

# Paul Beck Collection

## Collection Summary

**Title:** Paul Beck

**Dates:** 1949 –

**Location:** Archives BG 2 through BG 5; Archives C 28 Photos, contact sheet, and negatives;  
Archives C MD 21, Folder 1

**Quantity:** 8 Boxes, 28 Photos, 5 oversize items

**Abstract:** Paul Beck was mayor of Aurora from November 13, 1967 through December 8, 1974, when he died. Prior to his almost two terms as mayor, he served on the Aurora City Council for eight consecutive terms beginning in 1955. The Paul Beck Collection consists of documents pertaining to the government of Aurora during the nearly twenty years that Paul Beck served on the City Council and as mayor. Presumably most of the documents were collected by Paul Beck.

**Arrangement:** Materials are arranged by subject and chronologically within subjects. Home Rule, Aurora Government, and Aurora Water are the major categories. Within Aurora Government folders are annual and monthly reports, departmental reports, capital improvements, and the items on the construction of a new municipal building. Aurora Water documents in Boxes 4 through 8 make up the largest part of the collection and sometimes duplicate the documents in the Museum's Aurora Water Collection. Series V and Series VI in Box 8 contain items related to other areas of Colorado or not related to the collection at all.

## Contents Series and Subseries

### Box 1 of 8

#### Series I: Home Rule

##### Subseries 1: Research and Planning

**Folder 1:** Information booklets, letters, and memos from Colorado Municipal League, National League and other organizations are dated from 1949 through 1960 and undated.

**Folder 2:** 1956-57 reports, correspondence, and draft of amendment.

##### Subseries 2: Public Opinion Polls, 1957

**Folder 3:** Tally sheets, instructions, and questionnaires from the Western Slope

**Folder 4:** Tally sheets, instructions, and questionnaires from El Paso and Pueblo Counties

**Folder 5:** Tally sheets, instructions, and questionnaires from Boulder, Arapahoe, and Adams Counties

**Folder 6:** Tally sheets, instructions, and questionnaires from Denver and Jefferson Counties

**Folder 7:** Tallies from all polls

**Subseries 3: Study Committee**

**Folder 8:** Selection of study committee members, 1960 and undated

**Folder 9:** Agendas, minutes, and reports of the following sub-committees: fire, police and health departments; organization of government; parks and recreation; boards and commissions; finance; public safety; and steering committee. Reports are dated February through April 1960.

**Folder 10:** Reports from the public works and utilities committee and the rules and order of business committee, general meeting minutes and memos, and a manager's report are dated May-November 1960. A letter to city attorney Berardini from Chairman Glenn Leader is dated April 1960.

**Subseries 4: Charter**

**Folder 11:** First draft. Original typed charter, 43 pages long with some handwritten notes but no table of contents, is dated October 24, 1960.

**Folder 12:** First draft. Two mimeographed copies of the 45-page charter, including table of contents, are dated November 23, 1960. One copy has corrections, deletions, and notes. There is also a separate table of contents.

**Folder 13:** First draft. Two mimeographed copies of March 9, 1961 charter contain a preamble and ten sections. The first copy has an added eleventh section which is original.

**Folder 14:** Second draft. Two mimeographed copies of the revised charter with thirteen sections are undated.

**Folder 15:** Second draft. A copy of the March 9 charter has suggested additions and changes stapled to it. Separate copies of two suggested additions and changes are undated; one recommendation is dated March 31, 1960.

**Folder 16:** Third draft. Undated copy has handwritten notes. Additional pages of suggested changes are undated except for a letter of April 6, 1961.

**Folder 17:** Third draft. Two copies of charter with suggested additions and changes are undated, as are additional pages of suggestions.

**Folder 18:** Third draft. Correspondence, memos and notes commenting on the scheduled convention and on the charter are dated March 1-31, 1961, and undated.

**Folder 19:** Final Draft. Two copies of the City of Aurora Home Rule Charter to be voted upon on June 17, 1961, are in folders. A separate preparatory synopsis is undated.

**Folder 20:** Correspondence and miscellaneous. Letters to and from City Manager Robert O. Wright and charter committee chairman Glenn C. Leader, as well as other memos and notes, are dated March and April, 1961, and undated.

### **Subseries 5: Charter Convention Meetings and Election**

**Folder 21:** List of home rule charter convention members. Minutes of meetings date from March 2 through March 14, 1961. Some minutes are original; most are copies.

**Folder 22:** Minutes, both original and copies, are from meetings dated March 16-28, 1961.

**Folder 23:** Minutes, both original and copies, are from meetings dated April 1-25, 1961.

**Folder 24:** Rules and roll calls are dated March and April, 1961.

**Folder 25:** Publicity for vote on Aurora city charter includes memos, newspaper articles, and photo of committee members dated March and April, 1961.

**Folder 26:** Home Rule Charter booklet owned by Hilbert Meyer, copies of Colorado Constitution rules for special elections, brochure for citizens of Aurora, and other information on the special election date from 1953 to 1961.

