairyland Trail, hunting information, one lion trapped at Willis Creek, cattle trespass, accident reports, sanitary conditions of auto camps, fire caches, south entrance checking station moved, oil well in park, removal of graffiti, lectures, collection of museum specimens, grazing issues, work on Peek-A-Boo Canyon waterline, conditions of evergreens, important visitors, registered complaints,

new wildlife trail in Court of Patriarchs, new Grotto Trail, arrests, construction fatality of Langston, flower gardens around museum, Lower Emerald Pools developed into silent trail, spring conditions, fatal fall from Cathedral Mountain, deer population, river protection project, survey of water system, construction of comfort station in Public Campground, construction of Men's Dormitory and Mess Hall, new trail from Peek-A-Boo Canyon to Bryce Point, Peter's artwork, brush burning at Bryce, Don Orcutt ascends Great White Throne, construction of Bryce Canyon – Widtsoe Road, equipment, fires, extension of south boundary sections 22 and 21, timber issues, tickets issued, auto camp maintenance.

Series V. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1932 (bulk dates: 02/01/1932-12/31/1932)

Arrangement is original order (how it was found) with latest to earliest date.

Reports, spreadsheet, correspondence, press releases, memos, calculations.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, personnel changes, mountain sheep, porcupines, accident reports, signs, deer population, cattle trespass, trail register list, surfacing of Canyon Road (Zion), telephone line repairs, graffiti removal, ringtail cat, shooting of Mr. Douglas Davis in Rockville, park patrols, hunting issues, poaching, trail conditions and inspections, press memorandum, visitor information, cataloging of library books, summary of sales of publications, fire equipment, fire burned tent quarters on East side of Zion, collapse in tunnel during construction, Zion Natural History Association, museum exhibits, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, marmots, Economy Act, Mr. Ford of Utah Parks donated photographs, lectures, guided hikes, uniform standards, construction of Assistant Superintendent residence, oil treatment to ponds for mosquitoes, purchase of land at Oak Creek, water samples, collection of photos from 1870 were framed for museum, personal writings of Palmer added to library, mistletoe parasite, collection of archeology relics from Short Creek Road, spraying for caterpillars, mountain sheep, Bryce Visitors Guide, cliff dwellings in Parunuweap, pictographs, retaining wall constructed behind lodge, Boy Scouts, gopher eradication, Status of Authorized Projects, oil rig near Grafton removed from park, auto camp maintenance.

Series VI. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1933 (bulk dates: 01/31/1933-12/1933)

Arrangement is original (how it was found) from latest to earliest date.

Reports, spreadsheets, calculations, memos, correspondence.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, Campground development, sewer water system, stream protection (basket dams), Refrigerator Canyon Trail, archeology research in Parunuweap, road sloping, deer population, gopher eradication, ringtail cat, telephone line repairs and construction, visitor information, operating hours, accident reports, climbing of West Temple, brain fever in horses, training, meetings, research of Zion fauna, proposed Orderville Gulch Trail, proposed trail to Great Arch, mountain sheep, oil surfacing, Rim Road construction, hunting issues, poaching, cliff dwellings in Parunuweap, park patrols, road work at Bryce, U.S. Land Office Survey boundary work, Mr. Presnall collecting evergreens and Mrs. Presnall paintings, donations to museum, bird list, recommend killing cougars, equipment, Ebenezer Bryce homestead was torn down, rockslide at Sentinel, lectures, guided hikes, elk, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, guest lectures, visiting C.C.C. groups, trail inspections, skunks, graffiti removal, fatality of Kenneth Donald in automobile accident, construction on new administrative building, reconstruction of bridal path, status of Toroweap Road reported, auto camp maintenance.

Series VII. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1934 (bulk dates: 01/31/1934-01/05/1935)

Arrangement is original order (how it was found) from latest to earliest date.

Reports, memos, photographs, correspondence, spreadsheets, calculations, press release.

