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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This collection consists of the personal papers of Robert Stanton which predominantly documents the period when he was the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C., and Director of the National Park Service, as well as his career after leaving the National Park Service in 2001.

Robert Stanton donated his papers to Clemson University in July 2005. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection beyond those of Special Collections. The collection was processed and the register was completed by Laurie Varenhorst in 2008. The collection consists of the accession 05-74.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Robert "Bob" George Stanton was born on September 22, 1940 to Alvin Herbert and Bethel Lee Blackburn Stanton in Fort Worth, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical science (primarily chemistry and mathematics) from Huston-Tilloston College in Austin, Texas in 1963. Stanton did graduate work at the School of Mass Communication and Public Relations at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts from 1963-1964 and Administrative Management at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1968. He worked as a seasonal park ranger at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming during the summers of 1962 and 1963. From 1964 to 1966 Stanton was the Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs at his alma mater, Huston-Tilloston College. In June 1966 he became the Personnel Management Specialist in the Division of Personnel at the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. In April 1968, in the same division, Stanton took the position of Personnel Staff Specialist. From 1969 to 1970 Stanton worked as the Management Assistant of the National Capital Parks-Central, Washington, D.C. He served as the Superintendent of the National Capital Parks-East, Washington, D.C and Maryland, from 1970 to 1971. In 1971 Stanton became the Superintendent of the Virgin Islands National Park. He was promoted to Deputy Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the National Park Service in Atlanta, Georgia in 1974. In 1976 he transferred to the National Park Service's headquarters in Washington, D.C. where he served as the Assistant Director of Resources Management and, later in the same year, he became the Assistant Director of Park Operations. In 1978 Stanton took the position of Deputy Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C., where he served until 1987 when he became the Assistant Director of Operations of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C.

Stanton became the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C., in 1988 where he worked till his retirement on January 3, 1997. President Bill Clinton nominated Stanton on June 26, 1997 to serve as Director of the National Park Service. His nomination was unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on July 23, 1997, and was confirmed by the full U.S. Senate on July 31, 1997. Robert Stanton was sworn in as the 15<sup>th</sup> Director of the National Park Service on August 4, 1997, and served in that position till January 20, 2001. Robert Stanton is the first African American in the history of the agency to hold that position.

After his long career with the National Park Service, Stanton worked as a private conservation consultant specializing in policy, planning and management. From 2001 to 2003 he served as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' World Commission on Protected Areas ambassador for the Fifth World Parks Congress held in September 2003 in Durban, South Africa. In the fall of 2002, Stanton was a Professor of the Practice of Conservation (Dorothy S. McCluskey Visiting Fellow for Conservation) at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Since that time he continues as a research affiliate with the university. Since the fall of 2004, Robert Stanton works as a Visiting Adjunct Professor (Senior Fellow) in the Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, where he heads the Leadership and Diversity Initiative, a program which focuses on minority and underrepresented communities relating to resource conservation and recreation, as well as how park services can promote involvement in conservation and historic preservation. In 2005 and 2007 he was a Visiting Professor in the Department of History-Public Program at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Stanton has actively participated as a member in a variety of organizations during his lifetime. He represented the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior on the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Board of Trustees, Wolf Trap Performing Arts Board of Directors, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, and the National Park Foundation. Other past participation with organizations include Chairman of the Advisory Commission, Salt River Bay National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; Roundtable Associates, Inc.; and serving on the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society and the Institute for the Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine. Stanton's current affiliations with organizations include being a Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration; a Council Principal of The Council for Excellence in Government; Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus The African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation; and Life Member of the Employee and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. In addition, Stanton serves on the Board of Directors of the Student Conservation Association, Inc., the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Environmental Law Institute, the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, the Natural Resources Council of America, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Freedom Forum and the Advisory Councils of the Lady Byrd Johnson Wildflower Center and the Potomac Conservancy, and Honorary Trustee of the Woods Hole Research Center.