**Folder 27:** Later documents include a 1969 ordinance for amending the city charter and several items on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter, such as booklets of *Aurora Star* and *Adams County News* articles published in May 1961 and lists of charter committee members.

### **Subseries 6: Denver and Other Cities**

**Folder 28:** Booklets and documents from Englewood, Pueblo, Westminster, and Denver on home rule, 1956 and undated.

## **Box 2 of 8**

### **Series II: Aurora Government**

#### **Subseries A: Collection Inventories**

**Folder 1:** Two original inventories of Paul Beck's papers are undated. Contents of three boxes are listed. The current collection consists of eight boxes and does not follow these inventories.

#### **Subseries B: Ordinances**

**Folder 2:** A spiral-bound book of the revised Municipal Code of the City of Aurora, dated April 21, 1953, contains a table of contents and seventy-two pages of numbered ordinances. Ordinances adopted in 1954 and 1955 are added at the end. The book is priced at \$1:00.

**Folder 3:** Letter from City Manager Earl Sandquist about sound trucks (2 copies) and copies of 1954-55 ordinances.

**Folder 4:** Dog Ordinances. A copy of Colorado Municipal League bulletin and an original Aurora city ordinance on licensing and regulating dogs are dated 1953 and 1954. Correspondence from Aurora and Boulder city managers is dated 1954-56.

**Folder 5:** A variety of ordinances dating from 1953 through 1956 concern weeds

(original), licensing of merchants, etc., building codes, zoning, and other topics. Correspondence is from City Manager Earl Sandquist and others.

**Folder 6:** 1957 ordinances concern licensing of contractors and journeymen, occupation tax, and signs.

**Folder 7:** 1958-59 ordinances and correspondence concern zoning, recall of elected officials, police fund, cable distribution system, and occupation tax.

### **Subseries C: Reports**

**Folder 8:** City Manager's Report, a binder of original and carbon copies of two-page reports on topics such as parks, swimming pools, Westerly creek diversion, traffic, street improvements, Hoffman Heights annexation, extending city limits, water, and a municipal building. The reports from City Manager Earl Sandquist are not signed and date from February 1954 through March 1955 in reverse order.

**Folder 9:** Memos and lists of city vehicles are dated 1958. A report on twenty-two city accomplishments is dated December 17, 1958. Memos from several city departments list activities and accomplishments. 1958 booklet featuring Mayor Allen C. Bradley promotes Aurora's accomplishments in government, education, recreation, shopping, and industry. Aurora's 1958 population is 40,000, with expectations of 100,000 by 1980. A 1959 occupational Analysis Report from the Colorado Department of Employment Security is a position classification study which includes a master classification specific to Aurora.

### **Subseries D: Audit Reports**

**Folder 10:** Audit reports on the city of Aurora and on Aurora's Water and Sanitation Departments are from Marion I. Hutchinson, CPA, and dated December 31, 1955.

**Folder 11:** Audit reports from Marion I. Hutchinson on Paving District 2-55 and on Water and Sanitation Departments and on the Cherry Creek Construction Fund are from September and June 1956.

**Folder 12:** Audit reports on the city of Aurora and on Aurora's Water and Sanitation Departments are from Marion I. Hutchinson, dated December 31, 1957.

**Folder 13:** Special report on the city of Aurora is dated June 30, 1958. Audit reports on the city of Aurora and on Aurora's Water and Sanitation Departments are dated December 31, 1958. All are from Marion I. Hutchinson.

### **Subseries E: Budget**

**Folder 14:** Spiral-bound booklet of the 1956 Aurora Budget proposal is presented by City Manager Earl P. Sandquist.

**Folder 15:** Spiral-bound booklet of the 1957 Aurora Budget proposal is presented by City Manager Earl P. Sandquist. An agenda for a January 1957 planning meeting and two pages on licensee responsibility with notes are included.

**Folder 16:** Spiral-bound booklet of the 1958 Aurora Budget proposal is presented by City Manager Earl P. Sandquist.

**Folder 17:** Unbound pages from the 1958 Aurora Budget request.

**Folder 18:** Spiral-bound booklet of the 1959 Aurora Budget proposal is presented by acting City Manager O. James Murray .

**Folder 19:** Spiral-bound booklet of the 1956 Aurora Budget proposal is presented by City Manager Robert O. Wright.

### **Subseries F: Municipal Building**

**Folder 20:** Two unbound 1954 construction documents for buildings at the proposed Aurora Civic Center are from Victor Hornbein. One, sixty-six pages, contains general construction work specifications for the Aurora Civic Center city hall and the police and fire building. The other is a thirty-two page mechanical specifications document. Both begin with bid proposals. The municipal center is to be located on East Sixteenth Avenue between Emporia and Elmira Streets.

**Folder 21:** Three copies of an addendum to the construction drawings and specifications are undated. There are also a list of bidders, a folder on instructions for bidding dated May 1954, bid summaries, and a memo from Earl Sandquist on the awarding of bids.

**Folder 22:** 1953 *Progressive Architecture* article on Boulder's municipal building, three copies of office space layout instructions, probably from early 1954, undated telephone blueprint details, 1954 *Aurora Advocate* pictures of fire and municipal building elevation plans, and furniture specifications.