Subjects of interest: Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, remodel of Zion relief map, exhibit plans, range study, list of Bryce plants, bird banding, mountain sheep, weather conditions, deer population, Douglas Fir beetle, visitor information, boundary surveys, construction of Parunuweap Administrative Trail, construction of employee residence on East side, West Rim Trail work, East Rim Trail work, stream protection work (basket dams), quarry work, old warehouse removed and construction of new warehouse, Pine Creek irrigation system work, curb work in Oak Creek, construction of fire pits in campgrounds, grazing permits, cattle trespass, telephone line repairs, hunting issues, porcupines, brush burning, press memorandum, new campground near South Entrance, cataloging library, collection of meadow mouse, ornithological research, place names for Bryce Canyon, East Rim Truck Trail construction, construction of storage reservoir, landscaping around residences, stabilization of Nevada Switchback, installation of South entrance electric system, Cedar Breaks plant specimens collected, construction of Under – Rim Fire Trail, construction of Fairyland Trail, topographic survey at Cedar Breaks, water and sewer for South Campground, construction of comfort station at Bryce, removal of Russian thistle, construction of equipment shed at Bryce, construction of entrance arch at Cedar Breaks, arrests, signs, seed collection, construction of housekeeping cabins at Bryce, Boy Scouts, construction of Oak Creek bridges, geology research, fatal car accident, fence work at Bryce, moved cabins from Lodge to Cafeteria, Pipe Spring flow study, oil treatment for mosquitoes, Weeping Rock Trail work, archeology materials sent to Museum of Northern Arizona, caterpillar spraying, construction of Grotto Trail, construction of Great Arch Trail, auto camp maintenance.

Series VIII. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1935 (bulk dates: 02/01/1935-12/1935)

Arrangement is original (how it was found) with the latest to earliest date.

Reports, spreadsheets, calculations, memos, press release, photographs.

Subjects of interest: Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, museum exhibits, lectures, guided hikes, range study, bird banding, deer population, ecological study of swampy areas, fossil collection, Zion – Bryce – Cedar Breaks Encyclopedia, weather conditions, visitor information, East Rim Truck Trail construction, River Protection Project, boundary fence, seed gathering, Black Hills beetle, operation schedules, accident reports, earthquake, cattle trespass, construction of Tropic reservoir, place names of Bryce, park patrols, hunting issues, donations to museum, razing of undesirable

structures, personnel changes, graffiti removal, grazing permits, construction of new checking station at Bryce, Boat Mountain Road work, boundary survey at Cedar Breaks, elk, dog and cat permits, fire place construction at Bryce, eradication of weeds, transplanted trees and shrubs, construction of comfort station at Temple of Sinawava, erosion control, archeology artifacts sent to Museum of Northern Arizona and Peabody Museum, telephone line construction and repairs, controlled burns, mountain sheep, trail inspections, parents of Everett Ruess looking for their son, Utah Parks Company, spraying for caterpillars, construction of warehouse, porcupine study, construction of Zion relief map, Nevada Switchback stabilization, topographic map of Pipe Spring, construction of machine shop, landscaping projects, educational plans, road conditions, Parunuweap Administrative Trail, Lehman Caves reports, curb work in various areas, South Entrance Water System Diversion project, fire equipment, coyote sightings, inventory of glass lantern slides, gopher eradication, trail registers sent to Mount Zion Mountaineers of Chicago, Boy Scouts, auto camp maintenance.

Series IX. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1936 (bulk dates: 01/31/193612/1936)

Arrangment is original (how it was found) with the latest to earliest date.

Reports, photographs, spreadsheets, calculations, correspondence, memos.

Subjects of interest: East Rim Truck Trail construction, Oak Creek Bridge construction, weather conditions, personnel changes, supervisors of CCC crews, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, museum exhibits, fungi study, forest pathology, bird banding at Zion and Pipe Spring, deer population, Desert Bighorn, coyote sighting, Zion topographic map for public, proposed Kolob Monument, road conditions, construction and repairs of telephone line, fire equipment, boundary fence construction, operations schedules, hunting and poaching issues, construction of Tropic Reservoir, construction of airstrip near Bryce, Lehman Caves projects. porcupines, visitor information, park patrol records, night patrol duty, accident reports, donations to museum and library, lectures, guided hikes, study of range quadrats, geology research, cougar sightings, beetle survey, construction of museum and cabins at Cedar Breaks, construction of Brian Head Road, weed eradication, construction of comfort station at Bryce, water samples, bubonic plague in rodents, geology research, Boy Scouts, signs, pet permits, ringtail cat, tamarisk eradication, overgrazing by deer, arrests, oil treatment in ponds for mosquitoes, fatal car accident of Mr. Porter, fatal car accident of Kenneth Lynn, razing undesirable structures, cattle trespass, removal of Mary L. Jolley homestead, archeology diorama constructed at Berkley under Ansel Hall, photocopies obtained of Moran paintings, Paiute place names and legends in cooperation with Tony Tillohash, quail, beaver reintroduction, auto camp maintenance.

