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Out of the Archives

Readers may remember that our Fall 2017 Gazette included a story about a researcher who contacted us looking for existing plans of the SFD Fireboat Duwamish, launched in 1909. Although the boat was retired from service many years ago, original 1908 blueprints survive in the Facility Architectural Plans of the Fleets and Facilities Department ([Record Series 0204-01](#)). We were happy to provide high resolution scans of the drawings, which we learned would be guiding the construction of a new, functioning, and to scale model replica.

Our researcher recently shared a picture of his progress with us, and gave us permission to share it with you!



The Duwamish in progress. A cut-out copy of the original 1908 drawing is propped up against the wall.

The model is 66 inches long and will be powered by two electric motors and have operable water cannons. Smoke generators will simulate the original steam boilers. We look forward to seeing the finished product launched and in action!

We are always grateful to know how SMA's collections are helping users of all interests with projects of all kinds. Let us know if you have a story to share about how you use the Archives!

Seattle's Freeway Revolt

A comprehensive new directory of historical resources relating to Seattle's Freeway Revolt of the 1960s and 1970s is now available. Initiated by Seattle ARCH (Activists Remembered, Celebrated & Honored), and with support from the Seattle Public Library and 4Culture, the directory pulls together references to

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Newly processed: Councilmember Tom Rasmussen Records

Now processed and available for research are paper and electronic records from Councilmember Tom Rasmussen ([Record Group 4672-00](#)). Rasmussen was elected to City Council in 2003 and served three terms before stepping down in 2015. Some of the larger issues worked on during his tenure include transportation, human services, land use zoning, and public safety.

Rasmussen's Subject Files ([Record Series 4672-02](#)) contain 24.8 cubic feet (62 boxes) of physical records, and 5,971 digital files (7 GB). A large portion of these records cover transportation issues, such as the Alaskan Way Viaduct and seawall, SR 520, the monorail, bicycles, Mercer Street, and streetcars. Also well covered are topics such as homelessness and affordable housing, senior centers, domestic violence, prescription drugs, LGBT concerns, parks, and South Lake Union development.



Schematic Design of City Hall Park, May 2008.
Parks and Seattle Center Committee Records (4672-05), Box 1 Folder 8.

In addition, records from the committees Rasmussen chaired contain meeting materials and minutes, and are excellent sources for legislative research. These include records from the Housing, Human Services and Health Committee ([Series 4672-04](#), 2004-2007), the Parks and Seattle Center Committee ([Series 4672-05](#), 2008-2009), the Transportation Committee ([Series 4672-07](#), 2010-2015), and the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project Special Committee ([Series 4672-06](#), 2010).

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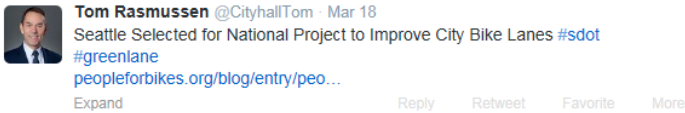
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Pages from Rasmussen's website and social media accounts, such as Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr, are also archived. These pages are accessible through SMA's [Archive-It](#) site ([Record Series 0001-01](#)).



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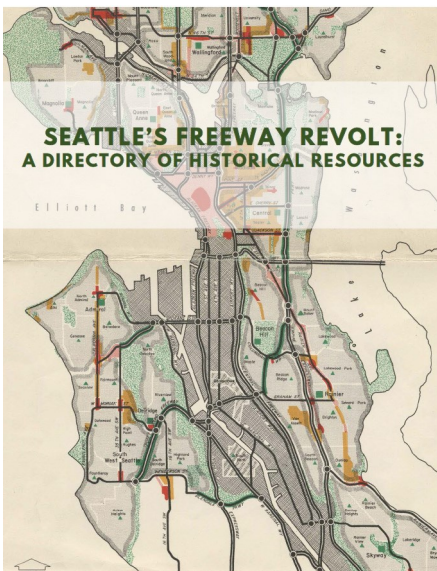


Councilmember Rasmussen's Twitter feed capture from March, 2014.

