

Guide to the Tilman “Tillie” Bishop papers

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Abstract: The Tilman Bishop papers contain correspondence, annual reports, and other administrative records related to admissions and student services at Mesa College/Mesa State College and documents related to his legislative career, especially water resource management.

Creator: Bishop, Tilman

Dates (inclusive): 1960-2001

Extent: 6 linear feet; 6 record boxes

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Historical Note: Tilman “Tillie” Bishop was born in 1933 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bishop received his bachelor of arts and masters of arts degrees in education at Colorado State College (now Northern Colorado University), Greeley, Colorado. He worked as an administrator in various capacities at Mesa College (and subsequently Mesa State College, now Colorado Mesa University) in Grand Junction, Colorado. His many positions included Director of Counseling, Guidance, and Testing (1962); associate dean, associate director, and then director of students; and Director of Testing and International Student Services. His long service in the Colorado legislature included four years in the Colorado House of Representatives and twenty-four years in the Colorado Senate, with the final six of those as president pro tem. He also served as a Mesa County Commissioner, a regent for the University of Colorado, and a Colorado Mesa University trustee. He died in Grand Junction, Colorado in 2019.

Scope and Contents: The Tilman “Tillie” Bishop papers contain files from Bishop’s tenure as an administrator at Mesa College/Mesa State College and his time serving as Colorado State Representative (four years) and State Senator (twenty-four years). Records from Mesa College/Mesa State College include correspondence, student reports, freshman research, high school ranks, and faculty advisor booklets covering the years 1962-1993. Documents from his time in the Colorado General Assembly include water related materials, correspondence, legislative reports, and bills that date from 1960 to 2001 with the majority falling between 1984 and 1989.

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Arrangement: The Tilman “Tillie” Bishop papers are organized into two series. The first series includes the records from his tenure as an administrator at Mesa College and Mesa State College. The second series contains documents from his twenty-eight years of service in the Colorado legislature.

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Subjects: Water resources development -- Colorado; Community college students -- Services for; Students, Foreign -- Services for; Mesa College -- Foreign students

Names: Mesa College; Mesa State College; Lamm, Richard D.; Colorado. General Assembly

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Collection Description

Series I: Mesa College and Mesa State College records, 1962-1993

Box 1

Folder 1: Summary Reports on disciplinary cases, 1962-1967

F2: Class Statistics, 1963

F3: Mesa Jr. College enrollment rank in High School, 1963-1964

F4: Tilman Bishop report: New Student Orientation Program, 1963-1965

F5: Mesa County Junior College – class of 1965, Freshman Research Information

F6: Mesa County Junior College – class of 1966, Freshman Research Information

F7: Tilman Bishop Correspondence, 1967-1983

F8: Tilman Bishop Correspondence, 1984-1991

F9: Prediction of Academic Achievement (2 & 4-year Colorado colleges), Fall 1968

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F10: Faculty Preference scales/Student Preference scale/Enrollment scales, circa 1965

F11: Survey of high school ranks, 1961-1974

F12: Survey of high school ranks, 1974-1982

F13: Student evaluation of the orientation program & addendum, 1967

F14: Disciplinary cases, 1963-1965 (**Restricted**)

F15: Mesa College, speaker's directory, 1973-1974

F16: Manuals for group leader's student orientation, 1972-1977

F17: Faculty advisor booklets, 1969-1992

Box 2

Folder 1: Student survey forms, circa 1970s-1980s

F2: Mesa College Follow-up Study Forms, 1964

F3: Annual reports – Student personnel services, 1965-1966

F4: Annual Report, Guidance Counseling and testing, 1967-1968

F5: Instructions for interpreting class profile reports, circa 1968

F6: Mesa College Student Profiles, 1974

F7: Sen. Tilman Bishop – “Minority Statement in support of Individuals”, 1975 March 7

