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Izaak Walton League of America – Champaign County Chapter, 1922-2015

Collection 135

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Izaak Walton League of America – Champaign County Chapter

Inclusive Dates: 1922-2015, bulk 1960-1990

Physical Description: 4 boxes, (2 linear feet).

Provenance:

The Izaak Walton League of America – Champaign County Chapter records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in June 1999 and May 25, 2017 (Acc. No. 2017.00.20) by three former members.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Izaak Walton League of America (IWL) was founded in 1922 as an environmental conservation group focused on the preservation of fish and game. The Champaign County chapter was founded in 1924, with Dr. Henry Baldwin Ward being a strong instigator. Due to loss of early records, the first known president of the club is W.E.C. Clifford in 1929. The Chapter was involved with a variety of local environment projects, including the Nature Trail, Replanting Area, and youth activities, and supported different movements and legal proposals that enforced and reinforced environmental conservation efforts. IWL did not claim any political leanings, but did work with legislators in order to further their conservation efforts.

Some notable accomplishments of the group include: leading a campaign that resulted in the creation of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District in 1948, wildlife habitat restoration, and the construction of their cabin in Lake-of-the-Woods Park, where meetings were regularly held.

IWL Champaign County Chapter came to an end in 2015 due to aging members and lack of interest.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains materials from the start of the organization as a whole in 1922 to the dissolution of the Champaign County Chapter in 2015. The collection, while it does document some activities of individual members, is primarily concerned with the actions of the organization as a whole. The collection is arranged into two series. The Administrative series documents the in-house operations of the IWL, including financial information, correspondence, member and officer lists, chapter manuals, and legal information. The Activities series documents outreach, events, and conservation efforts, mainly including documents such as newspaper clippings, flyers, and correspondence.



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Arrangement: Records are arranged into two series and files are arranged alphabetically within those series. The Administration series includes records concerning administration and business of the IWL. The Activities series includes records concerning the league's involvement in the youth, community, activities, and conservation.

Name terms:

Champaign County Forest Preserve District
Clifford, W.E.C.
Izaak Walton League of America
Lake of the Woods County Park
Ward, Henry Baldwin

Subject Terms:

Conservation
Conservation of natural resources
Conservation of natural resources-Government policy-United States
Education
Environmentalists – Societies, Etc.
Fishery management – Illinois
Habitat conservation
Nature conservation
Wildlife Management – Illinois

Container List:

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Series 1: Administration

Folder 1: Articles of Incorporation, 1963-1964
Folder 2: Chapter Manual, 2008
Folder 3: Chapter Procedural Manual, 1967
Folder 4: Conservation Advisory Committee, 1964-1966, 1969-1971
Folder 5: Committees, 162, 1965-1967, 1969
Folder 6: Committee Lists, 1964-1966
Folder 7: Correspondence, 1963, 1966, 1971, 1989-1990, 1992-1999, 2004-2005
Folder 8: Correspondence to the Chapter President, 1966-1967, 1988-1999, 2003, 2015
Folder 9: Delegate Accreditation, 2004
Folder 10: Dissolution, 2009, 2014-2015
Folder 11: Donation Lists, 1970
Folder 12: Energy Efficiency Committee, 1998, 2001
Folder 13: Expenses, 2005, 2012-2014
Folder 14: History, 1922-1998



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- Folder 16: IWL Events, 2003-2004
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- Folder 20: Lake of the Woods, 2001-2002
- Folder 21: Legal Documents, 2009, 2012
- Folder 22: Materials from Joe Kastelic, President from 1968-1969, 1 of 2

Box 2

Series 1: Administration

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- Folder 6: Membership Recruitment, undated
- Folder 7: National Business, 2012-2013
- Folder 8: National Report Form, 2015
- Folder 9: Officers, 1929-2005
- Folder 10: Organizational Documents, 2004-2005
- Folder 11: Political Activity, 1964, 1987, 1993-1995, 1997-1998, 2001, 2005-2006
- Folder 12: Procedures and Bylaws, 1967, 1990, 1996
- Folder 13: Procedural Manual and Charter, 1959-1967
- Folder 14: Remittance Reports for national Office, 1953-1957
- Folder 15: Rental Agreement Forms, 1994-1995, 1997-1999, 2004-2005
- Folder 16: Roster, 2004-2005
- Folder 17: South First Street Project, 1998, 2002
- Folder 18: State Business, 2006
- Folder 19: Tax Information, 1942, 1974, 1986, 1992-1995, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2005
- Folder 20: Treasurer's Report, 1965, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003
- Folder 21: Youth Education Committee, 1965-1966

Box 3

Series 2: Activities

- Folder 1: 75th Anniversary, 1998
- Folder 2: Acoustical Treatment Recommendation for Lake in the Woods Cabin, 1972, 1975-1979
- Folder 3: Annual Convention, 1998, 2001
- Folder 4: Award Materials, 1965, 1969-1974, 1976-1987, 1992, 1994-1997, 2000, 2002, 2004-2006, 2012-2013
- Folder 5: Building Plans for Cabin at Lake in the Woods, 1964
- Folder 6: Building Lake in the Woods Cabin, 1951-1952, 1960-1964, 1969
- Folder 7: Dumping and Pollution, 1954, 1956-1959, 1963-1964
- Folder 8: Ephemera, 1998



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Folder 9: Explorer Post #24, 1963-1964

Folder 10: Fish Habitats Project, 1998-1999, 2006

Folder 11: Illinois Ike Clippings, 1995-1999, 2005, 2007-2008, 2013

Folder 12: Illinois Ike Full Copies, 1993-1998

Folder 13: Indian Dunes Preservation, 1962-1963

Folder 14: Maps, 1994, 2002

Box 4

Series 2: Activities

Folder 1: Materials, 1966-1967

Folder 2: Memorial Trees, 2001, 2010

Folder 3: Newsletters, 1961-1965

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1963-1969, 1973, 1987, 1993, 1998-2001

Folder 5: Pamphlets, 1990, 1992-1993, 2014

Folder 6: Prairie Chicken Foundation, 1962

Folder 7: Programs, Initiatives, and Events, 1962, 1966-1967, 1970-1971, 1980, 1992-1996

Folder 8: Programs, Initiatives, and Events, 1995, 1997-2000, 2002, 2009-2010, 2013-2014

Folder 9: Publications, 1953, 1959-1965, 1982, 1994, 1997-1998, 2001, 2011, 2014

Folder 10: Publicity and Press Releases, 1963-1965

Folder 11: Salt Fork Cleanup, 2005

Folder 12: Summer School Field Science Course, 1959-1965, 1967-968, 1972-1973

Folder 13: Youth Activity Book/Tools, 2013-2014

Box 5

Photographic materials relocated to the photographs section of the Archives