ALDO LEOPOLD COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

The following remarks about Aldo Leopold were written by Charles M. Kirkpatrick, who donated the collection in July 1982. He also wrote the description of the items in the collection listed in the inventory (Page 2).

Aldo Leopold (1886-1948) is often regarded as the father of wildlife management because of his classic book in 1933, "Game Management" (Scribner's). He was also a leader in wilderness preservation and use concepts, and he was an articulate proponent of esthetic appreciation for land and the biota it supports. His posthumous "Sand County Almanac" is a best-seller collection of his essays in ecology, and his diary "Round River" was also published after his death.

Leopold was trained at Yale as a forester, but in the late 1920s he turned to game management as a profession. One of his first and notable accomplishments was the publication in 1931 of the "Game Survey of North Central States." The field work and publication was supported by the Sporting Arms and Manufacturers' Institute. The report of the survey is one of the first authoritative publications on game populations of the United States.

To gather his data for the survey, Leopold traveled through the states classifying types of game range and looking at soil types, land use, crops, industries, etc. He interviewed many people thought to be knowledgeable about wildlife conditions. That was the before the days of wildlife biologists, and few reliable records existed about bird and mammal populations.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT OF COLLECTION

1 Document box (2-1/2")

1 Acid-free map folder (1/2 size)

CONTAINER LIST

GAME SURVEY OF INDIANA, CA. 1929, CONDUCTED BY ALDO LEOPOLD (1886-1948)

BOX 1

BOUND REPORT

"Report on a Game Survey of Indiana," submitted to the Game Restoration Committee, Sporting Arms & Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute by Aldo Leopold, 15 June 1929.

54 pp. Mimeographed reproduction of text of Leopold's copy. Hand-drawn and colored maps copied from unpublished report. Such preliminary reports presumably were prepared for game species in all of the eight states surveyed.

PUBLICATION

"Report on a Game Survey of the North Central States" made by Aldo Leopold for the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute under direction of its Committee on Restoration and Protection of Game. Madison, Wisconsin, 1931. 299 pp. (The book is out of print and the Institute no longer exists.)

MAPS (flat file)

#82.178.2

"Rand McNally Commercial County Outline Map of Indiana," 18-1/2" x 25-1/2". With pencil and crayon notations by Leopold showing 1929 range of Hungarian partridge in Indiana and the locations of past releases within the state. This map is reproduced in another form as Map G in the Indiana Report and Map 11, p. 107, of the Game Survey.

#82.178.3

"Rand McNally Commercial County Outline Map of Indiana," 18-1/2" x 25-1/2". With pencil notations by Leopold of persons consulted by county. The persons consulted are given on pages 43-46 of the Indiana Report and repeated on Pages 273-75 of the Game Survey.

#82.178.1

"Rand McNally Standard Map of Indiana," 19" x 25-1/4"; color. With notations by Leopold that refer to Hungarian (gray) partridge range in Indiana.

PEOPLE

Leopold, Aldo

CLASSIFICATION

Ecology Maps

SUBJECTS

Hunting