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Summary Information

Repository:	Adirondack Research Library
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Creator:	New York (State). Department of Environmental Conservation
Source:	Moberg, Per O., 1920-2011
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Biographical / Historical

Per O. Moberg (1920-2011) was a conservationist, licensed guide and officer of the Adirondack Mountain Club and Sierra Club. Born July 14, 1920 in Brooklyn, New York, he was a son of Per J. and Lilly (Russell) Moberg. He was raised in Sweden and served in the Swedish Navy during the Second World War. Per graduated from the Stockholm Institute of Technology with degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He returned to the United States in 1947 and worked for Sperry Gyroscope Company, eventually retiring from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. His entire life was devoted to the outdoors and the environment. He loved fishing, hiking and canoeing. As a licensed guide, he took many groups into the Adirondacks. Per was a member of the Easton Town Planning Board where he resided until his death in 2011.

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Scope and Contents

Materials related to the work of Per Moberg while employed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, as a member of the Sierra Club and in other advisory committees spanning the years 1892 to 2009. The collection contains unit management plans and drafts, photographs, transcripts, lectures, publications, maps, meeting agendas, reports, minutes, printed materials, position papers and official correspondence dealing with environmental issues in New York's Forest Preserve.

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Arrangement

Series 1, Professional Papers, 1965-2009. Series 2, Unit Management Plans, 1971-2008. Series 3, Publications and Maps, 1892-2001. Materials are arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereafter.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the Adirondack Research Library by Charlie Morrison and Roger Gray in August, 2019.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Inland navigation
- Land use -- Planning -- New York (State) -- Adirondack Park
- Nature conservation -- New York (State) -- Adirondack Park
- North Country (N.Y.)
- Moberg, Per O., 1920-2011

Collection Inventory

Professional Papers, 1965-2009

Physical Description: 2.8 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Administrative records, working files, memoranda, reports, impact statements, correspondence, writings, photographs, newspaper clippings and other materials documenting Moberg's professional work. Materials tend to focus around specific campaigns and issues affecting the Forest Preserve. Navigability law and public navigation rights on the Moose River center on a lawsuit between the Sierra Club and the Adirondack League Club. Other projects involved abandoned railways, collecting background information on specific wilderness areas and general administration of the Park. Land acquisition documents show various easements, purchases and transfers of private land to the Forest Preserve including the Tahawus tract and Champion Lands. Correspondence is mostly of a professional nature and includes letters and emails regarding land acquisition, advisory committee work and amendments to unit management plans.

Title/Description	Instances	
Adirondack guide licensure, 1980	box 1	folder 1
Adirondack Park State land Master Plan origins and comments, 1972-1988	box 1	folder 2
Adirondack railways, 1989-2005	box 1	folder 3
Adirondacks in the 21st Century report and position paper, 1989-1990	box 1	folder 4
Bog River Flow acquisition and reclassification, 1985-1987	box 1	folder 5
Bog River reports, indentures and correspondence, 1967-1985	box 1	folder 6
Bog River, Lila Lake background and maps, 1979-1985	box 1	folder 7
Climate change workshop materials and open plan draft, 2009	box 1	folder 8
Conservation of our state environment conference, 1967	box 1	folder 9
Correspondence, 1966-2007	box 1	folder 10

