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## **ROBERT (BOB) HARADEN ORAL HISTORIES AND PAPERS**

***CATALOG NUMBER:*** MSC 117

***VOLUME:*** 0.75 LINEAR FEET

### ***HISTORY***

Robert Chester “Bob” Haraden was born in Bar Harbor, Maine, on June 10, 1922, to Sylvia Hazel (Brewer) and Shirley Edwin Haraden. The oldest of two boys, his brother was Gerard Edwin Haraden. Bob graduated from Bar Harbor High School in 1940. After working a variety of jobs in Maine and briefly for the Colt Firearms Co. in Hartford, Connecticut, Haraden attended Northeastern University for a year in 1942. A member of the Naval Reserve, he was called to active duty in 1943, serving as a radar technician on the USS Gilbert Islands in the Pacific until 1946. He graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in civil engineering in 1949.

### ***DESCRIPTION***

The collection consists of personal copies of records created while Robert (Bob) Haraden served as Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park as well as records and oral histories focused on park history during his retirement. The collection includes correspondence, including an extended exchange with Horace Albright as well as letters from various Congressional representatives and others related to wildlife management and park issues. There is also research material such as news clippings, magazine articles, brochures, and other ephemera related to Yellowstone. In his retirement, Haraden conducted several oral histories with other retired park and concessioner employees. The interviews cover a range of topics, in addition to biographical details, with a focus on mid-20th century park operations.

### ***PROVENANCE***

Gift of Robert Haraden, 1980s and 2014.

### ***AVAILABILITY***

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