

# **Chorley (Kenneth) papers**

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### **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Rockefeller Archive Center

**Creator - aut:** Chorley, Kenneth

**Creator - ctb:** Rockefeller, John D., Jr. (John Davison), 1874-1960

**Creator:** Jackson Hole Preserve, Incorporated

**Creator:** Colonial Williamsburg (Williamsburg, Va.)

**Title:** Kenneth Chorley papers

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**Date [inclusive]:** 1874-1976

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English.

## Biographical/Historical note

Conservationist and leader in the field of historic preservation, Kenneth Chorley was born in Bournemouth, England, on May 21, 1893, the son of Dr. Edward Clowes and Florence (Dover) Chorley. He moved to the United States with his family in 1900. He attended Manlius School in Manlius, New York, and received an honorary LL.D. from the College of William and Mary in 1934. In 1920, he married Elizabeth O'Kane, and they had two children. That marriage ended in divorce in 1941. Chorley married Jean Travers in 1941.

Prior to 1923, Chorley worked for the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad; the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad; and the Nevins Church Press. Kenneth Chorley began his long association with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1923 when he became an associate of Arthur Woods in the Office of the Messieurs Rockefeller. In the ensuing years Chorley represented Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. in his numerous interests. Chorley was a staff member of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial from 1923-1928, and later of the Spelman Fund of New York (1928-1936).

Chorley was active in the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg from its inception in 1926 and worked closely with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to recreate eighteenth-century Williamsburg as living history. He served as vice-president (1930-1935), treasurer (1934-1937), president (1935-1958), and director (1930-1963) of Williamsburg Restoration, Inc., and was a board member until his retirement in 1963.

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He was also trustee (1930-1963), vice-president (1930-1935), treasurer (1934-1937), and succeeded Arthur Woods as president (1935-1958) of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., which holds title to nearly all the properties in the restored area and operates the exhibition buildings and all educational programs.

Mr. Chorley also served as Mr. Rockefeller, Jr.'s representative in the creation of Grand Teton National Park. Beginning in 1926, Chorley directed the Snake River Land Company's acquisition and conservation of over 33,000 acres of land in the Grand Tetons. The land was turned over to the National Park Service in 1949 as a part of Grand Teton National Park. Jackson Hole Preserve, Incorporated, which succeeded the Snake River Land Company, administered the land and the preserve. The Grand Teton Lodge Company, which succeeded the Grant Teton Lodge and Transportation Company, was the business corporation that operated visitor accommodations at the park. Both organizations were created in 1940. Chorley served as trustee (1940-1974), treasurer (1952-1955), and vice-president (1954-1964) of Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., and president (1952-1963) of the Grand Teton Lodge Company.

Kenneth Chorley died March 21, 1974.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

The Kenneth Chorley papers contain correspondence, financial records, minutes, legal documents, reports, clippings, and photographs relating to the development of Colonial Williamsburg and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as well as to Chorley's professional activities in the field of historic preservation. Most of the collection relates to his business activities; there are few personal papers.

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## **Arrangement note**

The Kenneth Chorley papers are divided into four series:

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

The papers of Kenneth Chorley were deposited at the Rockefeller Archive Center by Jean Travers Chorley in 1976 and 1977 and were donated to the Center in 1979.

#### **Related Materials**

#### **Related Archival Materials note**

For additional information on Jackson Hole, Wyoming, see also the Harold P. Fabian papers and the Rockefeller Family Archives, Record Group 2, Cultural Interests series.

For additional information on Colonial Williamsburg, see also the Rockefeller Family Archives, Record Group 2, Cultural Interests series; and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Archives, located in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

- Historic preservation
- Water rights
- Elk
- Jackson Hole Wildlife Park
- Yellowstone National Park
- Restoration and conservation
- Environmental policy
- Grand Teton National Park (Wyo.)
- Jackson Hole (Wyo.)

## **Collection Inventory**

#### **Jackson Hole, 1926-1949**

Physical Description: 10 Cubic Feet

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series contains correspondence, reports, financial records, and legal documents pertaining to the town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc.; the Snake River Land Company; JY Ranch; and the creation of Grand Teton National Park. Subjects include purchasing land for the Preserve, the proposed enlargement of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, Jackson Hole Wildlife Park, elk herds, water rights, and trips west by Chorley, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. family and friends, Saunders Draper, Ed Kendrew, Arthur Woods, and Vanderbilt Webb.

