

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		JOB NUMBER N1-27-99-1	
To NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NWML) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED 3-20-2000	
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of Commerce		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. (NOAA)		In accordance with the provisions of 44 USC 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION National Weather Service			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Annie Baker	5 TELEPHONE 301-713-3540	DATE 4-6-00	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>John W. Cal</i>
6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached <u>1</u> page are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, <input type="checkbox"/> is attached, or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
DATE 3/17/00	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Annie Baker</i>	TITLE NOAA's Records Mgmt Officer	
7 Item No	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	Unscheduled River Station History records of the National Weather Service at the Washington National Records Center. SEE ATTACHED SHEET		

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Weather Bureau

Record Group 27

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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AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION: PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives in FY 2001