**Folder 23:** An original letter and copies of correspondence and notes about the civic center dedication are dated July 1955. Local newspaper articles from July and August of 1955 (though an *Aurora Advocate* masthead says 1855) cover the dedication. Copies of letters of appreciation from City Manager Earl Sandquist to various companies and organizations are dated August 2, 1955. Three identical photos of three unidentified men are undated.

**Folder 24:** Correspondence about the municipal building is dated 1953-1954. Memos on cost details are dated 1954 and undated.

**Folder 25:** Correspondence about furniture and equipment moving, installation of communications systems, and defects discovered during building inspections is dated 1955-1956.

**Folder 26:** Correspondence about construction payments and alterations is dated 1958-1959.

### **Subseries G: City council Agendas**

**Folder 27:** Paul Beck's volume of City Council agendas, resolutions, reports, ordinances, and other items dated from January through August of 1958 in reverse order.

**Folder 28:** Paul Beck's volume of City Council agendas, resolutions, reports, ordinances, and other items are dated from December 1958 through May of 1959 in reverse order.

**Box 3 of 8 (Series II: Aurora Government, continued)**

**Subseries H: City Council Minutes**

**Folder 1:** Paul Beck's bound copies of City Council Minutes dated January through August of 1958 are in reverse order.

**Folder 2:** Paul Beck's copies of City Council Minutes dated September through December of 1958 are in reverse order but not bound.

**Folder 3:** Paul Beck's bound copies of City Council Minutes dated January through June of 1958 are in reverse order.

**Folder 4:** Miscellaneous correspondence on a variety of subjects is dated 1954-1969. Earl Sandquist is one of many correspondents. Zoning, a police communications pole on Colfax, and efforts to make Aurora the "Flag City of the U. S." are some of the subjects.

**Subseries I: Departments**

**Folder 5:** Police Department Procedure Manual, Rules and Regulations is dated 1962. Apparently the second half of the procedure manual is missing since this bound copy is tabbed A through L only.

**Folder 6:** Volume 1 of City of Aurora Job Descriptions contains job titles, duties, and specifications of city positions. All job descriptions are dated August 1, 1966.

**Folder 7:** Volume 2 of City of Aurora Job Descriptions contains job titles, duties, and specifications of city positions. All job descriptions are dated August 1, 1966.

**Folder 8:** Spiral-bound City Manager's annual report for 1965 was submitted by Robert O. Wright.

**Folder 9:** Annual reports from the Police Department and the Library are dated 1969. Reports on Fire Prevention and Fire Department Training are dated 1970. The Utilities Department report is also from 1970.

**Note:** A spiral-bound Parks Development report dated 1964 and containing landscape drawings may be found in **Archives C** -oversize drawer \_\_\_\_

**Subseries J: Miscellaneous Reports**

**Folder 10:** 1962 report on the development of a CRP (Community Renewal Program) for Aurora was created by The Citizens Committee for community Improvement.

**Folder 11:** Planning Department proposal for open space development is dated 1963. An Aurora Chamber of Commerce Program of Work is from 1965.

**Folder 12:** A preliminary draft summary report from Gruen Associates, funded by Federal Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is from April 1971. It covers such areas as housing, industrial facilities, and a development plan for the Colfax corridor.

**Subseries K: Capital Improvements**

**Folder 13:** Project report titled Long Range Capital Improvement Program by the city of Aurora is dated May 1960 and contains projected cost estimates for specific projects from 1960 through 1972. Memoranda on various improvement projects are from 1960. A Federal Urban Renewal Program fact sheet is dated 1961. A recap of 1962 capital improvements includes 1961 improvements also.

**Folder 14:** Citizens Committee for Community Improvement. Lists of committee members, minutes, a report on improvements, and reports on financing the improvements are dated 1962.

**Folder 15:** Lists of capital improvement expenditures for 1963 and a budget message index for 1963 with proposed 1964 expenditures.

**Folder 16:** Report on funds from capital improvements sales tax, property tax, water bill surcharges, etc. is dated 1965. Memos on cost of remodeling old Post Office building and list of appropriations for various other projects are dated 1965-1967.

**Folder 17:** Report on 1968-1973 capital improvements projects such as plans for municipal complex, building construction, parks, streets, and fire tower training. Memos on expenditures for various improvements are dated 1969-1971.

**Box 4 of 8 (Series II – Aurora Government, continued)**

**Subseries L: Monthly Reports**

**Folder 1:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for January, February, and March of 1966 from the City Manager’s office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 2:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for April, May, and June of 1966 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 3:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for July, August, and September of 1966 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 4:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for October, November, and December of 1966 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 5:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for January, February, and March of 1967 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 6:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for April, May, and June of 1967 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 7:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for July, August, and September of 1967 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 8:** Copies of “A Review of Monthly Operations” for October November, and December of 1967 from the City Manager’s Office contain reports from city departments.

