Dickey-Lincoln Dam newspaper clippings

MCC-00581

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Collection Overview

Creator

Bangor Daily News Newspaper
Saint John Valley Times Newspaper

Dates

1974-1979
Undated

Extent

2 folders

Provenance

Donated by Lena Corriveau in 2025.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Clippings were put into a manuscript folder.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

No restrictions

Physical:

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

The Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes project was created by the Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division, with the idea of creating a hydroelectric dam on the upper St. John River “to convert natural energy from one-trillion gallons of water..into economical hydroelectric power for the future benefit of Maine consumers and consumers elsewhere in New England.” The project was to have been initially federally financed, and would have absorbed approximately 127,000 acres, including approximately 8,000 acres of water and wetland areas. The land was currently used for commercial lumbering operations and wildlife habitat.

The study began in 1963 with a specific focus on the DickeyLincoln School area of Allagash. A highly charged and controversial topic in the Saint John Valley, the Audubon Society was one of many bodies opposing the dam due to its effects on the free-flowing St. John River. During the 1970s, it was discovered that the Furbish lousewort, an endangered species of wildflower previously assumed extinct, was able to thrive only along the upper banks of the Saint John River, a habitat that would have been destroyed had the dam been created. While this alone did not prevent the project from moving forward, it compounded with other issues such as high cost for mediocre yield. The project was never funded.

Scope and Content

This collection is primarily made up of newspaper clippings along with a couple of congressional newsletters.

Arrangement

The newspaper clippings are arranged chronologically when they were dated but those undated were put after these.

The two congressional newsletters are also arranged chronologically in their own separate folder.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Dams
Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project
Newspapers
Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.)

Related Materials

Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project correspondence and press releases, MS 2, Special Collections, Blake Library, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project papers, Aroos. MS 5, Special Collections, Blake Library, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

John L. Martin collection on the Evaluation of the Mineral Potential, Upper Saint John Valley, Aroostook County survey, Univ. MS 14, Special Collections, Blake Library, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Marcella Bélanger Violette Scrapbook Collection (MCC-00265). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Collection Inventory

Folder	Description	Date
1	Various newspaper clippings on the Dickey-Lincoln dam and the 1974-1979 debate surrounding it.	1974-1979
2	Newsletter from Edmund S. Muskie with information on the Dickey-Lincoln Dam and a Congressional record pertaining to Loring Air Force Base and Aroostook County	1977