Stanton has received numerous awards for outstanding public service, conservation leadership, youth development, and diversity in employment and public programs. Some of the awards

include: The Meritorious Service Award, the U.S. Department of the Interior, 1982; The Distinguished Service Award, the U.S. Department of the Interior's highest award, 1987; The President's Rank of Distinguished Senior Executive Award, Office of the President of the United States, 1993; The Walter Cox Environmental Leadership Award, Clemson University, 1997; the Presidential Award, Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, Inc., 1997; and the Cornelius Amory Pugsley National Medal Award, American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, 2003. In addition, Stanton has received four honorary degrees: Doctor of Public Policy, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 1998; Doctor of Environmental Stewardship, Unity College, Unity, Maine, May 2000; Doctor of Science, Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, October 2000; and Doctor of Letters, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, August 2007.

Robert Stanton married Janet Milijoice Moffatte, of Chester, South Carolina, on July 27, 1968 in Washington, D.C. They have two children: Braniff Lamont and Rhonda Lynn.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Robert Stanton Papers contains appointment books, articles, brochures, charts, clippings, correspondence, handbooks, job descriptions, memoranda, press releases, reports, resumes, speeches, statements, a strategic plan and testimonies. Also included in the collection are photographs, video tapes and a DVD. Oversize materials can be found here, too.

Materials in this collection cover the period 1962 to 2006. The bulk of the materials dates from 1994 to 2002, and documents Robert Stanton's long career with the National Park Service.

The Stanton Papers are divided into three series: National Park Service, Post-National Park Service, and Visual Materials. The first two series are arranged alphabetically by folder title, and chronologically within each folder. The Visual Materials Series is arranged chronologically because some of the video tapes have more than one subject on them. The DVD is placed at the end of the video tapes.

This collection emphasizes Stanton's tenure as the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C. (1988-1997) and Director of the National Park Service (1997-2001). It also contains materials relating to his career as a private conservation consultant specializing in policy, planning and management and visiting professor at various universities after his second retirement in 2001. The papers reflect his interest and expertise in developing diversity in the national parks and the conservation organizations, involving youth in the conservation movement, and African-American history.

Information pertaining to parks, historic sites, memorials, and trails are filed in the collection, as are materials which document other areas of the National Park Service which were important to Stanton – diversity, cultural resources management, connecting people to the parks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, natural resources management, and youth development in the conservation movement. There are materials regarding issues and challenges facing the National Park Service and those that describe his responsibilities as the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, his first retirement from the National Park Service in 1997, and his nomination, confirmation, swearing-in

and resignation as Director of the National Park Service can be found here, too. The materials relating to Stanton's work as a private conservation consultant and a visiting professor at various universities include information concerning his efforts as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' World Commission on Protected Areas ambassador for the Fifth World Parks Congress held in September 2003 in Durban, South Africa, and those relating to his work as a visiting adjunct professor at the Yale University School of Environmental Forestry and Environmental Studies and Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences. General biographical information about Robert Stanton can also be found in the collection.

The collection contains audio-visual materials documenting Robert Stanton and the National Park Service, including his confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate and speeches or introductory remarks at events, visits to parks and historic sites, interviews. Other individuals on the video tapes include President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman, historian and author David McCullough, and National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy. Topics documented on the video tapes include the national parks, historic sites, issues facing the national parks system, diversity, minorities, and African American history.

A small group of photographs can be found in the collection. The majority of the photographs show Stanton meeting First Lady Barbara Bush, posing on the steps near the Lincoln Memorial, standing with a group of people that includes Colin Powell, and attending a reception for his second retirement. In addition, there are photographs relating to the Kings and Queens of Africa Cultural Heritage Program.

This collection is indexed under the following terms in the University Libraries' online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Subjects:

African Americans-History Children and the environment Conservation of natural resources Diversity in the workplace–United States Heritage resources management Historic sites–Conservation and restoration Historic sites-Conservation and restoration-United States **IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas** International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources National parks and reserves-Government policy-United States Minorities-Employment-United States National parks and reserves-United States National parks and reserves-United States-Management National parks and reserves-United States-Planning Natural resources-Management Nature conservation-Economic aspects-Congresses Protected areas-Management-Congresses

Stanton, Robert George, 1940-Teenagers and the environment–United States Texas A&M University. Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences United States. National Park Service United States. National Park Service–Officials and employees World Parks Congress (5<sup>th</sup>: 2003 : Durban, South Africa) Yale University. School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Youth–employment–United States

#### Series 1: National Park Service Series, 1962-2001; bulk 1994-2000

5.25 cubic feet consisting of 141 folders.

