



Grand Teton Lodge Company records

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Grand Teton Lodge and Transportation Company was formed in 1936, following on a reorganization of the Teton Investment Company. Until their 1936 merger, the Teton Investment Company had been comprised of the Teton Lodge Company and the Teton Transportation Company, known collectively as the Teton Companies. The Transportation Company operated a bus service between Jackson Hole, the Union Pacific Railroad in Victor, Idaho, and Yellowstone Park, whereas the Lodge Company operated the Teton Lodge at Moran and subsequently the old Jackson Lake Lodge.

The Teton Companies were formed in the early 1930s, under the oversight of Harold Fabian, to provide transportation and lodging for visitors to the Grand Tetons. Harold Fabian's involvement in the region had begun a few years earlier with his appointment as vice president of the Snake River Land Company, an organization established in 1927 to provide for John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s land purchases in the Jackson Hole valley. The Snake River Land Company's purchases came with buildings as well as the land, and having acquired the two main lodges in the valley, it found itself in turn the main provider of services for visitors.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. had traveled to the Grand Teton area in 1924 and 1926 under the guidance of Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Harold Albright, and the visit inspired him to preserve the beauty of the region from unregulated development. The 1929 borders of Grand Teton National Park included the mountain range and the lakes abutting it, but they did not safeguard the surrounding valley. Under the guise of the Snake River Land Company, JDR Jr. bought up over 30,000 acres of private land within the Jackson Hole valley, for the express purpose of donating it to the federal government for an expanded Grand Teton National Park.

JDR Jr.'s efforts to donate his land met with prolonged local opposition. In 1943, President Roosevelt circumvented opposition by proclaiming much of the Jackson Hole valley a national monument. It was not until 1949 that Laurance S. Rockefeller was able to complete the formal transfer of land to the National Park Service. In 1950, a new, enlarged Grand Teton National Park emerged, combining the 1929 park and the monument lands.

With the rise in automobile travel and tourism in the postwar period, the park saw an increasing number of visitors, along with changes in the patterns of tourism. While protecting the valley from overdevelopment, there was also a need to provide additional and improved facilities for park visitors. Working through Jackson Hole Preserve Inc. (JHPI), the nonprofit conservation and education organization they founded in 1940, John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his son Laurance provided much of the funding needed to expand and improve tourist facilities in the park. JHPI purchased the Grand Teton Lodge Company, which then became a subsidiary of the nonprofit organization. The Lodge Company's leases with the National Park Service also made it the primary concessioner within the park.

In 1952 the Rockefellers and JHPI began planning and construction for a new Jackson Lake Lodge, which opened in 1955 as the first modern lodge within a national park. A second development at Colter Bay, funded jointly by the National Park Service and the Grand Teton Lodge Company, opened in 1957 and provided a range of accommodations, from rustic cabins (which had been preserved and moved from several locations within the park) to tent and trailer camping, as well as a cafeteria, general store, laundry, service station, marina, and museum. Colter Bay was an important pilot project in the National Park Service's Mission 66 program.

Grand Teton Lodge Company also developed a third lodge at Jenny Lake, on the site of the old Danny Ranch. Jenny Lake Lodge was a smaller and higher-end development of rustic cabins.

In 1955 the Grand Teton Lodge Company dropped the "and Transportation" function from its title, reflecting its heightened role in providing facilities for visitors who tended to prolong their stay in the valley and park.

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Scope and Contents

The Grand Teton Lodge Company records consist of board materials, correspondence files, and financial records that document the company's operations in Grand Teton National Park from the 1930s to the

1980s. The bulk of the materials, dating from the late 1940s to the 1960s, concerns the development and renovation of tourist and lodging facilities in the park, and particularly the design, construction, furnishing, and remodeling of the new Jackson Lake Lodge, the cabins and facilities at Colter Bay, and the Jenny Lake Lodge.

Topics covered include the development of the park and the lodges. Early materials concerning the organization of the Grand Teton Lodge Company, concessions operations, and negotiations with the National Park Service and state representatives, are found in Harold Fabian's correspondence files from the 1930s-1940s, labeled Moran Operations and Jackson Hole. National Park Service files touch on the extension of Grand Teton National Park and the monument controversy, but also include studies of park development, concessions financing, and a 1965 survey of concession facilities in neighboring Yellowstone National Park. Other materials relating to interactions with the National Park Service, 1948-1950, are found in files for the GTLC's parent organization, Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc. The records also include JHPI board meeting materials for 1953-1969.

