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TITLE: Walter Clay Lowdermilk papers

DATES: 1969–1969

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Typed manuscript (mimeograph) “Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States,” oral history interview (703 pages in two volumes) conducted by Malca Chall for the Regional Oral History Office at the University of California at Berkeley, illustrated, 1969, Berkeley, California. Also included is a typed manuscript (mimeograph) “The Heavens Cooperate,” by Inez M. Lowdermilk.

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**Biographical / Historical**

Walter C. Lowdermilk (1888-1974): agronomist; helped to found the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Agriculture Dept., and was its associate chief (1933-1939) and assistant chief (1939-1947); worked as consultant on conservation projects in China, Israel, Yugoslavia, Japan; president of American Geophysical Union (1941-1944); author.

**Scope and Contents**

Two items make up the Walter Clay Lowdermilk Papers. The first is “Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation and Reclamation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States” by W. C. Lowdermilk, a two-volume typescript with inlaid photographs. It takes the form of an interview with Malca Chall of the University of California at Berkeley Regional Oral History Office, and “was planned to cover Dr. Lowdermilk’s more than fifty years of conservation and natural resources management, and to chronicle through his career the development of the soil conservation movement in the United States, many countries of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, China, and Japan.” The second item, “The Heavens Cooperate,” by Ines (Marks) Lowdermilk, describes briefly some of the Lowdermilks’ adventures in various countries. These materials came to Yale University from the University of California.
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Conservation of natural resources
Environmental protection
Natural resources
Soil conservation

Geographic Names
Africa
Asia
Middle East

Occupations
Agriculturists

Names
Lowdermilk, Inez M. (Inez Marks), 1890-1989
Lowdermilk, W. C. (Walter Clay), 1888-1974