The National Park Service Series consists of appointment books, articles, brochures, charts, clippings, correspondence, handbooks, press releases, reports, speeches, a strategic plan, and testimonies.

Materials in this series cover the period 1962-2001, and documents Robert Stanton's long career with the National Park Service. The bulk of the materials dates from 1994 to 2000 and emphasizes the periods when Stanton was the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C., and as the Director of the National Park Service.

The series is arranged alphabetically by folder title and chronologically within each folder.

Materials pertaining to parks, historic sites, memorials, and trails comprises a large part of this series. There are brochures which contain general information about parks, historic sites, and memorials, and others which relate to dedication ceremonies of these places. Other brochures deal with celebratory events such as the Harriet Tubman Millennium Celebration, the 1965 Selma-Montgomery Voting Rights March (Bloody Sunday) held at the Historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the International Salute to the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition, information relating to the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, the Underground Railroad, and the history of the White House can be found here as well.

Other materials relating to the National Park Service include reports covering such topics as connecting people to the parks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, cultural resources management, diversity in the National Park Service, major accomplishments and issues of the National Park Service from 1997 to 2000, management policies, status of the National Capital Area Parks, how the next administration should approach public land management in the Western states, and the National Park Service's plan and action strategy for preserving the nation's important prehistoric and historic places and collections. Also included are copies of the Director's Bulletin Board, an internal newsletter where Stanton reported on actions the organization is taking – and important budget developments – to strengthen the organization's efforts as the nation's premier heritage preservation agency to the staff of the National Park Service. Reports of the National Park Foundation can be found here as well. There are also organizational charts, a diversity action plan, a strategic plan for FY 2000-2005, handbooks, as well as awards, certificates, and citations.

The majority of the correspondence in this series are letters of appreciation for various things, farewell to Stanton upon his first retirement from the National Park Service in January 1997, and congratulations to Stanton for being nominated and selected the Director of the National Park Service later in 1997. Also included are letters endorsing Robert Stanton's nomination to be the Director of the National Park Service. There are some letters relating to invitations to events and speaking engagements, as well as serving on committees/organizations.

Memoranda filed in the series range from the time when Robert Stanton was Deputy Regional Director of National Capital Region in Washington, D.C. in 1985 till his resignation as Director of the National Park Service in December 2000. The majority of the memoranda deal with commend

Stanton and staff members for various things. e.g., serving on task forces, speaking and participating in courses, and providing support at events. Other topics found in the memoranda include guidelines for Stanton's confirmation hearings, new general management plan priorities, and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech to the employees of the U.S. Department of the Interior to commemorate Women's History Month and to discuss the Millennium Program.

Newspaper clippings in the series document Robert Stanton and the National Park Service. Those concerning Stanton documents his responsibilities as the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, his first retirement from the National Park Service in 1997, as well as his nomination, swearing-in, and challenges as the Director of the National Park Service. Clippings about the National Park Service include those on increasing park fees, renovation of the White House, banning cars in Yosemite National Park, volunteers becoming increasingly important to the financially strapped National Park Service, public lands in the West, public lands preservation, the billion-dollar restoration of the Everglades, minorities and the national parks, the increasing demands on America's national parks, and the dedication of the Martin Luther King Memorial Site on Washington Mall.

There are also magazine/journal articles, papers, and speeches in the series. Articles include interviews with Stanton about the challenges and issues he faced as the Regional Director of the National Capital Region and the Director of the National Park Service, and those which Stanton wrote on topics such as the values and influences of cultural parks of the American park system on intergroup relations in a multi-ethnic society, career opportunities for minority undergraduates in the National Park Service, diversity in the national park system, using new approaches of environmental leadership to fulfill the National Park Service's traditional mandate, preserving America's parks and past, reflecting on recent programs and accomplishments of the National Park Service in 2000, and a National Park Service perspective on the history of public school desegregation. Articles by others include those on the deterioration of America's national parks, the declining population, the Underground Railroad, protecting the national parks throughout the new millennium, and the implementation of plans to protect natural resources and improve management of America's parks. The series contain copies of Robert Stanton's speeches, including the one he gave at the George B. Hartzog Lecture at Clemson University in 1997.