Creation of Adirondack Park Agency legislative documents, 1971-1979	box 1	folder 11
Easton blasting impact study report, 1992	box 1	folder 12
Fishing, 1973-1989	box 1	folder 13
Forest Preserve Advisory Committee minutes and memoranda, 1982-1996	box 1	folder 14
Forest Preserve acquisitions, 1987-1990	box 1	folder 15
Forest Preserve Centennial festival, 1985	box 1	folder 16
Forest Preserve management working papers, recommendations and proceedings, 1976-1996	box 1	folder 17-18
Land acquisition presentation and priority lists, 1972-1990	box 1	folder 19
Litigation regarding Moose River navigation, 1965-1994	box 1	folder 20-21
Miscellaneous, 1971-1996	box 1	folder 22
Organization and history of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 1974	box 1	folder 23
Proposed Whiteface Mountain agreement notes, 1980	box 1	folder 24
Photographs, 1978-1987	box 1	folder 25
Public navigation rights legislation, 1975-2007	box 1	folder 26-28
	box 5	folder 4-5
Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor documents, 1966-1994	box 2	folder 1-3
Rivers and waters, 1975-2007	box 1	folder 4
Santanoni Preserve correspondence, 1979-1992	box 2	folder 5
Sierra Club Adirondack committee, 1986-1990	box 2	folder 6
Sierra Club litigation regarding blockage in Whitney Wilderness, 1998-2009	box 2	folder 7
Sierra Club meeting notes, 1988-2003	box 2	folder 8
Sierra Club newsletters and reports, 1990-1999	box 2	folder 9
St. Regis Canoe Area, 1983-1985	box 2	folder 10
Tahawus acquisition , 1970-2003	box 2	folder 11
Task force on the Adirondack Park Agency draft report and memoranda, 1994	box 2	folder 12
Winter Olympics environmental impact report, press and map, 1975-1980	box 2	folder 13
Writings, 1988-2004	box 2	folder 14

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Unit Management Plans, 1971-2008

Physical Description: 0.71 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Planning documents include memoranda discussing the format and contents necessary to write plans, project narratives and other planning notes. Unit management plan drafts and summaries for lands administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the Adirondack Park. Also included are earlier plans as written by the Division of Lands and Forests written in the 1970s that were later superseded.

Title/Description	Instances	
Unit management planning documents, 1977-1996	box 3	folder 1
Bog River Complex Unit Management Plan statement, 2008	box 3	folder 2
High Peaks Wilderness Advisory Committee summary findings report, 1977	box 3	folder 3
High Peaks Wilderness Complex Unit Management Plan initial draft, 1994	box 3	folder 4
High Peaks Wilderness Complex Unit Management Plan draft, 1994	box 3	folder 5
High Peaks Wilderness Complex Unit Management Plan draft summary, 1995	box 3	folder 6
Hudson River Gorge Primitive Area Management Plan, 1971	box 3	folder 7
Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area Unit Management Plan drafts, 1971-1980	box 3	folder 8
Pigeon Lake Wilderness Area Management Plan, undated	box 3	folder 9
Raquette Boreal Unit Management Plan draft, 2006	box 3	folder 10
Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plans, 1993-1996	box 3	folder 11
Saint Regis Canoe Area Unit Management Plan drafts, 1973-2005	box 3	folder 12
Shaker Mountain Wild Forest Area Plan, 1971	box 3	folder 13
Silver Lake Wilderness Area Management Plan, 1974	box 3	folder 14

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Publications and Maps, 1892-2001

Physical Description: 2.74 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the series consists of publications received by Per Moberg during his professional work. They include reports, summaries, statistics and technical papers on Adirondack history, Forest Preserve management, policy, soil health, sustainability and ground water. Historical materials include original state land surveys transmitted to the the legislature by Verplanck Colvin in the 1890s.

Maps types include topographic, planimetric, and historical land partitions used by Moberg for unit management planning. Topographic maps contain marginalia.

Title/Description	Instances	
Adirondack history publications, 1892-1978	box 4	folder 1
General publications, 1964-1998	box 4	folder 2
Northern Forest publications, 1976-2000	box 5	folder 1
New York State plans and publications, 1967-1992	box 5	folder 2
Water reports and publications, 1976-2001	box 5	folder 3
Adirondack Park Agency maps, 1974-1990	box 6	folder 1
Geological survey planimetric maps, 1985-1986	box 6	folder 2
Land partition, acquisition and purchase maps, 1970-1988	box 6	folder 3
Miscellaneous Adirondack Park maps, 1962-1986	box 6	folder 4
USGS topographic quadrangle maps, 1970-1986	box 6	folder 5

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