F8: Mesa College Institutional and Student Profiles, 1975-1976

F9: Statistics (over-head transparencies), 1976-1977

F10: Student services – guidance and testing annual reports, 1976-1981

F11: Mesa College – Financial and Statistical Analysis, 1977

F12: Summary of Enrollment, 1978-1992

F13: Student Retention – references, 1979-1981

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- F14:** Supplemental Services summary, 1980-1981
- F15:** Making advising work and serving the undecided students, 1981
- F16:** Student Confidential Information, 1981
- F17:** Student retention reports and statistics, circa 1982
- F18:** Mesa College Cumulative grade averages, 1981-1982
- F19:** Retention task force meetings, 1981-1982
- F20:** Review of retention and attrition, circa 1982
- F21:** Director of Student Services – annual reports, 1981-1987
- F22:** Mesa College – Feeder High Schools, 1983
- F23:** Sub-committee of the retention committee, 1983
- F24:** Mesa College, applicant/admit summary, 1983-1986
- F25:** Mesa College Consortium Programs/Head Count, 1983-1986
- F26:** Comparative Fall semester off-site pre-registration report, 1985-1986
- F27:** Physical & learning disadvantaged, 1985-1986
- F28:** Tilman Bishop, State Hospital - Tim Mosby (**Restricted**)
- F29:** International Students, 1988
- F30:** MSC handicapped student scholarship Association, 1991
- F31:** Daily Sentinel, 1993 May 30; Article on Bishop's retirement

Box 3

- Folder 1:** Correspondence, Foreign student requests, often through embassies—Kuwait, Pakistan, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Iran, etc.; as well as local correspondence, 1973
- F2:** Correspondence, selective service letters, etc., 1972

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- F3:** Correspondence, Foreign student requests, often through embassies—Kuwait, Pakistan, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Iran, etc., as well as local correspondence, selective service letters, etc., 1971
- F4:** Correspondence, selective service letters, etc., 1970
- F5:** Correspondence, selective service letters, etc., 1969
- F6:** Correspondence, 1967
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- F8:** Correspondence, 1969
- F9:** Correspondence, 1964-1965
- F10:** Correspondence, 1964-1965
- F11:** Correspondence; learning resource center, circa 1985
- F12:** Correspondence, 1962-1963
- F13:** Correspondence, 1963-1964
- F14:** Correspondence, 1964-1965
- F15:** Correspondence, 1966
- F16:** Correspondence regarding disciplinary action, 1966-1967
- F17:** Correspondence, circa 1987-1989
- F18:** Immigration, naturalization service – rules and regulations, 1975
- F19:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1975
- F20:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1988
- F21:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1976
- F22:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1977
- F23:** Foreign Student Correspondence (Zambia, Hong Kong, etc.) 1988

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- F24:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1989
- F25:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1989
- F26:** Foreign Student Correspondence, October 1 - December 31
- F27:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1988 April 1 - June 30
- F28:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1988-1989
- F29:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1987
- F30:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1981
- F31:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1988
- F32:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1978
- F33:** Foreign Student Correspondence, 1981
- F34:** Admissions Committee, 1963-1964
- F35:** Admissions Committee, 1972
- F36:** Admissions Committee, 1972-1974
- F37:** Conference on Graduate education access for Western Colorado, 1989 November
- F38:** Material for Annual Report, 1986-1987
- F39:** Material for Annual Report, 1984-1986
- F40:** Goals and Objectives, school year, 1989
- F41:** Admissions Policy, etc., 1985-1990
- F42:** Student staffing; Mesa College Admin. Salary Survey, 1987-1988
- F43:** Annual report, 1987-1988
- F44:** Incident Report, miscellaneous, 1988 **(Restricted)**
- F45:** ACT/SAT score comparisons, circa 1985-1986; 1992

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F46: Foreign student correspondence, 1989 October 1 - December 31

F47: Foreign student correspondence, 1989 July 1 - September 30

Series II: Colorado General Assembly documents, 1960-2001

Box 4

Folder 1: Memorandum – Legislative Council Staff – State Tax Provisions, 1992 September 28

F2: Long’s Peak Working Group on National Water Policy, 1993; Long’s Peak report to City of Colorado Springs; Hobbs, Trout & Raley law firm legal report to State Legislature; Letter to Bruce Babbitt

F3: Letters of support for school financing to Tilman Bishop from Grand Junction citizens, 1991 September

F4: Colorado River Water Conservation Dist., Legislative report, 1989; Wilderness water rights settlement proposal, 1989; State drought plan, “High and Dry: Drought in Colorado, 1989 (1977 after drought report); Executive order: declaring a disaster in Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties, 1989; miscellaneous materials

F5: Legislative reports regarding native fish recovery in upper Colorado River Basin, 1989

F6: Journal: “Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Water news,” 1987-1989