Series X. Ranger, Naturalist and Engineer Reports to the Superintendent 1937 (bulk dates: 02/01/1937-01/10/1938)

Arrangement is original (how it was found) with latest to earliest date.

Reports, graphs, correspondence, memos, press releases, calculations, photographs.

Subjects of interest: Donations to museum, deer population, flora, Pygmy Owl sighting, weather conditions, road conditions, visitor information, fire equipment, CCC camp razed (NP – 2), construction of dormitory at Lodge, water and sewer work at cabins near cafeteria, porcupine, coyote sighting, lectures, operation schedules, training, accident reports, radio reports, Nevada Switchback landscape work, basket dam repairs, work on Lodge kitchen at Bryce, vehicle information, examination of grazing quadrate, geology research, East Rim Truck Trail work, Lehman Caves National Monument projects, addition to Administrative Building, construction and repairs of telephone lines, personnel changes, cattle trespass, fatal car accident of Rhoda Prince, wood cutting issues, construction of cafeteria at Bryce, power plant construction at Bryce, hunting and poaching issues, construction of employees cabin at Cedar Breaks, sewer construction at Cedar Breaks, George Grant photographs, forest insect conditions at Bryce, pet permits, rockslides, park patrol records, Utah Parks Company, meetings, water samples, color movie film taken, bird banding at Bryce, gray fox sighting, construction of museum and administrative building at Cedar Breaks, cattle guard and underpass construction at Bryce, bear sighting at Cedar Breaks, rockslide outside tunnel, mountain sheep, grazing survey, fatal car accident of Clair Hirschi, Boy Scouts, Zion – Bryce Nature Notes, cricket project at Cedar Breaks, guided hikes, clothing regulations, Insect Pest Control Project, removal of U.P. warehouse at Bryce, cactus diorama installed at museum, oil treatment to ponds for mosquitoes, water samples, Easter Pageant, construction of employees cabins in Oak Creek, auto camp maintenance. (Contains reports for Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks.

Series XI. Ranger and Naturalist Reports to the Superintendent 1938-1941 (bulk dates: 02/01/1938-01/05/1942)

Arrangement is original order (how it was found) with latest to earliest date.

Reports, correspondence, memos, graphs, photographs and calculations.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, training, personnel changes, park inspections, deer population, visitor information, strikes and refusals to work by CCC at Bridge Mountain Camp, arrests, water samples, cattle trespass, operating schedules, grazing permits, safety committee, hunting issues, poaching, ringtail cats, fire equipment, pheasant release, fatal accident of Wallace Wilcock, arrival of Robert Holland Zion Superintendent, spraying cottonwoods for cottonwood miner, accident reports, complaints, repair of telephone line, Regional Fire School, landslide in main canyon, discontinuance of Easter Pageant, spraying for Great Basin Tent Caterpillar and Ash Tree Looper, signs, radio schedules, Federal Park Use Study -2

questionnaires, West Rim Trail work, East Rim Trail work, deer trapping project, pet permits, trail inspections, graffiti removal, cougar sighting, construction of fire house, boundary fence repairs, building appraisal survey, Easter Pageant, disposal by sale and destruction of property, porcupine, mountain sheep sighting, fire damage to Superintendent's residence, Utah Parks Company, brush removal, rehab at Lodge, guard rails and cables installed on Lady Mountain and Angel's Landing Trails, arrival of Superintendent Frank, snowslide, elk sightings, report of light bulb sales, inspections at Cedar Breaks, inspections at Bryce Canyon, overgrazing issues with vegetation, Sentinel Peak ascended, auto camps maintenance.

Series XII. Ranger Reports to the Superintendent 1954-1959 and 1963-1969 (bulk dates: 01/06/1954-04/07/1969)

Arrangement is original (how it was found) with the latest to the earliest date for both portions of time.

Reports, patrol logs, correspondence.

