All items in this schedule are inactive. Items are either obsolete or have been superseded by newer NARA approved records schedules.

Description:

The National Archives accessioned the records.

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Date Reported: 04/21/2022
REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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SEE ATTACHED SHEET
Described below are unscheduled records assigned to RG-27 at the Washington National Records Center.

**Hydrologic Services Division/Planning and Review Branch**

1. **River Station History Files, 1836-1964. 04 cubic feet.**

Arranged alphabetically by location, these records document the inspection and evaluation of rain gauges operated by "cooperative observers" who were ordinary citizens living at the site of the gauge and paid a monthly stipend by the Weather Bureau (originally $4 and subsequently raised to $8 per month in 1940) to forward precipitation information to the agency.

Stations were numbered, precisely identified and then monitored by Weather Bureau employees by completing forms 4004B (Report on River Gage Station) and forms 4029 (issued by the predecessor Department of Agriculture) and submitting these to headquarters. These stations were established to aid in flood control and to document the progress and high water points of floods.

These records include descriptions and drawings of station gauges and information concerning the location of benchmarks where applicable. There is also limited narrative information describing the gauges and stations and a few remarks concerning the performance of observers.

Justification: These are the only files available documenting this long standing program utilizing amateur observers to gather weather (particularly precipitation) information. The file, currently designated "G," was withdrawn from NI-27-93-1 by NOAA which intended to include it in a revision of section 1305 (Hydrologic Services Files) and to designate it as "permanent."

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