Finally, the series contains information concerning Stanton's nomination, confirmation, swearing-in and resignation as Director of the National Park Service. There is also biographical information which include Stanton's position descriptions and evaluations, resumes, and other materials. Some information regarding a scholarship set up in his mother's name, Bethel L. Stanton, at his alma mater, Huston-Tillotson College, can also be found here.

<u>Box</u>	Folder	Title
		Appointment Books
1	1	1987
	2	1988
	3	1989
2	1	1990
	2	1991
	3	1992
3	1	1993
	2	1994
	3	1995
4	1	1996
	2	1997
	3	1998
5	1	1999
	2	2000
	3	2001
6	1	[America's Millennium] – 1999
	2	[Appalachian Trail Conference 32 <sup>nd</sup> Biennial Meeting, Radford
	2	University, Radford, Virginia] – 1999
	3	[Articles] – May 1996-December 2000
	4	[Articles and Papers by Robert Stanton] – 1984-2001
	5	[Black History National Recreation Trail Dedication] – 1998
	6	[Connecting People to Parks in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Workshop Report] – 1998
		[Correspondence]
	7	February 1974-June 1992
	8	July 1992-June 1994
	9	July 1994-June 1997
7	1	July 1997-December 2000
	2	January 2001
	_	[Congratulations]
	3	May-July 1997
	4	August 1-15, 1997
	5	August 17-[c. December 16], 1997
	6	[Farewell] – January 2001 [Nomination]
	7	January 22-31, 1997
8	1	February 3-8, 1997
0	2	February 10-August 3, 1997
	3	[Cultural Resource Management] – 1997, 1999
	4	[Cultural Resources Challenge: The National Park Service's Action
	•	Plan & Budget Strategy for Preserving Our Nation's Important
		Prehistoric & Historic Places & Collections] – 2000

<u>Box</u>	Folder	Title
8	5	[D.C. Urban Tree House Dedication] – 1996
	6	[Director's Bulletin Board] – August 6, 1997-April 22, 1999
	7	[Diversity Action Plan] – 1998
	8	[Diversity in the National Park Service] – April 8, 1999-March 2000
	9	[Donations and Fundraising] – 1998
	10	[ <i>Exploring Change</i> Interview with Robert Stanton] – 2001
	11	[Federal, Private, Local and State Government Economic Impact
		Conference] – 1992
	12	[Ford's Theater] – 1997-[c. 1998]
	13	[Forum Journal] – Winter 1999-Winter 2001
9	1	[Foundations of Indian Law and Policy Workshop, Shepherdstown, West Virginia] – 1998
	2	[Frederick Douglass National Historic Site] – February 14, 1972-1995
	3	[George B. Hartzog Lecture, Clemson University] – October 1997
	4	[Great Kings and Queens of Africa Cultural Heritage Program] – 1985
	5	[Harriet Tubman Millennium Celebration] – 2000
	6	[Historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Selma, Alabama] – 2000
	7	[Huntley Meadows Park, Fairfax County, Virginia] – 1996
	8	[Kenai Fjords National Park: Alaska's Jewel in the Rough] – [1995]
	9	[King, Martin Luther, Jr.] – January 15, 1977-January 11, 2001
	10	[Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication] – 1995
	11	[John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts] – 1992
	12	["Lady Byrd Johnson" Movie Premiere] – October 25, 1997
	13	[Major Accomplishments and Issues of the National Park Service 1997-2000] – [Late 2000]
	14	[Management Policies 2001] – 2000
	15	[Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park] – June 5, 1998
	16	[Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site] – 1996 [Memoranda]
	17	August 1985-March 1992
10	1	October 1992-December 2000
	2	[Memoranda of Understanding with other Nations] – 1997-2000
	3	[Mid-Atlantic Mary McLeod Bethune Recognition Weekend
		Recognition Weekend Celebration, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.] – 1994
	4	[National Capital Area: State of the Parks] – December 1996
	5	[National Capital Area (NCA) Parks] – [1994]-[c. 1997]
	6	[National Capital Field Area Superintendents' Conference] – 1996
	7	[National Capital Region Incumbent Position] – [c. early 1990s]
	8	[National Council of Negro Women] – [c. 1997]
	9	[National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation] – 1993