F7: “Presentations for Interim Legislative Committee on Water, July 12, 1989”

F8: Water reports, State’s litigation, Correspondence, Water Bills, Colorado Water Development reports, circa 1989

F9: Water reports: Gunnison water quality; Senate Bill 181; Non-profit source program; ammonia study; organic standards; legislative studies, circa 1989

F10: Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; Application to drill; Senate Bill 181 (water quality), circa 1989

F11: Summary: Committee on Water; Drought report (1989); Status of Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) construction fund, 1989; other water related reports, circa 1989

F12: Colorado River Water Conservation District, Drought issues, Endangered Species, 1989 July 12; Water related materials

F13: “Colorado Water” Newsletter of the Water Center of Colorado State University, 2001

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F14: "Presentation for Interim Legislative Committee on Water, 1989 October 5"

F15: "Water and Sewer Tap Fee Directory, 1986"

F16: "Supply, Demand, and Institutional Needs of Douglas County - May, August 1989 - Water"

F17: Committee on Water – Agenda; Bill on conditional water rights; Reports to interim committee on water; Park County environmental quality report to county commissioners; regarding Senate Bill 141; correspondence from mayor Robert Isaac; engineer's report on west slope aquifer; Water Conservation Plan of the Denver Water (1986 update of a plan adopted June 20, 1979), Summer 1989; Other water reports, miscellaneous materials

F18: "South Platte River Compact, 1989"; State river conservation programs; House Bill 1319 – Wild Scenic Recreational Waters Systems; Sage of Stagecoach (Dam); Drought update, 1989

F19: Committee on Water, 1989 July 12; Endangered Species Act of 1973; Executive Order: Declaring a Disaster Emergency in Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties; drought chart, circa 1989; miscellaneous materials

Box 5

Folder 1: "Report of Groundwater Legislation, 1984 August 1"

F2: "Western Colorado Projects Review: Summaries of Western Slope Water Projects, June 1985"

F3: Colorado Water Conference; "Staff Summary of Meeting Committee on non-Tributary Ground Water, 1984"

F4: Colorado Water Conservation District, circa 1984

F5: Central Arizona Project (CAP), circa 1984

F6: Paper: "Senator Armstrong Right on Wilderness and Water Rights," by Tilman Bishop; Ground water conservation; Colorado River Water Conservation District; correspondence; Bill draft, Non-tributary groundwater, circa 1984

F7: Legislative Bill #HB1088, regarding the funding of water resources projects, circa 1985

F8: Water related newspaper clippings, circa 1985

F9: Booklet: "A History of the Colorado Rural Electric Association, 1945-1995"

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- F10:** NCSL Agriculture and Food Policy Committee; County tax statistics, 1985 May 17; Mesa County Today, v.2, no.1, 1985 May (operating budget); Association of American Railroads (list of legislative bills—51); Mesa County Department of Social Services, correspondence regarding disability; miscellaneous materials
- F11:** “Addressing the Area of Origin Problem”, by the Colorado Water Resource Research Institution (MacDonnell; Corbridge; Ahrens) 1985; EDF, list of members; water related articles and correspondence; “Inter-basin Mitigation” 1985 September 12; Committee on Water and Land resources report, circa 1985
- F12:** Memorandum(s): Committee on Water and Land Resources (funding water projects, reclamation), circa 1985
- F13:** “Public Works Fiscal Responsibility Accounting Act”, 1985; Report of the 1984 Colorado Water Convention, 1984; “Horizon”, Colorado State parks, 1985; listing of land ownership in Colorado: U.S.; Schools; Division. of Wildlife; Private; Guide to Colorado’s State Wildlife areas, circa 1985
- F14:** Land and Water Resources - various materials, circa 1985
- F15:** *Colorado Water Congress* - various materials from the event, 1985 July 25-26
- F16:** Memorandum: Legislation, Containing Healthcare costs, 1985; Bills Introduced in the House (list), 1985 June 3; Many photocopied articles on water, etc., some written by Bishop, circa 1986; miscellaneous materials
- F17:** “The Alliance for Colorado’s Future”, by Vanderhoof and Ambrose; Committee on Water and Land Resources, 1985 July - August
- F18:** Ralph Chantrill, *Water in Colorado* reports and correspondence to Bishop and also Governor Lamm, circa 1985; DNR Memorandum, David Geches, 1985 March 22; Summary of Transactions, State Board of Land Commissioners, CO, 1983 July 1 to 1984 July 30; Reservoir Evaporation charts, 1975-1984; Committee on Water and Land Resources, Memorandum, 1985 July 11
- F19:** Water related correspondence from Department of Natural Resources Executive Director, David Getches, 1985; CWCB Water Projects funding chart (\$94m); List of *Alliance for Colorado’s Future* members, circa 1985; List of Federal Projects Sponsored by Colorado Water Conservation Board, circa 1985; Testimony to Legislative Interim Committee on Compensatory Storage, Larry MacDonnell, UC Law; Statement by Virgil Hill, 1985 September 12; Duane Woodard letter to Jeris Danielson; Senate Bill 439, circa 1985; Colorado Water Congress, Resolutions, 1985; Metropolitan Water Providers, statement by Robert McWhinnie; Ruedi Dam