**Folder 9:** Memos on monthly reports to the city council from City Manager Paul A. Flynn are dated May through September 1971. City Manager’s Report for February 1972 contains departmental reports.

### **Subseries M: Election News and Campaign Materials**

**Folder 10:** *Aurora Advocate* and *Aurora Star* issues from March, October, and November 1965 contain articles on Tracy Whitaker's election as Chamber of Commerce President and on Robert Fennig's withdrawal of his candidacy for mayor.

**Folder 11:** List of candidates with some names circled, an original memo from City Manager Wright concerning regulations for political signs, and candidates' promotional materials, including two items for Paul Beck, are from 1967 or undated.

**Folder 12:** *Aurora Advocate* and *Aurora Star* election campaign news articles on the election of November 1967 focus on candidates for mayor – Paul Beck and Norma Walker – for and city council. Articles on election results are dated November 8, 1967.

**Folder 13:** *Aurora Advocate* and *Aurora Star* articles on the 1969 election campaign include an eight-page newsprint flyer supporting Paul Beck's re-election.

**Folder 14:** Memos, lists of candidates, campaign materials, and newspaper clippings concern the election of November 1971.

### **Subseries N: Paul Beck**

**Folder 15:** Correspondence and memos, including an original letter from Denver mayor McNichols, inviting and accepting invitation to the dedication of the Paul Beck Center, are from October and November 1974. Copies of the resolution renaming the former Springhill Park Recreation Facility the Paul Beck Recreation Center are from November 4, 1974. Programs for the dedication ceremony and correspondence from people attending the event, as well as purchase requisitions are also from November.

**Folder 16:** An original signature of Paul Beck is undated. A November 15, 1974, letter from W. Robert Semple, City Manager is about Beck's illness. A resolution and correspondence from December mourn his death on December 2, 1974. A front-page article in the *Aurora Sun*, December 5, summarizes his life and service to the city of Aurora.

### **Subseries O: Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings**

**Folder 17:** 1965-1966 articles on a variety of local and state topics include a *Denver Post* feature on the area's pollution.

**Folder 18:** 1967-1972 articles on a variety of local and state topics mention Buckley Air Base and Aurora's increased revenue.

## **Series III: Aurora Water**

**Subseries A: Homestake – Paul Beck Files** (The following 23 folders on the Homestake project were probably from Paul Beck's own files and have been kept in their original order. Duplicate items exist in other boxes of this collection.)

**Folder 19:** A 1955 memo on the water available for the Homestake Creek diversion is an early description of the drainage area from that creek to the Arkansas River basin. Agreements and resolutions between Boettcher and Company and engineer John P. Elliott and the city of Aurora are dated 1956. Subjects include the filing of maps, plans,



and intentions; the financing plans; and the project description. A resolution, an agreement, and memos from 1956 through 1961 cover such subjects as right-of-way, project description, projected costs, cooperation with U. S. and Colorado wildlife and game departments, and legal claims. All items are copies.

**Folder 20:** January through August 1962. Copies of correspondence to and from John Elliott, City Manager Robert O. Wright, Les Gifford, and others concern payments by Aurora and Colorado Springs, rights-of way, projected costs of sections of the project, and project descriptions. Copies of agreements between Aurora and Colorado Springs are undated. Other memos discuss legal aspects of proceeding with the project. A contract (copy) between the City of Aurora, the City of Colorado Springs, and Bechtel Corporation includes work to be performed, payments, and legal aspects of the project. A progress report and steering committee reports give project status details.

**Folder 21:** September through December 1962 and undated. Progress reports from Bechtel Corporation and the Homestake Steering Committee; a purchase agreement between Boettcher, a Homestake trust, and the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs; and reports on project activity are copies.

**Folder 22:** January through July 1963. Progress reports, steering committee minutes, and memos are copies. Three original spiral-bound economic feasibility reports from Bechtel Corporation for the City of Aurora are dated May 23, 1963.

**Folder 23:** August through December 1963 progress reports and minutes are copies.

**Folder 24:** Bechtel's outline of plans for 1963 through 1965, two copies of a 1963 contract between the City of Aurora and Bechtel Corporation, , and a chart projecting future city growth and expanded water use. A 1935 Geological Survey map of Mt. Elbert quadrangle is in Archives C, Oversize Drawer\_\_\_\_\_.

**Folder 25:** January – February 1964 progress reports and minutes are copies.

**Folder 26:** March – May 1964 progress reports and correspondence on project costs are copies. A bound report on the Homestake project from Bechtel is imprinted with Councilman Paul Beck's name and contains maps, charts, drawings, many photos.

**Folder 27:** June – September 1964 progress reports and correspondence on project cost are copies. Attached to correspondence between Bechtel and Director of Public Works Hayward Miller about easement rights are maps of the position of Rampart Tunnel.

**Folder 28:** October – December 1964 steering committee minutes, progress reports, and memos on change orders are copies.

**Folder 29:** January – March 1965 steering committee minutes, progress reports, and memos on change orders are copies, except for an original Bechtel monthly progress report for January which includes charts and photos.