<u>Box</u>	Folder	Title
10	10	[National Leadership Council, Tucson, Arizona] – December 1998 [National Park Foundation]
	11	[Annual Report 2000] – 2001
		[Board Meeting, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming]
	12	[Part I] – 1998
	13	[Part II] – 1998
	14	[32 <sup>nd</sup> Report to Congress 1999] – 2000
11	1	[National Park Service Director Job Description, <i>The 2000 Prune Book:</i> <i>How to Succeed in Washington's Top Jobs</i> ] – [2000]
	2	[National Park Service] [Organizational Charts] – n.d.]
	3	[Strategic Plan FY 2000-2005]- 2000
	4	[Transportation Planning Guidebook] – 1999
	5	[National Park System Advisory Board] – 1989
	6	[National Parks Conservation Association] – 2000
	7	[National Women's History Month: Alexis M. Herman] – 1993
	8	[Natural Resource Challenge: The National Park Service's Action Plan
		for Preserving Natural Resources] – 1999
		[Newspaper Clippings]
	9	February 25, 1972-November 18, 1994
	10	March 9-August 28, 1997
	11	October 2, 1997-August 19, 1998
	12	September 14, 1998-January 2001
		[Oklahoma City National Memorial]
	13	[Dedication] – 2000
12	1	[1999 Progress Report] – 2000
	2	[Organization of American Historians Interview with Robert Stanton] – 1999
	3	[Park Landscape Maintenance Handbook] – May 1990
	4	[Parks as Classrooms Annual Report] – 2000
	5	[Parks Located in Urban Settings Conference] – 1995
	6	[Policy After Politics: How Should the Next Administration Approach Public Land Management in the Western States?] – 2000
	7	[Prince Hall Grand Lodge (Mason), Washington, D.C.] – 1998
	8	[Public Land Corps 1999 Accomplishments Report] – [c. 2000]
	9	[Racial Desegregation in Public Education in the United States: Theme
	2	Study, National Historic Landmarks Survey] – 2000
	10	[Radford University (Virginia). Spring Commencement] – May 8, 1999
	11	[Regional MED Week/TCBM/Boss 2000, Austin, Texas] – August 2000
	12	Roundtable Associates National Awards Reception and Dinner Program] – 1997
	13	[School Safety Patrol Parade] – 1994

<u>Box</u>	Folder	Title
12	14	[Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail] – 1999
	15	[Serving the Visitor: A Report on Customers of the National Park Service. The NPS Visitor Services Project] – [c. 1997]
	16	[Southern University (Louisiana). Fall Commencement] – December 3-11, 1998
13	1	[Speech by Author and Naturalist Dr. Edward O. Wilson] – 2000 [Speeches by Robert Stanton]
	2	September 1995-August 1999
	3	October 1999-December 2000
	5	[Stanton, Robert.]
	1	[Articles]
	4	December 1978-September 1997
	5	October 1997-Winter 2000
	6	[Awards, Certificates and Citations] – 1976-1997
	7	[Bethel L. Stanton Scholarship] – 1979-1993
		[Biographical Information]
	8	April 4, 1962-November 5, 1993
14	1	November 22, 1993-January 14, 2001
		[Huston-Tillotson College]
	2	[Charter Day Convocation] – October 27, 2000
	3	[Homecoming Awards Banquet] – 1992
	4	[Nomination and Confirmation to be the Director] – 1997
	5	[Omega Psi Phi Fraternity] – 2000
	6	[Press Releases] – 1969-1988
	7	[Retirement Tributes] – December 1996
	8	[Swearing-in Ceremony to be the Director] – 1997
	9	["What Now, Second Time Retiree?" Poem by John G. Dennis] – 2001
	10	[Student Conservation Association] – 2000
	11	[Texas NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Convention] – 1999
	12	[The Future of Our Public Lands: A Symposium on Federal Land Policy] – 1998
	13	[The Natural Resources Challenge] – [c. 1999]
	14	[Training Program for Minority Students and Faculty in Concession Services] – [1994]
	15	[Trip to South Africa and Ghana] – 1999 [Underground Railroad]
	16	September 1995
	10	1996-October 2000
15	1	[United Negro College Fund 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Leadership Dinner] – 1991
	2	[United States Holocaust Memorial Council] – [c. 1997]