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and Reservoir, Colorado, Letter from Acting Secretary of the Interior, 1960 March 7; Bills Concerning Transportation of Hazardous Materials, 1985 legislative session

F20: Reports: *The Drought of 1988, Final Report of the President's Interagency Drought Policy Committee; Recreation Futures for Colorado, BLM, 1989; Colorado West Transportation Plan, 1980*

F21: Report to Colorado General Assembly: *Recommendations for 1976 committee on: Mineral Taxation; Transit Feasibility Study, Grand Junction Area, 1977*

F22: Water Development and Wildlife Mitigation, Walter Burkhard, 1986; Colorado Water Resources Research Institute, 1986; Variability of Unutilized Surface Water Supplies from the Yampa and White River Basins, Hsieh Wen Shen, R. Anderson, H. Caulfield, Song-Kai Yan, 1985 January

F23: Brochures and small magazines regarding Colorado River Aqueduct, circa 1986

Box 6

Folder 1: *Colorado Water Congress Seminar on Water Law, 1989 September 28-29 (presented by Tom Pitts, Loveland, CO.); Federal and State Water Quality Laws, Tad Foster; photocopied water-related articles; Memorandum to Colorado General Assembly, The Status of the Water Conservation Construction Fund, 1983 March 8; miscellaneous materials*

F2: "Thirty-Sixth Annual Report of the Upper Colorado River Commission" Salt Lake City, Utah, 1984 September 30; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District: Metropolitan Denver Water Supply EIS, 1986 October; Photocopies of water-related articles, circa 1984-1986; "*Water!!! Peaceful Co-Existence can be Achieved for Colorado*", by Chris Jouflas, Colorado River Water Conservation Dist., 1986 May 13; Senate Joint Memorial No. 6, circa 1986; Water legislation memorandum(s), circa 1986; DNR correspondence, circa 1986

F3: Original folder entitled, "Speech Material"; appropriations reports, circa 1985; Tilman Bishop speech to American Association of University Women, 1976 February 7; Keynote address to 1984 Colorado Water Convention, by David Robbins; Legislative letters, circa 1985; "Tax alert" from Colorado public Expenditure Council, 1985 February 15; miscellaneous papers, circa 1985; miscellaneous materials

F4: *Colorado Water Congress Water Law Seminar, September 28-29, 1989, materials related to conference*

F5: Business Viewpoint, Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, v.7, n.1, 1985 January; Colorado River Water Conservation District, circa 1984 (newsletter); Colorado Water Convention, 1984 (papers); Richard Lamm open letter regarding Senate Joint Resolution No. 14,