Subjects of interest: Weather conditions, visitor information, personnel, training, water samples, operating hours, grazing permits, spraying for tent caterpillars, fence repairs, road conditions, private land, park patrols, trail inspections, deer populations, fires, accident information, signs, sanitation inspection of concessionaire facilities, complaints, cattle trespass, coyote sightings, beaver populations, land acquisition, Albright Training Center, Quarters 13 burned down, Big Horn Sheep enclosure, trapping wild turkeys, hunting issues, stocking Rainbow Trout in Virgin River, soil analysis, arrests, deer migration study, cougar hunting and trapping, new South Entrance Station, tree removal, Safety Committee, fox sightings, Soil and Moisture Program, fire at Lodge, fatality of Ronne Hillery near Watchman Residences, construction at Boy's Dormitory, Girl's Dormitory and Deluxe Cabins, first trip to Orderville Canyon, first trip over abandoned Shune's Trail, elk, badger, Band-tailed Pigeons, construction on Taylor Creek Entrance Road, check dams at Lava Point, spring development, golden eagle sighting, bobcat sighting, bald eagle sightings.

Series XIII. Ranger Reports to the Chief Ranger 1959-1968 (bulk dates: 06/29/1959-08/11/1968)

The arrangement is choronological by district.

Patrol logs, correspondence, reports.

Subjects of interest: Visitor information, park patrols, private land issues, fires, new guard rails installed at Lava Point lookout, fishing at Kolob Reservoir, deer population, work on Lava Point Road, weather conditions, cattle trespass, grazing permits, cougar sighting, hunting issues, fence work, turkey sightings, Kolob Road work, Taylor Creek Road work, access to Death Point, coyote sightings, land

acquisition, boundary survey, badger, safety meetings, poaching activities, accident information, quail, Soil and Moisture Program, training, golden eagle sightings, building of 46 check dams in Potato Hollow, traffic counter, Langston Corral below Lava Point has been removed, construction of new monument above Sunset Canyon Ranch, water system at West Rim Cabin, closure of road to West Canyon Overlook and through Telephone Canyon, Bandtailed pigeon population, Potato Hollow Road work, Spillsbury cattle drive, development of springs on lower West Rim Trail, development of spring at Stave Sawmill, construction of well at Taylor Creek, reseeding at Lava Point, turkey vulture sightings, grass seed scattered at Sawmill Springs, road work on Blue Creek Road, restrooms installed at West Rim Cabin and Great West Canyon Overlook, spring development at old Rulon Langston logging camp, elk sightings, bobcat sightings, access trail through Hop Valley, Avocet sightings, flood damage to oil drill in Coal Pits, channel realignment of Taylor Creek, duck population at Kolob Reservoir, new radio system at Lava Point, trail to dinosaur tracks, floods in North Creek, road improvements in Hop Valley, beaver census, cattle guard at Blue Creek, extension of Death Point Trail, trail inspections, work on Cannon Hill Road, protection of springs around Sanders cabin, new roof and cookstove installed on West Rim Cabin, trail to Lee Pass through Birch Springs improved, signs, guard rails on Angel's Landing Trail, repairs to telephone line, first trip into Phantom Valley, Ranger Reports format, cougar trapping and hunting, fishing at Kolob Reservoir, personnel, spraying for tent caterpillars, campground maintenance, deer population, fire equipment, Sentinel ascended, park inspections, traffic counter, land acquisition, survey for road to Death Point, construction of Watchman Campground comfort stations and entrance station, construction on irrigation system of campgrounds, deer study "Seasonal Movements, Distribution" and Habitat Use of Mule Deer in Zion National Park", vegetation maps, cougar sightings, badger, fox study, river stabilization near Temple of Sinawava, "Diligence Right", operating schedules, bridge railings on road to Watchman, quail sightings, construction at Lodge, removal of telephone line on Sandbench, bald eagle sighting, controlled weed burning, east water well, construction of monument above Sunset Canyon Ranch, guard rail installed at Lava Point, work on Potato Hollow Road, ecological studies of plant communities atop the plateaus, Jack Church new horse concessionaire, spring development at Taylor Creek, Performance Rating System, new roof on ice house in South Campground, water issues, construction of one million gallon water tank, construction of radio shack, water samples, sanitary inspections.