**Folder 30:** April – May 1965 steering committee minutes, progress reports, and

memos on change orders are copies, except for two original Bechtel monthly progress reports for March and April which include charts and photos.

**Box 5 of 8 (Series III – Aurora Water, continued)**

**(Subseries A: Homestake – Paul Beck Files, continued)**

**Folder 1:** June – July 1965 progress reports, steering committee minutes and memos on change orders are copies, except for an original Bechtel monthly progress report for June 1965. Other items are a memo on Homestake Water bonds issued, a report on a fatality, and an original Economic Feasibility report dated July 1, 1965 which includes maps and charts.

**Folder 2:** August – December 1965 progress reports, steering committee minutes and memos on change orders are copies. Other items are a report on the relocation of a water treatment plant site, a memo on bids, an agreement between the U. S. and the cities of Colorado Springs and Aurora on transportation of water from the Homestake project, memos on specific contract awards, an application for right-of-way, a November 1965 agreement between the U. S. and the cities of Colorado Springs and Aurora on transportation of water from the Homestake project. A memo from Bechtel Corporation concerns work performance problems of F. H. Linneman, Inc., on Rampart Tunnel.

**Folder 3:** January – March 1966 progress reports, steering committee minutes and memos on change orders are copies. Included also are a response to the Bechtel letter in Folder 2 and other letters on the subject of Linneman, Inc., as well as correspondence on awarding of contracts and completion of contracts. A 115-page stapled booklet of mimeographed documents from a steering committee meeting on the Linneman matter is dated March 30, 1966.

**Folder 4:** April 1966 progress reports, steering committee minutes, bids, and memos on change orders are copies. Two copies of an original Bechtel economic feasibility report are dated April 15, 1966. The matter of the Aurora-Rampart Tunnels is a mimeographed copy of a 94-page report on the steering committee meeting of April 15. Correspondence on the Linneman matter and a court summons are copies.

**Folder 5:** May – August 1966 progress reports, steering committee minutes, bids, and memos on change orders are copies. Other correspondence topics include a refusal of contractor's request for increased compensation; Linneman, Inc., versus city of Aurora, and the Rampart Tunnel contract.

**Folder 6:** September – December 1966 progress reports, steering committee minutes, bids, and memos on change orders are copies. A chart of payments to contractor, letters from Bechtel Corp. to Fred Linneman concerning unsatisfactory progress and quality of construction, and a confidential list of engineers not recommended for Homestake are copies.

**Folder 7:** January – June 1967 progress reports, steering committee minutes, bids, and memos on change orders are copies. Bechtel Monthly Progress Reports for December 1966 and February 1967 contain charts on phases of project completed and photos. Memos on the settling of claims by Smith-Quad Construction Co.,

easement agreements for power plant location and sewer, and water sample analysis are copies. Information on the John P. Elliott Dam dedication, June 18, 1967, is copied. A US Geological Survey map of the Leadville area originally with these items is removed to Archives C, Drawer\_\_\_\_\_.

**Folder 8:** July – December 1967 progress reports, steering committee minutes, bids, and memos on change orders are copies. Information on the Linneman matter sent to Paul Beck includes settlement recommendations and project cost details. Other documents include correspondence to Mayor Norma Walker and a speech mentioning Walker's request for the resignation of the City Manager. A folder within Folder 8 contains documents on Linneman versus the City of Aurora and Bechtel Corporation. There are letters, memos, recommendations, and a geological survey professional paper on the bedrock geology of the Kassler Quadrangle of Colorado.

**Folder 9:** An original spiral-bound Accountants' Report on the Homestake Water Project covers July 1, 1962 to December 31, 1967.

**Folder 10:** 1986 Correspondence about lawsuits against Aurora and Colorado Springs, also about the pending Linneman litigation, are copies, as are memos and steering committee minutes. A Grand Jury decision dated October 22, 1968 declares that funds raised by the sale of bonds were lawfully and properly accounted for by the City of Aurora.

**Folder 11:** 1969 documents include memos on the seepage of Homestake dam and the Sand Creek-Tollgate sewer interceptor, as well as progress reports and a budget summary.

**Folder 12:** 1971-1972 steering committee minutes and report, correspondence between C. A. Wemlinger and others on lawsuits and Aurora's water system expansion program.

#### **Subseries B: Development Plans**

**Folder 13:** 1955 correspondence is on the Homestake Creek area water drainage amounts and the process of condemning land for obtaining rights of possession. January 9, 1956, City of Aurora Water Development progress report includes drawings of test hole drilling places and test hole findings. 1956 memos on having the water department do all tapping and meter settings are copies, as is a letter outlining Aurora's plans for its own independent municipal water system with construction of diversion and treatment facilities on the South Platte. Studies on Aurora's future water demand, projected supplies of water from Cherry Creek and the South Platte, and memos on water rates are from 1958. Water use information and a map showing 1957 South Platte project are dated 1958.