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- concerning Cache la Poudre River; *Status Report: Groundwater Protection in Colorado*, Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Health, September 1984; miscellaneous materials
- F6:** Summary of Meeting, Committee on Non-tributary Ground Water, 1984 August 1; Agriculture Senate Committee, 1983 September 19; Proposal for Groundwater Bill, 1984 September 26; Water editorial, reports, correspondence, circa 1984
- F7:** Statement of Senator William Armstrong before Subcommittee on Public Lands and reserved water, 1984 September 18; Non-Tributary Water reports and correspondence, circa 1984
- F8:** Non-Tributary Water legislation, correspondence, reports, etc., circa 1984
- F9:** Metropolitan Water Providers (MWP), Staff Recommendations of Projects for Permit...Platte And Colorado River Storage Projects Participation Agreement, 1985 August; Newsletters of MWP; Colorado Water Almanac and Directory, 1985; Colorado Water (CSU), July – September 1985; Water permit legislation reports, 1985; correspondence to Bishop, circa 1985; miscellaneous materials
- F10:** Rules and Regulations Applying to Well Permits to Withdraw Groundwater, Section 37-90-137(4), C.R.S, circa 1985; Committee on Water and Land Resources – Staff Summary of Meeting, 1985 November 10; correspondence from William Armstrong to Bishop, 1985 November 8; miscellaneous materials
- F11:** Colorado Water Congress, letter to Sen. William Armstrong, 1985 June 11; Newsletters, 1985; Colorado River Water Conservation District, Memorandum, 1985 December 2, Sierra Club vs Block; correspondence to Governor Richard Lamm, 1986 June 16; miscellaneous materials
- F12:** Report by U.S. Dept. of Interior: *“Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Colorado River Augmentation Demonstration Program, Delta, Gunnison and Mesa Counties, Colorado”*; Correspondence from John Burrett and Brenadine Calhoun to Bishop regarding *“Proposal to the Delta County Commissioners for special use permit in the Ward Creek area*; Report by Robert Dickeson, University of Northern Colorado: *Colorado Public Higher Education: Toward a Common Perspective*; Water and Related Land Resources Colorado River Basin in Colorado, report by Colorado Water Conservation Board and U.S. Department of Agriculture; miscellaneous materials
- F13:** Report: *Colorado Water Project Funding Projections, 11-1986*, by Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority; Correspondence from: Hank Brown U.S. Representative to Bishop, regarding Senate Joint Memorial #6; *Report on the Status of Colorado Energy Program Management, Direction and Future*, Bill Schrore, 1986 June 18; water related photocopies of newspaper articles, circa 1985; miscellaneous materials

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- F14:** *Denver Water Department, 1985 Annual Report*; Correspondence from Colorado Water Congress (Curtis, Fecher, Simpson, MacRavey) to Bishop regarding House Bill 1340; Correspondence from Ralph Chantrill to Richard Lamm regarding “*Colorado’s Precious Water*”; “*Metropolitan Denver Water Supply EIS*” by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1986 May 27; *State Engineer’s Second Annual Report to the General Assembly on Dam Safety, F. Y. 84-85*, 1985 November 1, by Jeris A. Danielson, State Engineer; miscellaneous materials
- F15:** Jim Monaghan correspondence regarding negotiating session at Beaver Creek, 1985 August 2; Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Memorandum, 1985 July 2; Tenth Annual Colorado Water Workshop—Address to Western State College, by Governor Richard Lamm, 1985 July 31; Metropolitan Water Providers, Newsletter, 1985 July 29: *West Slope Potential Water Sources – Plus Big Gross*; Correspondence from Robert A. Jackson regarding speech review: A State Water Policy for 1985-2010; *Staff Summary of the Executive Session of the Committee on Water and Land Resources*, 1985 August 15; Agenda: Tenth Annual Colorado Water Workshop, Western State College, 1985 June 3; Central Arizona Project (CAP), regarding public law 90-537; Colorado Satellite linked Water Resources Monitoring System—paper describing system, contract information, photos, charts, circa 1985; Memorandum regarding House Bill 1088; miscellaneous materials
- F16:** Bills concerning ground water, circa 1985; Correspondence from Garfield County Board of County Commissioners, 1985 August 30; Speech from 10th annual water conference by Marcia M. Hughes, 1985 August; “*Eliminating Water Scarcity Through Cooperation*”; “*Metropolitan Denver Water Supply EIS*” by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Future Water Demands – Technical Review fact sheet, circa 1984; Various correspondence of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, circa 1985; letters regarding legal stature of various water laws, circa 1985
- F17:** Presentation: *New Directions in Western Water Law*, Charles F. Wilkinson, circa 1985; Presentation: *The West Side Story*, regarding the three principles of Colorado Water law, circa 1985; *The Galloway Question: is the Colorado Line a Barrier to the Transfer of Water?* By, Raphael J. Moses, circa 1985; Western Colorado Rural Communities Institute Western State College Gunnison, CO, 1985 August 2: *Water Financing: The Great Divide*, by Austin V. Koenen, Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.; various materials from 10th annual water conference, Western State College Gunnison, CO, 1985 August 2