<u>Box</u>	Folder	<u>Title</u>
		[U.S. Department of the Interior Executive Conference, Solomons,
		Maryland]
15	3	[Part I] – 1998
	4	[Part II] – 1998
	5	[Virgin Islands] – August 7, 1972
	6	[Virgin Islands and the National Park Service Organic Act] – 2000
	7	[Vietnam Veterans Memorial] – [November 11, 1996]-Winter 1997
	8	[We Shall Overcome: Historic Places of the Civil Rights Movement] –
		March 30, 1998
	9	[White House History] – June 1997-Fall 1998
	10	[Yellowstone National Park's 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary] – 1997
	11	[Yosemite Youth Conservation Corps Program Yearbook 1997] – 1997
	12	[Youth Conservation Corps FY 1999 Program] – [c. 1999]
	13	[Youth Programs Division Accomplishments Report] – [c. 2000]

#### Series 2: Post-National Park Service Series, 2001-2006; bulk 2002-2005

1.4 cubic feet consisting of 53 folders.

The Post-National Park Service Series consists of articles, brochures, clippings, correspondence, press releases, reports, and speeches.

Materials in this series cover the period 2001-2006. The bulk of the materials dates from 2002 to 2005, and documents Stanton's activities as a visiting professor at various universities and a private conservation consultant specializing in policy, planning and management after his second retirement from the National Park Service in January 2001.

The series is arranged alphabetically by folder title and chronologically within each folder.

Majority of the correspondence in the series are letters of appreciation and goodbye sent to Robert Stanton after he left the position of Director of the National Park Service in January 2001. There are letters inviting Stanton to deliver a speech or to participate in an event, and to serve on an organization's Board of Directors. Other correspondence relate to his work as a private conservation consultant and cover such topics as Stanton's suggestion that the Natural Resources Council of America appoint a task force to focus on achieving cultural diversity in its various activities; the National Trust for Historic Preservation seeking Stanton's help to broaden their programs and membership to reflect more accurately the true diversity of America; working with the Wilderness Society in relation to diversity in environmental organizations and programs; and Stanton's continued involvement with the International Union for Conservation of Nature to help increase the participation of youth in conservation. In addition, there are correspondence and memoranda relating to member organizations contributing to a Natural Resources Council of America study on cultural diversity in conservation organizations and programs and the results being incorporated in a series of reports authored by Stanton for the purpose of documenting current efforts and developing recommendations to increase cultural diversity in the conservation movement; a brief outline of study activities in which Stanton could be involved leading to the development of a diversity action plan for the Environmental Law Institute; and a meeting with U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn (6<sup>th</sup> District of South Carolina) to introduce him to the executive officials of national environmental organizations and to discuss their goals and programs for improving the employment of African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic and Asian Americans.

Materials relating to the V<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Protected Areas are filed in the series. From 2001 to 2003 Stanton served as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' World Commission on Protected Areas ambassador for the Fifth World Parks Congress held in September 2003 in Durban, South Africa. The files contain brochures, schedule information, and correspondence pertaining the conference. There are also publications, papers and reports on topics such as young conservationists and the future of protected areas world-wide; indigenous peoples and protected areas; approaches to national park stewardship; people-oriented and authoritarian protection practices of managing protected areas; pro-poor conservation and a ten-point agenda for action; and sustainable tourism in protected areas.

Information pertaining to Stanton's work as a visiting adjunct professor can be found in the series. Materials relating to the Yale University School of Environmental Forestry and Environmental Studies include brochures about the school, copies of the school's bulletins, newsletters and *Journal*, correspondence and a press release about Stanton joining the school; and a notebook which contains copies of correspondence between Stanton and university officials about his coming to Yale to teach a course during the 2002 fall semester, drafts of the and materials related to the course. Few items relating to Stanton's later position as a visiting professor at Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences can be found here. The majority of the materials relate to Stanton giving the keynote address at the "Promoting Cultural Diversity: New Approaches to Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resource Delivery" Conference held on the campus in November 2003, and include correspondence, memoranda, a contract, a purchase voucher, receipts, and a brochure about the conference.