(Freeway Revolt, cont.)

documents, newspaper articles, photos, recordings, and other research materials that tell the story of how activists in Seattle organized to successfully stop the construction of freeways that would have demolished thousands of homes and businesses, and radically altered the environmental and urban landscape of the city. Two of the groups that fought the freeway construction, Citizens Against Freeways and Citizens Against R.H. Thomson, were formed 50 years ago this year.

The directory was researched and created by archivists Libby Hopfauf and Arielle Lavigne, under the direction of ARCH founders Anna Rudd and Priscilla



Arsove. In addition to listing resources found in area libraries and archives, it includes a narrative timeline and historical overview, and lists organizations involved in the revolt.

The directory may be viewed and downloaded for free from the [Seattle Public Library's digital collections website](#).

New Digital Document Library Exhibit: LGBT Issues in the 1980s

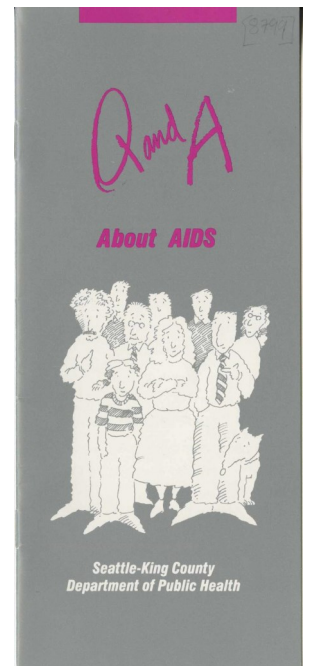
Recently added to SMA's website is a new Digital Document Library exploring LGBT issues in Seattle in the 1980s. Included is information about the AIDS epidemic, the establishment of a Mayor's Lesbian/Gay Task Force and health care benefits for domestic partners of City employees, and the criminalization of harassment due to sexual orientation. Researchers will find digitized photos, textual materials, and audio recordings exploring these issues and much more.

[LGBT Issues in the 1980s: Building Coalitions and Consensus in Seattle](#) is available on the SMA website (www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/) under Exhibits & Education, Digital Document Libraries.

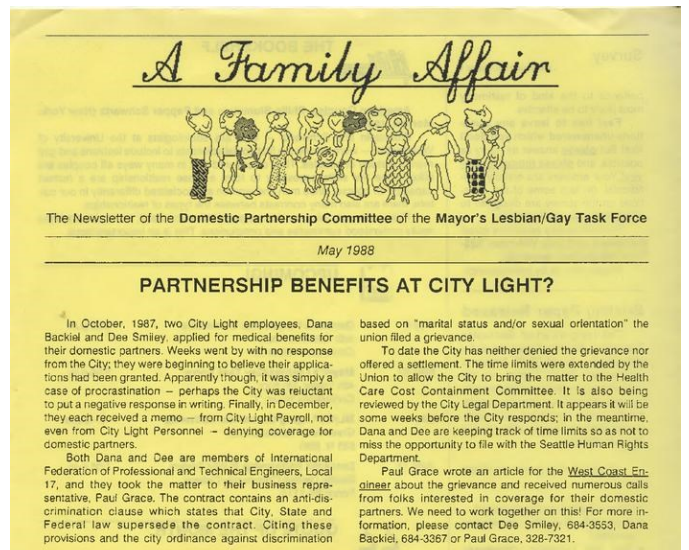
We are grateful to SMA's work-study student Rachel Mahre for producing this excellent new resource!



Mayor Norm Rice at the Northwest AIDS Walk, 1991. Record Series 5272-07, Item 77387.



Q and A About AIDS brochure, 1986. Record Series 1801-92, Document 8799.



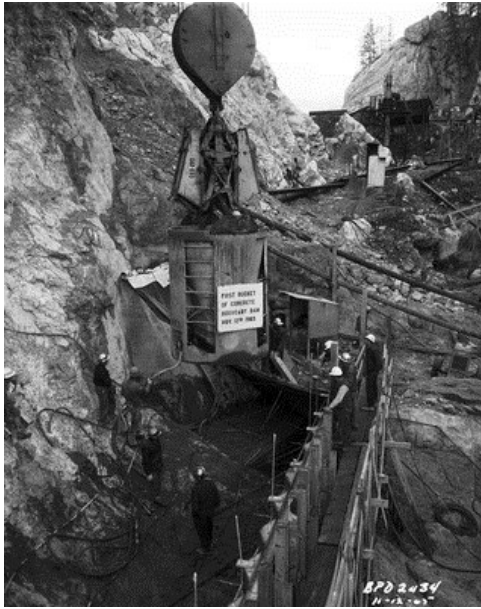
A Family Affair, the newsletter of the Domestic Partnership Committee of the Mayor's Lesbian/Gay Task Force, May 1988. Record Series 8405-02.

