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**ROBERT W. KELLUM
PAPERS, 1945-1961**

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert W. Kellum (1901-1986) graduated from Earlham College, where among other activities he had been campus correspondent for the Indianapolis Star.

After graduation he worked one year for the Star, then three years for the Indianapolis News. In 1929 he rejoined the Star, becoming assistant city editor in 1937, city editor in 1940, and business and financial editor in 1948.

After 1950, and until his retirement in 1966, Kellum worked part-time at the Star, mainly as a feature writer, and the rest of the time as executive secretary of the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission. This position resulted from a casual airplane conversation between Star publisher Eugene C. Pulliam and TVA director David Lilienthal. Kellum's work on the Commission led to legislation expanding the doctrine of riparian rights, and to a statewide plan for fifteen reservoirs serving multiple purposes: flood control, electric power, and recreation. One result of this plan was the development of Eagle Creek Reservoir and Park in Indianapolis.

Beginning in 1957, Kellum was also a member of the Great Lakes Commission.

Sources: Materials in collection

Indiana Biographical Series, vol. 95 p. 26

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling three folders, consists of typed autobiographical sketches, mimeographed material, and telegrams, from the period 1945-1961. It is arranged chronologically within category.

Folder 1 contains several short typed autobiographical sketches, and the transcript of an interview with Kellum just before his death about his work with water resources.

In Folder 2 are mimeographed materials dealing with water resources: minutes of the 1959 annual meeting of the Great Lakes Commission, and material from the U. S. Senate Select Committee on Water Resources.

In Folder 3 are items about a Midwest Press Group visit to Mills Field, material about Mrs. [Walter Bedell?] Smith, and a list of bankers in connection with the Wabash Waterway.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Kellum, Robert W. (Robert Wesley), 1901-1986

SUBJECT ENTRIES: United States. Congress. Senate. Select
Committee on National Water Resources
Great Lakes Commission
Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources
Indiana Port Commission

Commission

Pulliam, Eugene C., 1889-1975
Smith, Walter Bedell, 1895-1961
Smith, Mary Eleanor, d. 1963
Water resources development--Great Lakes region
Water resources development--United States
Water resources development--Indiana
Water conservation--United States
Water conservation--Indiana
Reservoirs--Indiana--Marion County
Flood control--Indiana--Marion County
Journalists--Indiana--Indianapolis