

Department of Forestry State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Forestry was responsible for the acquisition and management of state forest lands, the development of state parks, and the protection of state and private forest lands as a measure of conservation.

The publications of the Department of Forestry contain biennial reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly happenings and statistics on Pennsylvania forests. Current holdings are available outside of the digital platform, on the Internet Archive (see General Note).

Biographical / Historical

The Pennsylvania Forestry Commission was established in 1893 to control forest fires and create a forest reserve system, purchasing the first state forest lands with a concentration on conservation of Pennsylvania's forests. The Forestry Commission became the Department of Forestry in 1901, and continued the mission of conservation, later innovating systems such as fire towers in Pennsylvania forests. The Department of Forests and Waters was created in 1923 by Governor Gifford Pinchot to consolidate the functions of the Department of Forestry, the Water Supply Commission, and the Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Pennsylvania Forestry Commission (former agency name), Department of Forests and Waters (successor agency)

General Note

Annual reports of the Department of Forestry from 1901 to 1923 are available on the Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/search?query=report+of+the+pennsylvania+department+of+forestry>.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Forestry at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class165>.

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