Files relating to the Lodge Company operations include accounting, construction, and general management and operations files; correspondence with architects and contractors; correspondence with Rockefeller or JHPI associates in New York, especially Allston Boyer and Kenneth Chorley; files concerning publicity and opening arrangements; and materials relating to transportation and other concession agreements. There is also a nearly full run of financial statements and/or audit reports for the period 1934-1985.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series: 1. Board of Directors; 2. Grand Teton Lodge Company; 3. Corporate Financial Records; 4. Photographs.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Grand Teton Lodge Company records were donated to the Rockefeller Archive Center in August 2003, by GTLC president Clay James.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Related materials will be found in other Rockefeller Archive Center collections, including the Harold P. Fabian papers; the Kenneth Chorley papers; and the Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, Cultural Interests series.

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Physical Description: 3.2 Cubic Feet 7 boxes

Arrangement

The Board of Directors series is arranged into four sets of files: Agenda, Correspondence, Minutes, and Executive Committee. Each file heading is arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

The Board of Directors series documents the general administration of the Grand Teton Lodge Company from the mid-1940s to the mid-1980s.

The series is sorted by file type, but there is a considerable amount of overlap in the contents of the various Board files. The Agenda files for the most part include the full set of materials prepared for the board meetings. The Correspondence files concern meeting scheduling and arrangements and include a mixture of board materials.

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Grand Teton Lodge Company, 1926-1991

Physical Description: 7.5 Cubic Feet 15 boxes

Arrangement

The Grand Teton Lodge Company series is arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

The main topics of this series include the development of concessions and tourist facilities, operations, business and accounting, and correspondence.

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Corporate Financial Records, 1934-1985

Physical Description: 3 Cubic Feet 6 boxes

Arrangement

Series arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

The Corporate Financial series includes a full run of financial statements and/or audit reports for 1934-1985, as well as various investment, stockholder, and tax records.

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Ledgers, 1947-1950, 1953-1954	box 25	folder 302

Scope and Contents

Ledger page (Coupon Accounts Receivable), pertaining to travel companies and tours; check register - payments to Underwood and others concerning Jackson Lake Lodge construction, 1953-1954

Stocks

GTLC Stockholders: Minutes, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1960-1964	box 25	folder 303
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Stock Certificates, 1952-1956	box 26	folder 305
Stock Certificates, 1957-1963	box 26	folder 306
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Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted material.

Stock Certificates: Teton Investment Company Transfer, 1936-1937	box 26	folder 308
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Processing Information:

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Processing Information

File originally labeled Federal Admissions Tax.

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Restricted- Confidential material

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Conditions Governing Access:**Conditions Governing Access**

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Restricted- Personnel Information

Federal Withholding Tax, 1961-1962	box 27	folder 319
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Conditions Governing Access

Restricted- Confidential Material

Federal Withholding Tax, 1963-1964

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Restricted- Confidential Material

Property Taxes, 1952-1955, 1964

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Utah State Tax Commission, 1947-1955

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folder 322

Certificate of Incorporation, 1947 October 30

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drawer C-1

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Wyoming Poll Tax, 1951

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Wyoming State Sales Tax, 1951-1956

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Colter Bay and Jackson Lake Lodge Construction, circa 1954-1956

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Unidentified Photos

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Still image of Cabins

Still image of man with horse

General

Photo found loose in box.

Writing on back- "Among Harold Fabian papers?"

Still image of Vernon Johnson and Horace Albright

Board of Directors, circa 1970s - 1980s

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Biographical / Historical

Group photo, including: Franklin E. Parker, Fred J. Eydt, Clifford P. Hansen, Bernie Iliff, Nash Castro, Fred Smith, Clayton W. Frye, Jr., John D. Green, Laurance S.

Rockefeller, Carlisle H. Humelsine, Charles H. P. Duell,
Richard E. Holtzman, Felix Buckenroth, Jr.

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6 negatives of Jackson Lake Lodge, circa 1954	box 29	folder 334
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Separated From: Box 13/ Folder 148 GTLC Jackson Lake Lodge: Furnishings (3), 1954		
Photo of rifle, 1956 April 20	box 29	folder 335
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Separated From: Box 17/ Folder 209 GTLC New York Office: Chorley, Kenneth (Correspondence), 1956		
Still Images of John F. Kennedy's visit to Grand Teton National Park, September 1963	box 29	folder 336
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Still Images of Lady Bird Johnson's visit to Grand Teton National Park, 1964 August 14-17	box 29	folder 337

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Separated Materials

Separated from: Box 22/ Folder 274 GTLC: Visits (Lady Bird Johnson), 1964

Still Images and Negatives of Lady Bird Johnson's visit to	box 29	folder 339
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