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**MS 1344**  
**Tillotson, Miner R. Collection**  
**1922 - 1955**

## **DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of personal papers, correspondence, manuscripts, and photographs collected by Miner R. Tillotson during his work at Grand Canyon National Park and with the National Park Service from 1939 to 1955. Of special note to researchers are the numerous manuscripts on Grand Canyon National Park and Park Service history prepared by Tillotson and other authors as well as a draft manuscript by Tillotson later published as "Grand Canyon Country." Photographs show Tillotson, park rangers, airplanes and visitors at Grand Canyon Airport, social gatherings, and award presentations. Unfortunately most images are unlabeled in the collection.

2 Boxes, .75 linear ft.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Miner R. Tillotson was born in Indiana and attended Northwestern University in Illinois in 1904. In 1908 he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. After college he worked with the Forest Service and later as a construction engineer with the Standard Oil Company until 1920. In that year Tillotson became the resident engineer at Grand Canyon National Park. In 1922 he became superintendent of park and held that position until 1938 when he was appointed director of Region 1 of the Park Service and moved to Richmond, VA. In 1940 he was again transferred within the Park Service to Region 3 with headquarters in Santa Fe, NM. Tillotson died in Santa Fe on February 28, 1955.

## **ACQUISITION**

Donated by Tillotson's grandson Daniel Page Misenhimer in 2007.

## **ACCESS**

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in September 2008.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

Folder 1	Tillotson Personal History	1939 – 1955
f.2-4	Correspondence	1922 – 1954
f.5	Manuscript: “Grand Canyon Country” (Draft) by Tillotson	
f.6	“Grand Canyon Country” – Book Announcement and Royalties	1953
f.7	“Grand Canyon Country” – Correspondence with Frank Taylor	1929
f.9	Collection of Whiticism	
f.10	Collection of Poems	
f.11	Manuscript: “An Activated Sludge System of Sewage Disposal for Grand Canyon National Park” by Tillotson	1926
f.12	Manuscript: “The National Parks in Wartime and After” Tillotson	1943
f.13	Manuscript: “The Birth and Growth of State Parks” by Tillotson	
f.14	Manuscript: “The Grand Canyon – Chasm Titanic” by Tillotson	
f.15	Manuscript: “Virginia Affords Cross-Section of U. S. Park Service Duties” by Tillotson	1940
f.16	Manuscript: “A Water Supply for the North rim of the Grand Canyon” by Tillotson	
f.17	Manuscript: “Escalante Way – An Opportunity for the National Park Service” by Herbert E. Bolton	
f.18	Manuscript: “Identifying Areas of National – Park Caliber” by George L. Collins	
f.19	Manuscript: “Southwestern National Monuments” by Frank Pinkley	
f.20	Manuscript: “Perspective in National Park Affairs” by Carl P. Russell	
f.21	Manuscript: “The Pharaoh and His Planning Board” by Dent Planeur	
f.22	Manuscript on Visiting Grand Canyon National Park (No Title)	
f.23	Manuscript: “Surplus Mammal Population In the National Parks”	
f.24	Manuscript: “The Grand Canyon”	
f.25	Manuscript: “Type Lecture for Bus Crowds at Yavapai”	
f.26	Manuscript of Description of and History of Grand Canyon (No Title)	
f.27	Manuscript: “The Big Bend National Park As An Asset to the State of Texas”	
f.28	Speech: “Aims & Accomplishments of the National Park Service”	1940
f.29	Speech: “Dedicating the Bandelier Plaque in Bandelier National Monument” by Tillotson	1940
f.30	Speech: “Tourism or Traveling for Recreation” by Tillotson	1946
f.31	Speech: “Some Functions of the National Park System” by Tillotson	1946
f.32	Speech: “What is Happening to the National Parks” by Newton B. Drury	1947
f.33	Speech: “Parks in a National Conservation Program” by Arno B. Cammerer	1940
f.34	Speech: “National Park History & Descriptions”	
f.35	Speech: “The National Park System”	
f.36	Speeches/Notes for Presentations	
f.37	Newspaper Clippings	1934 – 1955
f.38	Canadian-United States International Peace Reserve	1932
f.39	Purdue University Homecoming & Reunion Program	1948
f.40	Tillotson Travel Authorizations	1938 – 1954
f.41	Photos – M. R. Tillotson	
f.42	Photos – Photographs from Two Individuals with Best Wishes	1933
f.43	Photos – Park Rangers	

**Box 2**

- f.44 Photos – Airplanes and Grand Canyon Airport
- f.45 Photos – In and Around Grand Canyon National Park Scenes
- f.46 Photos – Presentations and Awards
- f.47 Photos – Social Activities and Events
- f.48-49 Photos – Individuals and Groups (Mostly Unidentified)
- f.50 Photos – Structures In and Near Santa Fe, New Mexico
- f.51-53 Income Tax Returns for Tillotson

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