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# **DOROTHY BOYLE HUYCK PAPERS**

### **c. 1964-1978**

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## ***HISTORY***

Dorothy Boyle Huyck was born October 19, 1924 in Madison, WI. She graduated from Carleton College in Minnesota with a B.A. in International Relations and began working for the State Department in Washington, D.C. in 1946, serving for five years as a liaison officer to agricultural agencies. From 1962 to 1967, Huyck worked as a camping consultant for the National Park Service (NPS) and contributed to many campground directories. An active, she was also a camping consultant for the American Automobile Association (AAA) and wrote the annual introduction in the AAA Camping Guide.

Huyck worked as a freelance writer focusing on travel and conservation. Her articles were published in the New York Times, the Smithsonian Magazine, the Washington Post, and other prestigious publications. She often organized family vacations around conducting interviews with important employees at national parks all over the country, turning her experiences into articles for publication. Huyck's work was supported by her husband of 32 years, Earl, who assisted by taking photographs, editing materials, and taking on additional family responsibilities while Huyck worked on her research.

In 1976, the NPS approached Huyck regarding research into the experiences of female employees. Within a year, she began the proposed research at her own expense, with the goal of writing a book on the history of women in the NPS. Huyck sought further support for her project and the NPS approved the proposal and awarded her a contract in 1978. The project proposed to address the history of women in the NPS, both as employees and as family members of employees, and to take a closer look at contemporary issues faced by NPS women while identifying potential solutions. These records are part of the NPS Oral History Collection (HFCA 1817).

Huyck was unable to complete the project as she died on August 24, 1979. Four days before her death, NPS Director Bill Whalen appointed her an Honorary Park Ranger, promising that her work would be continued. The first National Park Service Women's Conference, held in 1979, was dedicated to Huyck's memory.

### Sources:

Hunt, Naomi L. (1979). Honorary Park Ranger Named by Director Whalen. "National Park Courier", September 1979.

Obituary. (1979). Dorothy Boyle Huyck, 54, Freelance Travel Writer. "The Washington Post", August 27, 1979.

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***SCOPE AND CONTENT*****DOROTHY BOYLE HUYCK PAPERS**

c. 1964-1978 (bulk dates: )

<i>CATALOG NUMBER</i>	HFCA 1914
<i>VOLUME</i>	5.8 LF
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	Records created by or assembled by Dorothy Boyle Huyck for freelance articles and other products related to the National Park Service, particularly camping, and conservation issues. Includes correspondence, research notebooks, brochures and pamphlets regarding NPS sites, NPS management plans, and news clippings.
<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	Arranged into four series: Series I: Research Notebooks; Series II: Subject Files; Series III: Agency Files; Series IV: State Files.
<i>PROVENANCE</i>	Materials donated to the NPS History Collection by Dorothy Huyck's family.
<i>RESTRICTIONS</i>	No
<i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i>	NPS Oral History Collection at NPS History Collection

***HIERARCHY***

SERIES I: RESEARCH NOTEBOOKS, c. 1964-1978

SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES, c. 1964-1978

SERIES III: AGENCY FILES, c. 1964-1978

SERIES IV: STATE FILES, c. 1964-1978

## ***SERIES DESCRIPTIONS***

### *SERIES I: RESEARCH NOTEBOOKS, c. 1964-1978*

Arranged chronologically by year.

Huyck's spiral-bound notebooks containing her research notes and observations from site visits to National Park Service areas and notes from discussions with NPS staff. Notebooks are primarily written in long-hand English but Huyck occasionally used shorthand for note taking. Key to her most common shorthand notations are included.

### *SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES, c. 1964-1978*

Unarranged.

Research material, correspondence, news clippings, articles, and brochures related to subjects Huyck researched. Material primarily relates to camping, the U.S. Bicentennial, and the Association of Interpretive Naturalists. Camping material includes AAA guides which Huyck developed.

### *SERIES III: AGENCY FILES, c. 1964-1978*

Unarranged.

Brochures, correspondence, and news clippings relating to the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureaus of Indian Affairs, Land Management, and Reclamation. Files associated with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) are also present. Includes Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife.

### *SERIES IV: STATE FILES, c. 1964-1978*

Arranged alphabetically by state.

Brochures and pamphlets for National Park Service sites, as well as some national forests, national historic sites, trails, and other related resources. Many of the park brochures and guides are locally-prepared and are not found in other NPS History Collection collections. Camping publications by AAA and state agencies are present. Includes NPS and Department of the Interior press releases, some NPS park management plans, and correspondence. News clippings document resources, events, and conservation issues are included.

***CONTAINER LIST***