Boundary Dam Photo Project

The Boundary Dam Preservation Processing Project, begun in 2017, coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the dam and its federal recertification. Seattle City Light provided funding to the Seattle Municipal Archives as part of the recertification project to assist in making resources available that illustrated the history of the dam. Processing Archivist Jen Woodfield was brought on in August 2017 to process negatives relating to the construction and opening of Boundary Dam. With oversight from Photo Archivist Julie Irick, the project was completed in March 2018 resulting in 7,000 negatives about the dam available online in [SMA's Photograph Index](#).

City Light photographers were diligent in their tracking of the Boundary project and created an excellent set of well-described and visually stunning

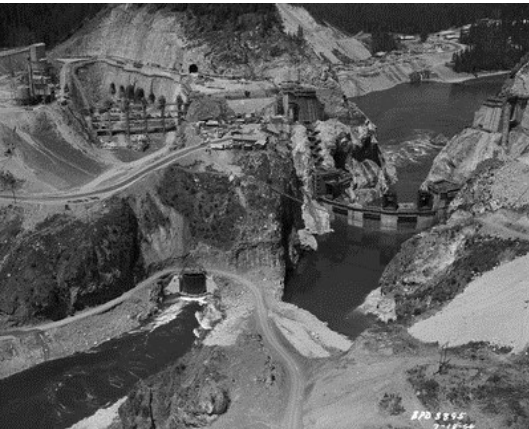
photographs showing several different aspects of the complex construction of the dam. Sub-series include the Boundary Project Road (BPR), the Boundary Project Transmission Line (BPTL), Boundary Project Powerhouse (BPPH), and the dam itself (BPD).



First bucket of concrete to be placed in the dam, November 12, 1965.

Record Series 1204-01, Item 183446.

Beyond the work on the dam, City Light also undertook improvements in nearby Metaline Falls, which included upgrades to the local high school and hospital. Among the images, we also see SCL Superintendent John M. Nelson and Mayor J. D. Braman attending the dedication of the dam.

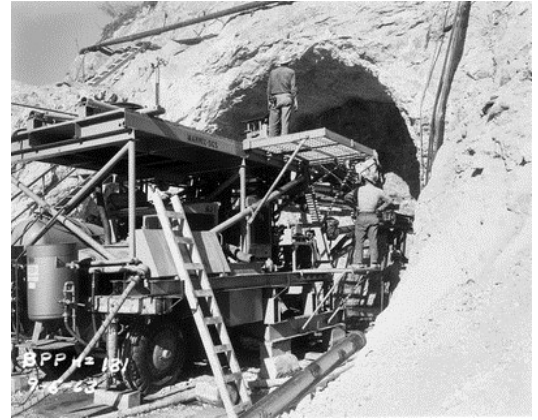


General view looking D/W, diversion tunnel portal in foreground, dam to the right and forebay to the left.

Record Series 1204-01, Item 183453.

With the project wrapping up this month we say a big thank you to Seattle City Light and to Jen for her great work on making these historic records accessible to the public.

Mounted drilling jumbo at portal of gate gallery tunnel.
Record Series 1204-01, Item 183250.



New Research Guide: Genealogy Resources

A new addition to SMA's website is a guide to using Seattle city records for genealogical research. The guide is intended to help researchers learn how records such as personnel cards and files, employee scrapbooks and newsletters, court records, tax lists, citizen petitions and letters, photographs, and even a register listing names from Seattle's first municipal cemetery, can reveal clues about the work, activities, and interests of individual City employees and citizens.

