

Guide to the New England Society of American Foresters Records

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SUMMARY: The records include minutes of meetings, committee files, correspondence, membership lists, and programs for meetings, which relate to the administration and work of the New England Society of American Foresters. The records include minutes and other materials dating from the organization of the society as the New England Section of the Society of American Foresters.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

The New England Society of American Foresters was founded as the New England Section of the Society of American Foresters in 1920. The Society of American Foresters had been organized in 1903 "to further the cause of forestry in America by fostering a spirit of comradeship among foresters; by creating opportunities for a free exchange of views upon forestry and allied subjects; and by disseminating a knowledge of the purpose and achievements of forestry." The Society authorized the establishment of sections wherever there were enough active members to form a strong local organization.

The New England Section was organized in the office of Massachusetts State Forester Harold O. Cook. At that first meeting in Boston, fourteen foresters were present, and Professor James W. Toumey of Yale University was elected the first chairman and H. O. Cook was elected secretary. Initially the section allowed for members from the six New England states, but the membership base was eventually broadened to include members from the eastern Canadian provinces.

The purposes of the society are fostered by the section through its meetings and, since 1940, through the publication of a quarterly news bulletin. The semiannual section meetings (the winter annual meeting and the summer annual meeting) provide time for the conducting of section business as well as the presentation of papers, debate over policy, and social interaction. The section has been concerned with many problems of silviculture and management, primarily the problems of reproduction and increased growth. Depression and employment in the lumbering industry, storm and flood damage, and salvage operations, taxation, recreation, wildlife, and federal land acquisition have been other subjects addressed by the section.

The Society of American Foresters also authorized the creation of chapters within the sections. Within the New England Section there are three chapters: the Granite State Chapter, the Green Mountain Chapter, and the Yankee Chapter, which is composed of members from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The New England Section of the Society of American Foresters changed its name to the New England Society of American Foresters in 1980.

The section's Forest History Committee produced a history of the section in 1965. For further information, consult History of the New England Section, Society of American Foresters (Box 2, folder 11).

Scope and Contents

The records of the New England Society of American Foresters include minutes of meetings, committee files, correspondence, membership lists, programs for annual meetings, and other materials relating to the administration and work of the society prior to 1980, when the society changed its name. The records are arranged in chronological order.

For the years 1920 to 1951 the files include two bound volumes of minutes for annual and executive committee meetings, committee reports, and meeting programs. A small number of files containing similar but unbound material for the period 1940 to 1964 follow.

The bulk of the section's records, however, date from 1965 to 1977. Files for the years are again unbound. There are yearly "General files," which contain meeting programs, minutes, membership lists, budgets, financial statements, committee reports, correspondence, and press releases. There are also files on particular topics of interest, such as pending legislation and forest policy activities. The period 1972 to 1975 is particularly well documented through the copies of outgoing letters by Walter R. Gooley, Jr., who served as secretary-treasurer, vice-chairman, and then chairman of the section.

At the end of the files there are two folders of records from the Granite State Chapter and several folders of material relating to the Society of American Foresters, particularly the House of Section Delegates' meetings and the business of various committees. The latter are arranged alphabetically.

The records of the section were transferred from the Yale Forestry Library in 1991. The section's executive committee formally donated the records to the Yale University Library in 1994. The society's newsletter, the "New England Section-Society of American Foresters News Quarterly," is available at the Yale Forestry Library.

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Accession 2003-M-018: Additional Material

Through correspondence, minutes of meetings, and membership and financial records, the bulk of the material in this accession documents the work of the New England Society of American Foresters during the 1980s and the early 1990s. The materials in the first two boxes are arranged in rough chronological order. The remaining box contains materials organized by topic.

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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

Foresters -- United States
Forests and forestry

Geographic Names

New England

Corporate Bodies

New England Society of American Foresters
Society of American Foresters. New England
Section