

Ronald H. Walker Papers

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Ronald H. Walker served the Nixon Administration as Director of the White House Office of Presidential Advance and later as the 8th Director of the National Park Service. After his NPS career, he was a senior partner with Korn/Ferry international and later served as Chairman of the Board of the Nixon Foundation.

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Biographical Note

Ronald H. Walker was born July 25, 1937. He was reared and educated in the Middle and Near East while his father was employed by the United States government and the Ford Foundation. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1960. He and his wife, Ann Lucille Collins, have three daughters. From 1961 to 1964 Walker served in the United States Army and attained Captain's rank. He trained in Armor, Airborne and Special Warfare School. Following his military service he was employed by Allstate Insurance Company and Hudson Company until he became Staff Assistant and later Special Assistant to President Nixon, 1969-1973. In 1973 he was appointed Director of the National Park Service in the Department of Interior. In September 1974, effective January 1, 1975, he resigned and became a consultant to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 1975, he served as Associate Director and Tournament Director of Lamar Hunt's World Championship Tennis. From 1977-1979 he

headed his own consulting company which specialized in all areas of management including political campaign, events, public relations, advertising, marketing and promotion. In 1979 he joined Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm, as the managing partner in the hospitality/leisure industry. Beginning in 1979 he served as a special consultant to presidential personnel. During 1984 he managed the Republican National Convention and in 1985 served as Chairman of the Committee for the fiftieth American Presidential Inaugural.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, memoranda, schedules, personnel matters, telephone logs, and newsletters which reflect Walker's visits to regional and field offices as well as individual parks after succeeding George B. Hartzog, Jr. as Director of the National Park Service in 1973.

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Arrangement

The Ronald H. Walker Papers are arranged alphabetically according to folder title.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Use

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Provenance

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gettysburg National Military Park (Pa.)
- Public lands.
- Land use.
- Parks -- Interpretive programs.
- Historic sites -- Conservation and restoration.
- Conservation of natural resources.
- Austin, Tim.
- Blaser, Douglass.
- Carruth, Donald.
- Griswold, Marsha C.
- United States. National Park Service
- United States. Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments
- American Eagle Foundation
- Walker, Ronald H. (Ronald Hugh)

Collection Inventory

National Park Service

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, memoranda, schedules, personnel matters, telephone logs, and newsletters which document much of Walker's first year as Director, 1973-1974. During this time, he solicited ideas and reports from advisory boards and service employees. One special report, "The NPS-a Prospectus for the Next Ten Years"

by assistants Stanley W. Hulett, J. Leonard Norwood, Raymond L. Freeman, Joseph C. Rumberg and Ernest A. Connally, in February 1973, helped him set his goals and objectives. His concept of the National Park Service was that of a "company with the American people the greatest stockholders." During his two years as Director, he spoke to Committees on budgets and legislation. Marsha C. Griswold, personal secretary, and Doug Blaser, assistant to the Director, handled major assignments in the Director's Office. In his second annual report of December 31, 1974 Walker summarizes the state of the parks and major events of 1974. The materials have been arranged by folder title.

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Post National Park Service

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, board minutes, annual reports, memos, and newsletters which document Ronald H. Walker's activities after his time as Director of the NPS, 1975-2002. The materials have been arranged by folder title.

The bulk of the correspondence is related to the U.S. Department of Interior, as Walker was carbon copied on issues such as: record park visitation, Washington, DC office realignment, budget cuts, Founders Day 1976, and general public affairs / employee issues. In addition, some material (1975) reflects the interest in a proposed collaboration between the NPS and Saudi Arabia.

There are annual reports, correspondence, board minutes, and newsletters related to the National Park Foundation, of which Walker was a member (Alumni Council), 1990-2002. Items related to the National Park Service Advisory Board include charters, agendas, memos, and resolutions, 1991-1992.

Also included is a proposal that Walker produced in 1977 detailing background, business plan, implementation, and financial data for a magazine entitled "Wonders of Man...of Nature." Walker conceived of the idea while Director of the National Park Service.

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Correspondence, 1975-1976	box 6	folder 1
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