Other materials filed in the series relate to the National Park Service, Robert Stanton, and other subjects. Information relating to the National Park Service include comprehensive surveys of the American public, the cultural resources diversity program, new units added to the national park system, and a report about rethinking the national parks for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Newspaper clippings cover such topics as a task force looking at National Park Service law enforcement; invasive species threatening native plants and animals; terrorism and tourism; deferred maintenance at the national parks; and the renovation of the Old Administration Building at Stanton's alma mater, Huston-Tillotson College. There is correspondence relating to Stanton's selection as the recipient of the 2003 national level Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal, the James D. Maddy Internship Fund, Charter Day at Huston-Tillotson College, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Also included in this series is biographical information about Stanton and an oral history interview with him conducted by Janet A. McDonnell in 2004 and published in 2006. In addition, there are brochures on African American sites, various civil rights commemorative events, and awards programs, including the George B. Hartzog Lecture. Finally, there is a speech given by Stanton at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in October 2004.

<u>Box</u>	Folder	Title
1	1 2	[African American Historic Sites in Arlington, Virginia] – [c. 2002] [American Society for Environmental History "Energy Space Time" Meeting, Houston, Texas] – 2005
	3	[Arbor Day] - 2001
	4	[Blueplanet Quarterly] – 2002
	5	[Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration] – 2004
	6	[Chesapeake Bay Commission and Foundation] – 2001
	7	[Conference on African Americans and the Civil War, Petersburg, Virginia] – 2005 [Correspondence]
	8	January 2001-December 2002
	o 9	February 2003-April 2005
	10	[Environ Mentors Awards Ceremonies] – 2004-2005
	10	[Environmental Stewardship for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Opportunities
	11	and Actions for Improving Cultural Diversity in Conservation
		Organizations and Programs] – 2002
	12	[Faxes] – 2003-2004
	12	[V <sup>th</sup> World Congress on Protected Areas, Durban, South Africa]
	13	2001-2002
2	1	2003
-	2	2003
	3	2003
	4	[1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Multicultural Tourism & African American Hotel
	·	Ownership Forum, Washington, D.C.] – 2004
	5	[George B. Hartzog Lecture and Awards Program] – 2004
	6	[International Salutes to Martin Luther King, Jr.] –1999-2005
	7	[Memoranda] – 2001-2004
	8	[Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.] – [c. 2004]
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	9	[World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Draft Strategic Plan 2001-2005] – 2001
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#### Series 3: Visual Materials Series, 1993-2001; bulk 1997-2000

2.8 cubic feet consisting of 80 video tapes and 1 DVD.

The Visual Materials Series consists of video tapes and one DVD.

Materials in this series cover the period 1993-2001. The bulk of the materials dates from 1997 to 2000 and documents the National Park Service during Robert Stanton's tenure as Director of the National Park Service.

The video tapes are arranged chronologically because some of the video tapes have more than one subject on them. The DVD is placed at the end of the video tapes. There is a box of second copies of some of the video tapes.

The Visual Materials series contain video tapes which pertain to Robert Stanton and the National Park Service during his tenures as the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Washington, D.C. (1988-1997), and the Director of the National Park Service (1997-2001). Many of the video tapes were made by monitoring/media companies, as well as Stanton's staff at the National Park Service. There are tapes which cover Stanton's confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on July 17, 1997 to become the Director of the National Park Service, giving speeches or introductory remarks at events, and visiting parks and historic sites. Also included are interviews with Stanton about park fees, the many problems of preserving public lands, and other park-related matters. Also included are video tapes of historian and author David McCullough and Stanton giving speeches at the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the White House; Assistant Secretary of the Interior George T. Frampton, Jr. and U.S. Representative Wayne Allard from Colorado (District 4) discussing the budget for the National Park Service; President Bill Clinton giving his State of the Union Message Address on January 27, 1998; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaking about the "Save America's Treasures" initiative; U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman giving the keynote address at the Federal Women's Program "Celebrating Women's History Month"; and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater giving the keynote address in celebration of African-American History Month. In addition, there are interviews with John Parsons, Chairman of the National Capital Memorial Commission, Professor Robin Winks, a historian at Yale University, and Stanton's predecessor, National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy.

Other topics documented on the video tapes include communities co-existing successfully next to national parks, snowmobiles vs. wolves at Voyageurs National Park, the Underground Railroad, the National Prisoner of War Museum, the African American Civil War Memorial, diversity in the National Park Service, conditions at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, and the Dorothy Height Legacy Initiative, a video about how the National Council of Negro Women helps to improve the lives of Black women around the world. Finally, the DVD documents the Superintendent's Partnership Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on April 5-7, 2004, where Stanton spoke at their banquet.

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