**Folder 14:** January 1959 Agenda for water committee meeting includes water rates and water main extensions. March 1959 water study lists current capacities; other water study pages are undated. Program for South Platte water filtration plant dedication is from June 1959. 1956-1959 fold-out chart of monthly water use is hand drawn. Other documents, all copies, are about financing, rights-of-way, Aurora's water shortage, water supplies for 1963-65, well #2 water pump, water

pressure, Tucker Lake Reservoir, tap installations, analysis of projected water needs and costs. An original set of water extension bond coupons is dated November 1, 1964.

**Folder 15:** 1965-68 documents include excerpts from a Black & Vetch report on water rates, memos the City manager Robert Wright on water supply development, ordinances on water tap fees and water mains, solutions for low water pressure along Potomac Street, and cooperation between Denver and Aurora during water main break. A map showing river drainages in color is dated August 1966. Water department charts from 1956-67 and 1956-68 show water supply, number of taps, and annual precipitation. An original letter dated October 4, 1968, to Paul Beck from the Central Colorado Water Conservancy seeks support from Aurora in claiming Rocky Mountain snow water for Colorado.

**Folder 16:** *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News* clippings from 1966-71 cover such topics as water pollution, the Two Forks Dam on the south Platte, use of water from the upper Colorado River basin, Denver Water Board actions, water rights, Rampart Range tunnel, the Harvard Gulch project, purchase of water rights for Homestake project, sewers, and flood control. A December 14, 1971, *Denver Post* special section features Front Range water and sewer problems and possible solutions.

#### **Subseries C: Feasibility Reports**

**Folder 17:** May 1956 Hoper & Company Preliminary Report for Economic Feasibility of Expansion of Water Supply Facilities for the City of Aurora is original. The report proposes the acquisition of the Clarke rights in the Platte River.

**Folder 18:** September 1956 Hoper & Company Engineering Report includes history on the growth of Aurora, the present waterworks system, and projected Platte and Homestake water projects. Loose pages on last Chance Ditch have been inserted.

**Folder 19:** September 1957 Supplementary Report on Economic Feasibility by Hoper & Company gives updated information on data from the 1956 report and supports the issuance of Series B bonds.

**Folder 20:** December 1961 Engineering Report from Hoper & Associates presents new data and proposes the issuance of general obligation water bonds.

**Folder 21:** R. W. Beck and Associates report on qualifications experience to provide engineering services for a feasibility report on Aurora's water system expansion is dated May 1969. A memo from C. A. Wemlinger to R. O. Wright explaining the reason for accepting the Beck proposal is enclosed.

**Folder 22:** July 1970 Feasibility Report from Beck and Associates includes details of Proposed expansion of Aurora's water system and issuance of general obligation bonds to support the additions and extensions of the system.

**Folder 23:** September 1970 Beck and Associates report appears to contain the essentially the same data as the July report.

**Folder 24:** A study of the current municipal Water System of Aurora prepared by CH2M

Hill is dated August 1971 and includes recommendations for a long-range financial program.

**Box 6 of 8 (Series III – Aurora Water, continued):**

**Subseries D: Water Rates and Fees**

**Folder 1:** Memos to and from the city manager water rates proposals for outside users, on rate increases and adjustments, and on anticipated revenue are from 1958 to 1969. Other documents include lists of water monthly rates and an amendment to a city water rate ordinance dated 1965.

**Folder 2:** C. H. Hoper report on using electronic data processing for billing customers for all water and sewer services is dated December 1967. Memos and proposals for data processing are included. Beck & Associates November 1969 preliminary report on alternative water rates (one original and one copy), information on other cities' water rates, and a chart of projected water costs for Aurora are dated 1969-1971 and undated.

**Subseries E: Accession, Acquisition, Annexation**

**Folder 3:** Cherry Creek Project – 1956-1962. Copies of correspondence from consulting engineer Ken R. White, City Manager Robert O. Wright, and City Manager Earl Sandquist discuss phases of the project, costs, and well drilling. A drawing of a proposed well and water transport to Twenty-Sixth Avenue is from 1956. A copy of an August 1958 report on test wells is from Ken. R. White Engineers.

**Folder 4:** Cherry Creek Project – 1963-1967. Copies of correspondence to City Manager Robert W. Wright discuss wells, pumps, boundaries, availability of water supply, and lease agreements. Copies of lease and service agreements between the East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District and the City of Aurora are from 1963 and 1967. A ground water resources report is from 1964. (See also Box 7, Folder 5, for maps and Cherry Creek well report.)

**Folder 5:** Cherry Creek Project – 1968-1970. Copies of service agreements between the East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District and the City of Aurora are dated 1967 and 1978. Lists of general obligation bonds and memos on Cherry Creek project expansion to and from Robert Wright and Charles Wemlinger are from 1968-70. A copied letter from the Army Corps of Engineers rejects the possibility of using the Cherry Creek Reservoir emergency spillway for raw water storage.

**Folder 6:** Copies documents about the acquisition of land owned by the First Assembly of God for use as Detention Pond 'A' are from late 1969. Two appraisals of the property are included.

**Folder 7:** Various copies of reports, ordinances, recommendations, agreements, and memos on the subject of acquiring property in Adams and Arapahoe Counties and Brighton for water and sanitation facilities are dated 1967-69.

