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HISTORY

Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA) is located in southwestern Utah, in Garfield and Kane counties. Established in 1928, the 35,835-acre park is known for its unique and fragile rock formations called hoodoos (also found at nearby Cedar Breaks National Monument), which are created by frequent freezing and thawing conditions and further eroded by summer monsoons. The park was administered from Zion Canyon National Park until 1956.

The maintenance and development records in this collection date from soon after BRCA was declared a park through 2011, and include some of the following ongoing subjects: correspondence regarding snow removal and other seasonal issues that affect park maintenance and opening schedules, proposed highway routes to and through the park, road system evaluations, and trail condition inspections. Significant projects include the Rim Road scenic drive, also called Rainbow Point Rim Road, completed in 1934 to accommodate increasing visitor traffic to Utah parks. In the 1950s and 1960s, the park made several improvements using Mission 66 funding, a federal program to improve park infrastructure. Mission 66 buildings are distinguished by their modern style and include several park residences and dormitories, as well as the original park visitor center (1959). Other Mission 66 projects included water and sewer system improvements.

More recent projects include the development of an in-park shuttle system (2000), the 2001 renovation and expansion of the BRCA Visitor Center, a three-part reconstruction of the Rainbow Point Rim Road (spanning 1993 through 2003), and rehabilitation plans for the park's failing sewage system.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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CATALOG NUMBER	BRCA 3878
VOLUME	23 LF
DESCRIPTION	<p>This collection contains “Development and Maintenance Program Records” which include rehabilitation and construction project files (correspondence, memorandums, notes, forms, reports, contract documents, drawings, photographic media, and other supporting materials), inventories of park facilities, surveys of ongoing facility and park maintenance conditions, and document and photographic media files that record the administrative functions of the maintenance department. These records serve as an administrative record of the National Park Service’s management of the planning, construction, completion and maintenance of buildings, utilities, roads and trails, and related structures at Bryce Canyon National Park.</p> <p>Documents concerning historically designated structures have been removed, when possible, to appropriate BRCA cultural collections.</p>
ORGANIZATION	Organized into four series: Series 01) Maintenance Program Administrative Records Series 02) Buildings Series 03) Utilities Series 04) Roads and Trails
PROVENANCE	Found in collections at Bryce Canyon National Park
RESTRICTIONS	No
ASSOCIATED MATERIALS	None

HIERARCHY

- I. Maintenance Program Administrative Records Series
- II. Buildings
- III. Utilities
- IV. Roads and Trails

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- I. Maintenance Program Administrative Records, 1962-1999 (bulk dates: 1990-1997)
 - A. Administrative Files, 1962-1999 (bulk dates: 1992-1997)
 - B. Photographic Media, 1990-1991 (bulk dates: 1990-1991)
- II. Buildings, 1956-2010 (bulk dates: 1957-1965, 1982-1987, 1992-2002)
 - A. Visitor Center, 1957-2008 (bulk dates: 1997-2002)
 - B. All Other Buildings, 1956-2010 (bulk dates: 1957-1965, 1982-1987)
- III. Utilities, 1929-2011 (bulk dates: 1958-2001)
 - A. Water and Sewer Systems / Garbage Disposal, 1929-2011 (bulk dates: 1958-1964, 1974-1983, 2000-2001)
 - B. Gas System, 1983-2007 (bulk dates: 1983-1996)
 - C. Electrical, 1961-2001 (bulk dates: 1961-1990)
 - D. Radio and Telephone, 1967-1999 (bulk dates: 1967-1970, 1977-1982, 1994-1997)
- IV. Roads and Trails, 1929-2010 (bulk dates: 1929-1938, 1946-1953, 1958-1968, 1975-2010)
 - A. Surveys / Overviews / Periodic Assessments, 1929-2010 (bulk dates: 1929-1933, 1977-1998)
 - B. Projects, 1930-2008 (bulk dates: 1976-1953, 1958-1968, 1975-2008)