

# RESEARCH AND INFORMATION BUREAU

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Explorations and Surveys from 1800.

Surveys International Boundaries between United States and Great Britain, Mexico and the United States, Boundaries between States and Territories.

Survey West of the 100th Meridian by Capt. Geo. M. Wheeler.

Survey Northern and Northwestern Lakes.

Survey of the Pacific Railroad.

Construction of Fortifications, Roads, Canals, Railroads and Lighthouses.

Construction of Washington Aqueduct.

Construction River and Harbor Improvements.

Construction certain Public Buildings, Beach and Shore protection.



Indian Affairs prior to their transfer to Interior Department.

National Parks, including Crater Lake, Mount Ranier and Yellowstone prior to their transfer to Interior Department.

Public Buildings and Grounds prior to their transfer to the Executive Department.

Construction of Washington Monument and other monuments as authorized by Congress in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in the United States.

Records relative to the acquisition of land for Fortification.

River and Harbor Improvements and Lighthouses.

Applications for permits for structures in navigable waters of the United States.

Military Activities of War 1812, with Mexico, 1847, Civil War, Spanish War 1898, etc.

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July 14, 1933,

MR. W.S. CAMPBELL,  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir:-

The writer was practically in sole charge of the Archives of the Corps of Engineers, War Department for forty years, and his forced retirement by the operation of the Economy Act of June 30, 1932, deprives the public of his knowledge and information gained through more than four decades of service, and in possession of no other person. A condensed list of general subjects contained in these archives is given above. They relate to most important features of the industrial and economic life of our country, since the early part of the last century, and cover State, Territorial and International surveys and boundaries, Railroads, Canals, River and Harbors on which our whole economic structure is founded, from 1789 to 1916 inclusive.

In view of my long familiarity with these most important subjects not only in the War Department, but in conjunction with other government departments, and in order to make this knowledge and experience available to the public, I have organized a Research and Information Bureau, to make researches and to supply reports and accurate data and information on any or all subjects pertaining to government operations, at a nominal cost. My long experience and familiarity with these archives will reduce the research work to a minimum.

Your requests and requirements will receive prompt and careful consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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