**Folder 8:** Colorado Springs, Cottonwood, and Last Chance Ditch – 1962-1972. Release of

water from Homestake to Colorado Springs is a topic of copied memos from C.A. Wemlinger. Copies of correspondence on the supplying of water by Denver Water Board to the Cottonwood Water District are from 1968-70 and undated. 1962-72 documents (copies) concern Aurora's stock in the Last Chance Ditch Water Company.

**Folder 9:** Littleton, Otero, and Plum Creek – 1963-70. Copies of correspondence, a proposal, and an agreement between the cities of Littleton and Aurora concerning Littleton's purchase of raw water from Aurora are dated 1963-68. Copies of memos to Robert O. Wright about construction of the Otero Pumping station are from 1965. Documents about the Plum Creek pipeline mention pump installation proposals, erosion problems, and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance Manual for Plum Creek emergency bank protection. An original letter from the engineers corps to Paul Beck is included in the manual. Other documents are copies.

**Folder 10:** Pueblo and Roxborough Park – 1966-72. Contracts, correspondence, reports, and addendums to agreements are copies dated 1966-71. Copies of correspondence, documents on location of the Roxborough Road filter plant, proposed agreements, possible sale of the filter plant, proposed Aurora-Littleton water service contract are dated 1966-17. A 1972 agreement between Aurora and Roxborough Park Metropolitan District is also a copy.

**Folder 11:** Sable Water District, Sand Creek, and Wellington Reservoir Company – 1964-70. Memos, one of them original, are about the acquisition of Sable Water District. A map of property owners in proposed Sand Creek Water District, memos, and reports to residents about sewage treatment plant construction date from 1961 to sometime before 1969. All are copies. Wellington Reservoir documents are from 1963 to 1965. Copies of memos and agreements are about Aurora's purchase of water from the reservoir.

**Folder 12:** Miscellaneous documents - 1957-1964. A Clark Water interim report by Ken R. White is dated 1975. Other resolutions, memos and reports, all copies, concern water improvements, sale of water outside Aurora city limits, acquisition of land on Jefferson Creek, well drilling, lease options, City Ditch water rights, Fitzsimons water line right-of-way, and land purchases.

**Folder 13:** Miscellaneous documents - 1965-1971. Subjects include the purchase of a filter plant site, purchase of water rights, bids on Chambers Road water line extension, purchase of land on Upper Westerly Creek, and the Smith-Quad Construction vs. Cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs case. All correspondence, notes, and agreements are copies.

#### **Subseries F: Aurora Water - Grants**

**Folder 14:** Information about applications for Federal grants is found in a DROG news release, correspondence, and A Colorado Congress newsletter. Copies of these documents are dated 1968-1970.

#### **Subseries G: Homestake**

**Folder 15:** History of the Homestake Water Project 1952-1967. Two undated handwritten

lists of documents contained in the Paul Beck Papers are labeled "Water Development, Homestake." The lists but contain other water items elsewhere in Aurora Water section of the Beck Collection. An undated original pamphlet describes, with photos and map, the joint Aurora/Colorado Springs program of water acquisition. Three typed copies (two incomplete) of "Homestake History" describe the project from 1952 through 1963.

- Folder 16:** Homestake Project Interim Report from Bechtel, dated March 20, 1963, contains many maps and tables.
- Folder 17:** Homestake Project Interim Report on Scheme 2B—1b from Bechtel is dated April 22, 1963.
- Folder 18:** Prospectuses for general obligation water extension and improvement bonds and bids received date from October 1956 through September 1965. There are also memos on bond issues.
- Folder 19:** Correspondence on the Rampart Tunnels and the Lineman matter is dated March and April 1966. A bound file of copied documents pertaining to the Linneman involvement with the construction of the Rampart Tunnels and other structures includes correspondence, geologic reports, civil action suits, and claims. This file is labeled *Aurora-Rampart Tunnels 4760-3* and covers February 1965 through April 1966 in reverse order.
- Folder 20:** Copies of memos, letters, and a report about the Rampart pipeline construction, are mostly to Robert O. Wright and date from May 1964 through April 1966. A bound analysis report on Tunnel #2 is from 1966.
- Folder 21:** A geological report analysis on Rampart Tunnel #2 is from 1967. Other copies of memos, 1968 and undated, are on the Linneman matter.
- Folder 22:** Homestake bonds documents, all copies, date from 1966-72. They include correspondence, lists of bids and interest paid, and an ordinance for issuance of bonds dated July 24, 1972.
- Folder 23:** Documents on financing water sources for Aurora date from 1960 through 1965 and undated. A 1960 water sources report analyses the South Platte basin the Colorado River and tributaries, Eagle River, and the Arkansas basin. Maps of central Colorado water development are undated. Other documents are on costs for water line extensions and Homestake. All are copies.
- Folder 24:** Homestake financing documents, 1966-72, include newspaper articles, the transfer of money from a water surplus fund to the Homestake fund, construction bids, and a 1969 proposed budget. All documents are copies except one *Denver Post* article.

