

# Guide to the David Townsend Mason Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 545

**CREATOR:** Mason, David Townsend, 1883-1973

**TITLE:** David Townsend Mason Papers

**DATES:** 1907-1973

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist entirely of Mason's diaries and travel journals spanning the years 1907-1973. The sixty-eight volumes of diaries deal chiefly with forestry and give considerable attention to the formulation of national policy on forests in the 1930s. The fifteen travel diaries (1950-1972) record Mason's almost annual trips to Europe and the Far East and are also largely devoted to technical subjects.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of David T. Mason, 1966, and the Oregon Historical Society, 1976.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Existence and Location of Copies

Diaries from 1907-1936 are available on microfilm (3 reels, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost: order no. HM46.

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## Biographical / Historical

David T. Mason (1883-1973): professor of forestry at the University of California, manager of the Western Pine Association, executive officer of the New Deal Lumber Code Authority, advocate of sustained-yield forestry management.

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## Scope and Contents

In 1966 David Townsend Mason gave to the Yale University Library 31 diaries for the years 1907-1936. These diaries may be found in boxes 1 and 2 of the papers. (HM film 46 was made from this accession.) In April 1976, Manuscripts and Archives received an additional 37 volumes of personal diaries spanning the years 1937-1973, and 15 volumes of travel journals of David Townsend Mason dating from 1950 to 1972.

The address that appears inside each diary is given in the listing which follows.

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## Collection Contents

### Diaries

Available on 3 microfilm reels

b. 1, f. 1	Grandin, Missouri (Bound Brook, New Jersey)	1907 May 7 - June 30
b. 1, f. 1	United States Forest Service, (Washington, D.C.)	1907 July 1 - December 31
b. 1, f. 1	United States Forest Service (Washington, D.C.)	1908
b. 1, f. 1	United States Forest Service (Missoula, Montana)	1909
b. 1, f. 2	United States Forest Service (Missoula, Montana)	1910
b. 1, f. 2	United States Forest Service (Anaconda, Montana)	1911
b. 1, f. 2	Missoula, Montana	1912, 1913
b. 1, f. 3	Missoula, Montana	1914
b. 1, f. 3	United States Forest Service (Missoula, Montana)	1915
b. 1, f. 3	University of California at Berkeley, California	1916
b. 1, f. 3	Berkeley, California	1917
b. 1, f. 4	David T. Mason, Captain, E.O.R.C. 10th Engineers (Bordeaux, France)	1918
b. 1, f. 4	Division of Forestry, University of California, (Berkeley, California)	1919
b. 1, f. 4	Forest Valuation Engineer, Timber Section, Bureau of Internal Revenue (Washington, D.C.)	1920
b. 1, f. 4	Forestry, University of California (Berkeley, California)	1921
b. 1, f. 5	673 Johnson, Portland, Oregon	1922
b. 1, f. 5	509 Myrtle St., Portland, Oregon. Business: Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1923-1925
b. 1, f. 6	509 Myrtle St., Portland, Oregon. Business: Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1926-1927
b. 1, f. 6	509 Myrtle St., Portland Oregon. Business: American Bank Building	1928
b. 1, f. 6	509 Myrtle St., Portland Oregon	1929
b. 1, f. 7	509 Myrtle St., Portland, Oregon. Business: 736 American Bank Building	1930-1931
b. 1, f. 7	Western Pine Association, Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon	1932
b. 1, f. 7	509 Myrtle St., Portland, Oregon	1933
b. 2, f. 8	Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon	1934

b. 2, f. 8	1337 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D C.	1935
b. 2, f. 8	Portland, Oregon	1936
b. 2, f. 9	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1937-1939
b. 2, f. 10	Portland, Oregon	1940
b. 2, f. 10	1525 S.W. Myrtle St., Portland, Oregon. Business: American Bank Building	1941
b. 2, f. 10	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1942
b. 2, f. 11-12	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1943-1946
b. 3, f. 13-17	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1947-1956
b. 4, f. 18-21	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1957-1964
b. 5, f. 22-25	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1965-1972
b. 6, f. 26	American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon	1973
<u>Travel Journals</u>		
b. 6, f. 27	"European Notes" English	1950 May 14 - June 23
b. 6, f. 27	South America	1951 December 28 - 1952 January 31
b. 6, f. 28	Lima, Peru	1952 February 1
b. 6, f. 29	Europe	1954 May 1 - June 26
b. 6, f. 29	"Oriental Trip" English	1955 October 9 - November 30
b. 6, f. 29	Europe	1958 May 11 - July 20
b. 6, f. 30	South Pacific, Australia	1959 March 20 - May 22
b. 6, f. 30	Hawaii, Japan	1961 May 22 - June 20
b. 6, f. 30	Philippines	1964 April 5 - June 9
b. 6, f. 31	Mexico	1965 February 28 - March 31
b. 6, f. 31	"Empire Builder", various, Cairo, Massena English	1967 January 27 - April 12
b. 6, f. 31	Italy	1969 April 20 - May 22

b. 6, f. 32	Russia	1971 May 29 - July 12
b. 6, f. 32	South America	1972 September 30 - November 2
b. 6, f. 32	Europe	Undated [1947-1957?]

## **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**

Art  
Conservation of natural resources  
Environmental protection  
Forests and forestry

### **Geographic Names**

Asia  
Europe -- Description and travel  
Latin America  
Soviet Union  
West (U.S.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Occupations**

Foresters

### **Names**

Mason, David Townsend, 1883-1973

### **Corporate Body**

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