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Albright Operation - 1931 Barkan - 1940 Burt, Struthers - 1945 Camp Fire Club of America - 1939 Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce Building - 1935 Colter (John) Plaque - 1937 Colton, Don B. - 1930 Cramton, Louis C. - 1929 Curtis, Lucy - 1940 Deloney, W.C. - 1933 Ditch Permit No. 4472 - 1932 Donoghue - 1933 Fabian, Harold - 1930, 1938-1941 Fires - 1931 Goe, Ben F. - 1942 Gros Ventre Flood - 1927 Harrington, Frances - 1937 Hoover, Herbert (President) - 1930 Huff (Charles W.) Memorial - 1937-1939 J.Y. Ranch - 1944 Jackson Cowboy Baseball Club - 1934 Jackson Memorial Library - 1940 Markham, Joe - 1932 McLeod, D. G. - 1945 Merced Grove - 1928 Meyersahm - 1940 Miller, Leslie A. - 1934, 1940 Moore, Charles C. - 1930 Moose - 1932 Moses, Edward P. 1934

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#### **Scope and Contents note**

National Park Service - 1944 Nielson, Wilford W. - 1934-1936 Noble, Maud - 1940 O'Mahoney, Joseph C. - 1934-1937 Resor, Stanley - 1939 Reynolds, George - 1939 Richards, H.C. - 1945 Robberies - 1932 Rockefeller, John D., Jr. - Visit - 1930 Schellinger, Gerard (Reverend) - 1936-1937 Seebohm, William - 1940 Sheppard, Walter B. - 1929 Skyline Ranch - 1936-1937 Smith, Janet Rae - 1936 Storage Protection - 1932 Valley Ranch School - 1932-1933 Van Derveer, Nellie H. - 1933 Van Dusen -

1930 Weather Conditions - 1934-1936 Wilson, M. L. - 1934 Winger, Richard - 1938-1943 Winter Sports Association - 1932 Wonderful Wyoming Association - 1939 Woodring - 1939

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Statistics, 1946-1948

Related Archival Materials note:

#### **Related Archival Materials note**

See also Box 1, Folder 1.

J.Y. Ranch - Inventory, 1932	box 30	folder 260
Snake River Land Company - Appraisal of Properties, 1942	box 30	folder 261
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Related Archival Materials note:

#### **Related Archival Materials note**

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#### Personal, 1918-1974

Physical Description: 22 Cubic Feet

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, speeches, and taped interviews relating to Chorley's interest in historic preservation; the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference at Fort Benning, Georgia; Jackson Hole; Colonial Williamsburg employee interviews; the American Commission to Preserve Abu Simbel; the Morocco Education Program; New Jersey's Governor's Mansion; the Snow King Project at Jackson Hole; and other professional and personal activities. This series also includes 55 diaries (1924-1970), and 35 scrapbooks compiled by Colonial Williamsburg staff. There is also a scrapbook on John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and a scrapbook on William Lyons MacKenzie King.

#### **Arrangement note**

The papers in this series are arranged alphabetically by subject.

#### **Arrangement**

Persistent ID ref422 (box 11/folder 87)deleted because not used

#### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services / Head of Reference.

#### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (audiotapes) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment.

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1960 Appointment Book, 1960	box 1A	
Articles	box 1	folder 1
Biographical Material, 1954-1974	box 1	folder 2
Biographical Material, 1954-1974	box 1	folder 3
Committees - American Committee to Preserve Abu Simbel, 1963-1968	box 1	folder 4
Committees - American Committee to Preserve Abu Simbel, 1963-1968	box 1	folder 5
Committees - Morocco - Educational Program, 1958	box 1	folder 6
Committees - National Trust for Historic Preservation - Awards Program, 1958	box 1	folder 7
Committees - Morven - New Jersey's Governor's Mansion, 1954-1957	box 1	folder 8
Correspondence - General, 1935-1967	box 1	folder 9
Correspondence - General, 1968-1973	box 2	folder 10
Correspondence - Rockefeller, 1935-1963	box 2	folder 11
Diary, 1924-1933	box 2	folder 12-17
	reel 1	
Diary, 1934-1941	box 3	folder 18-25
	reel 1	
Diary, 1942-1951	box 4	folder 26-33
	reel 1	
	reel 2	
Diary, 1952-March 1958	box 5	folder 34-40
	reel 2	
Diary, April 1958 - October 1, 1961	box 6	folder 41-48
	reel 2	
Diary, October 1, 1961 - June 1964	box 7	folder 49-55