THE CITY OF SEATTLE	
NAME	CAMPBELL, WM. H. Birth 12-1-82 CIVIL LIST
RECORD FOLIO	3354- P-0117 Address 1913 13th, Ave. West
APPOINTMENT-POSITION	Patrolman DEPARTMENT Police
DATE	Dec. 28, 1907 SALARY \$75.00
Feb. 1908 - lost revolver overboard while pulling Marine Fireman out of bay.	
Aug. 7, 1908 - advanced to 2nd grade @ \$95.	
Aug. 7, 1909 Advanced to first grade. \$100	
Mar. 1913 Special mention, arrested two thieves.	
5-15-17 Ord. #37388 Salary \$110	
9-25-17 Allowed standing as Police Auto Driver	
7-31-17 New Classification - Patrolman C-1	
10-1-18, Ord. 38788, Patrolman, C-1, \$135.	
SEPARATION-DATE	CAUSE
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM H. ✓	

According to his personnel card, Seattle policeman William H. Campbell received a special mention in March 1913 for arresting two thieves. Record Series 6001-09.

[Resources for Genealogical Research](#) is available at www.seattle.gov/cityarchives, under Search Collections, Research Tips & Tools.

Interns and Volunteers

We have been happy to welcome two new volunteers in recent weeks. Jenn Magdaloyo and Kelly Rovegno are both recent graduates of archives/library science master's degree programs, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of British Columbia, respectively. Jenn is working on electronic records projects, and Kelly is busy processing collections.

They join our volunteer corps of Staci Crouch, Hanna Rose, Skyler Burger, and Kelli Yakabu, as well as work-study students Jenn LaScala and Rachel Mahre, in diligent behind-the-scenes work to make our collections accessible to all.

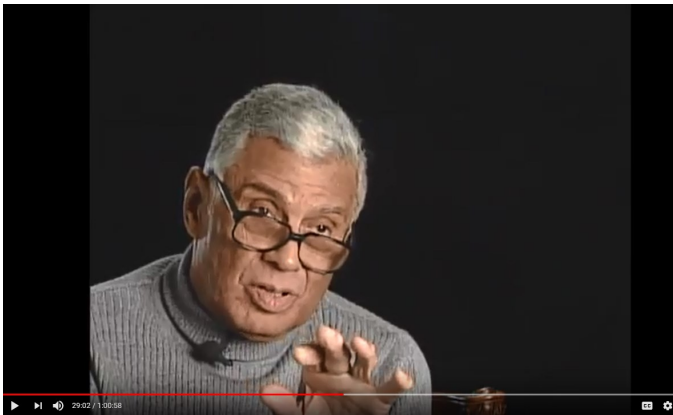
YouTube and Flickr News

One of the more popular images recently added to [SMA's Flickr site](#) is a color postcard showing part of downtown Seattle, circa 1906. The message at the bottom reads, in part, "Arrived safe and sound and are taking in the town."



Downtown Seattle postcard, 1906. Record Series 9901-01.

Recently added to [SMA's YouTube channel](#) is a series of video interviews with Homer Harris, originally created for use in a documentary about Harris and the Central Area park named in his honor.



Homer Harris Interview, 2003.
[Item 6571](#), Record Series 3902-01, *Seattle Municipal Archives*.

New videos are added on a regular basis. Be sure to check often, or subscribe and receive updates when new videos are posted!

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New: SMA on Instagram!

Follow SMA on Instagram to see highlights from our collections, learn more about the work we do, and stay informed on what's new at the Archives! Find us there at [@seattlecityarchives](#).

On Display: Preserving Our City Records

Have you ever wondered how archivists preserve letters, scrapbooks, photos, videotapes, or records created on digital media? We have an exhibit case filled with examples to give you a behind-the-scenes glimpse of some of the tools archivists use to safeguard collections while ensuring public access today and for many years to come.

The exhibit is on display in our lobby on the third floor of City Hall through the end of April. A different format will be rotated in the case every few weeks, and featured now are materials based in film and other photo media. Coming soon will be displays on the preservation of audio-visual materials and digital records. Come take a look, and get ideas for how to preserve your own collections!

68 Years ago: Northgate Mall



The Bon Marche at Northgate Mall, pictured in October 1950, about six months after the mall opened. Record Series 1204-01, Item 22585.

Upcoming Events

- April 25-27 [Northwest Archivists Annual Meeting](#), Warm Springs, OR
- April 26-28 [PreserveIT! Living Computer Museum + Labs](#), Seattle, WA