	reel 2	
Diary, July 1964-1966	box 8	folder 56-62
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Diary, 1967-1970	box 9	folder 63-66
	reel 3	
Jackson Hole - Snow King Project - Feasibility Study and Cost Analysis, November 1972	box 9	folder 67
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Speeches, 1957-1971	box 10	folder 75
Speeches - National Association of Travel Organizations, September 28, 1957	box 10	folder 76
Speeches - National Council of Churches - Task Force on Leisure, April 1967	box 10	folder 77
Speeches - New Jersey Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty, May 31, 1966	box 10	folder 78
Speeches - Portsmouth Rotary Club - Strawbery Banke, July 22, 1965	box 10	folder 79
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Speeches - Shelburne Museum - Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Webb, May 20, 1957	box 10	folder 81
Speeches - Shelburne Museum - Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Webb, May 20, 1957	box 11	folder 82
Speeches - Trail Blazer Award - Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb, March 11, 1964	box 11	folder 83
Speeches - Wilmington Travel Forum, April 16, 1958	box 11	folder 84
Speeches - Women's Club of Milwaukee, November 19, 1959	box 11	folder 85
Speeches - Women's Club of Milwaukee, November 19, 1959	box 11	folder 86
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Reel-to-Reel Tape - Kenneth Chorley Stories <u>Physical Description</u> : 7"	box 12	folder 89
Scope and Contents note		
Staircase at Wren Bldg.; Frenchman's Map; How did you come to get a job with Mr. Rockefeller?		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - "Williamsburg Award" - Speech to Colonial Williamsburg Employees, January 1956	box 12	folder 90
Physical Description: 7"		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - Wilmington New Journal Travel Forum Address, April 16, 1958	box 12	folder 91
Physical Description: 7"		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - Trip to England and Morocco - An Address to Colonial Williamsburg Employees, April 30, 1958	box 12	folder 92
Physical Description: 7"		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - Trip to England and Morocco - An Address to Colonial Williamsburg Employees, April 30, 1958	box 12	folder 93
Physical Description: 7"		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - "Observation Point"	box 12	folder 94
Physical Description: 7"		
Scope and Contents note		
Kenneth Chorley interviewed by Duncan MacDonald; broadcast March 12, 1964.		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - "Prelude to Independence" - Speech by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, 1966	box 12	folder 95
Physical Description: 7"		
Cassette Tape - Interview with Colonial Williamsburg Employee - James Arnold	box 12	folder 96
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Cassette Tape - Interview with Colonial Williamsburg Employee - Gene Crane, Bookbinder	box 12	folder 98
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Cassette Tape - Interview with Colonial Williamsburg Employee - Miss Shaffer	box 12	folder 102
Cassette Tape - Interview with Colonial Williamsburg Employee - Henry Striker	box 12	folder 103
Cassette Tape - Interviews - Princeton Theological Seminary - Dr. P. Brown (YSU)	box 12	folder 104
Cassette Tape - Interviews - Princeton Theological Seminary - M. Hanson (YSU)	box 12	folder 105
Cassette Tape - Interviews - Princeton Theological Seminary - Earl Soles (YSU)	box 12	folder 106
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Reel-to-Reel Tape - Interviews, April 1966	box 12	folder 108
Physical Description: 5"		
Scope and Contents note		
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Williamsburg, Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc.		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - Interviews, April 1966	box 12	folder 109
Physical Description: 5"		
Scope and Contents note		
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Williamsburg, Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc.		
Reel-to-Reel Tape - Interviews, April 1966	box 12	folder 110
Physical Description: 5"		
Scope and Contents note		
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Williamsburg, Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc.		
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Physical Description: 1.5 Cubic Feet

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series contains clippings pertaining to visits to the restoration by Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain (1957) and King Paul and Queen Fredericka of Greece (1953), and the British High Command's visit (1943).

#### **Arrangement**

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British High Command's Visit, May 1943	box 1	folder 2
King and Queen of Greece Visit - Clippings, November 1953	box 1	folder 3
Queen Mother Elizabeth (Great Britain) Visit - Clippings, November 1954	box 1	folder 4
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King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece - Visit	box 11	folder 111
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Personal - Miscellaneous	box 11	folder 113
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Colonial Williamsburg, 1972	box 1
Order of Service - Kenneth Chorley	box 1
Lee Bristol's Address Delivered at the Funeral of Kenneth Chorley, 1974	box 1
Colonial Williamsburg News - Special Edition for Kenneth Chorley, 1974	box 1
Kenneth Chorley Obituary - Clippings, 1974 May 21	box 1
Kenneth Chorley - Funeral, 1974 May 21-23	box 1
Colonial Williamsburg News - Honors Received by Kenneth Chorley, 1973 December 12	box 1
Appointment Calendars, 1971-1974	box 1
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"Jackson Hole National Monument, Wyoming. Yellowstone National Park." (Department of the Interior. National Park Service), 1943 March 29	folder 1
"Grand Teton National Park Base Map", zoning and topographical map., 1936 June	folder 1
Proposed Extension to Grand Teton National Park." Prepared by Branch of Planning, 1934 June 21	folder 1
2 copies: "Proposed adjustments in boundaries of Yellowstone National Park as approved by the coordinating commission on National Parks and Forests," Grand Teton National Forest., 1925 October 19	folder 1
Proposed Extension to Grand Teton National Park." Prepared by Branch of Planning. Copy of zoning map, 1934 June 21	folder 1
"Township 44 North, Range 116 West." Survey of Section of Jackson Hole Property., 1917 March 8	folder 1
Map of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone National Park - Extension Bills., 1929 September 9	folder 1
Boundaries of Yellowstone National Park as revised by act dated 3/1/29. Also the Grand Teton National Park as established by act dated . 2/26/29.", 1929	folder 1

"Jackson Hole National Monument, Wyoming. Yellowstone National Park." (Department of the Interior. National Park Service), 1943 March 29	folder 1
"Plot of Path of Snake River Land Company Holdings", 1936 November 19	folder 1
Eli H. Wiel Tract, Moose Wyoming", 1938 January 4	folder 1
Map to accompany application for lake pipeline, 1941 October 29	folder 1
Map to accompany application for elbow pipeline, 1941 October 29	folder 1
Map to accompany application for JY pipeline, 1941 October 29	folder 1
Jackson Hole property purchase, JY Ranch. Sketch on trace paper., 1940 May 19	folder 1
map of Jackson Hole property purchase, Cunningham to Meyer, letter included., 1927 November 12	folder 1
Proposed development at Moran Wyoming, Snake River Land Company, 1929 September 27	folder 1
Existing Buildings Plat of Moran Wyoming, Snake River Land Company, 1929 September 17	folder 1
Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole National Monument., 1943 March 15	folder 1
"State and private lands, Jackson Hole National Monument" (Department of the Interior and the National Park Service), 1945 February	folder 1
Series of 2: "Teton National Forest Wyoming, Sixth Principal Meridian", 19281930	folder 1
Jackson Hole National Monument, Wyoming	folder 1
Map of Jackson Hole Area	folder 1
Proposed extension, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming., 1938 May 11	folder 1
Series of 3: "Teton National Forest Wyoming, Sixth Principal Meridian", 19281930	folder 1
Series of 3 (Wyoming Plan, 1930 Plan, 1932 Plan): "Map of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and Vicinity, Wyoming-Montana-Idaho", 19301932	folder 1
Township #43 North Range #115 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, 1894	folder 1
Jackson Hole National Monument, Teton Co., Wyoming,, 1943 November 10	folder 1
"New Bold Canal to accompany map to petition for change in point of diversion and means of conveyance"	folder 1