**Box 7 of 8 (Series III - Aurora Water, Continued):**

**(Subseries G: Homestake, continued)**

**Folder 1:** Memos from Director of Utilities C. A. Wemlinger to City Manager Robert

O. Wright on change orders date from 1963-67 and are copies.

**Folder 2:** Denver Water Board documents date from 1955 through 1964 and include agreements between Denver and Aurora as well as memos concerning those agreements. Subjects include areas of service, payment arrangements, construction arrangements, High Line Canal, and Platte Canon. All items are copies.

**Folder 3:** Denver Water Board documents date from 1965 through 1972 and include agreements on licensing, interconnections between water systems, and the use of the Highline Canal. All are copies.

**Folder 4:** MGT vs. Aurora and Colorado Springs. Correspondence between Robert O. Wright and attorneys dates from August 1968 to March 1970. Judgment in favor of the defendants is dated April 6, 1970. The case concerned backfill material used by Bechtel Corporation in areas of a Homestake conduit.

#### **Subseries H: Platte River Project**

**Folder 5:** February 1956 documents on well pumps bids are copies. A Platte River Water preliminary cost report by Ken R. White is a copy dated May 25, 1956. Other correspondence from Ken White, 1956-57, covers the progress of the project, construction details, specific costs, and bids. All are copies.

**Folder 6:** An April Status report by Ken R. White, May drawings of the South Platte project, and correspondence are from 1958. 1958-68 items are another status report, data on construction costs, copies of correspondence, memos on wells, change orders, and a copy of an article in the *Brighton Blade* on the South Platte water diversion.

**Folder 7:** A Bechtel Corporation bound report on Platte Canyon Diversion and Treatment and Storage Facilities is dated August 1964. It includes photos, drawings, and summaries of phases of the project.

#### **Subseries I: Wells and Water Treatment**

**Folder 8:** Documents on Aurora well fields, particularly the Cherry Creek area. A 1964 ground water resources report on the Cherry Creek well field includes maps. A copy of a 1965 over-size map showing the Cherry Creek well field is located in Archives C., Drawer \_\_\_\_\_. A map of the Fitzsimons Quadrangle showing service areas is in Archives C, Drawer \_\_\_\_\_ (See also Box 6, Folder 4.) Memos from 1971 discuss well-drilling and underground de-watering.

**Folder 9:** Correspondence on location of a new filter plant and bids for its construction is dated July 1964-August 1965. Change orders and other correspondence on expansion of the treatment plant are from September 1966 through June 1971. Two copies of the dedication of the Leonard R. Kuiper Water Treatment Plant, April 22, 1967, give the history of the Homestake Project, Aurora government officials involved in the project, and a short history of water filtration from 2000 BC to the present.

#### **Subseries J: Storm Drainage**

**Folder 10:** Two reports from Engineering Consultants, Inc., July and November 1961, study



storm drainage to Toll Gate Creek from Peoria Street, Westerly Creek, and Kelly Road Detention Reservoir.

**Folder 11:** Three reports from Engineering Consultants, Inc., April, August and November 1962, study storm drainage of Easterly and Westerly Creek area south of Sixth Avenue, the upper Westerly Creek basin, and the Park East area.

**Folder 12:** A report from Engineering Consultants, Inc., August 1963, studies storm drainage for the area bound by Colfax, Buckley Road, East Sixth Avenue, and Toll Gate Creek. A March 1964 study covers the Park East area.

#### **Subseries K: Sewers**

**Folder 13:** A Sewerage System Report for the City of Aurora, prepared by Ken R. White and dated April 19, 1957, outlines the existing system, proposes improvements and the relocation of a treatment plant, and presents cost details for such improvements. The 70-page report includes tables and maps.

**Folder 14:** Sewage Treatment Requirements Report from Henningson, Durham & Richardson is dated June 1960 and covers existing facilities, both metropolitan and separate Aurora plans, and cost comparisons of both plans. Tables, maps, and photos are included.

**Folder 15:** Hoper & Company Engineering Report on the economic feasibility of the expansion of Aurora's sanitary sewer system is from November 1961. The report covers the growth and economy of Aurora, a description of the present sewer system, proposed future improvements, and proposed revenues, expenses, and rates. The report contains many tables and maps.

**Folder 16:** Hoper & Company Engineering Report on the economic feasibility of the expansion of Aurora's sanitary sewer system and incorporating the Altura system is from September 1962. History and description of the present system, proposed improvements, projected revenues and expenses, and projected operation are included, as are tables and two large folded maps.

**Folder 17:** A March 1964 report and analysis of the old Westerly Creek Sewage Plant by A. B. Chaflet recommends that sewage should be transferred to the Sand Creek plant. A Solid Waste Disposal Study prepared by Environmental Health Services in September 1965 recommends a city-wide waste disposal program with standard refuse containers and points of collection.

**Folder 18:** A Metropolitan Sewage Treatment feasibility report from November 1959 recommends trunk collector sewers in the Clear Creek and Sand Creek Basins and a consolidated treatment plant near the confluence of the South Platte River and Clear Creek. Tables and drawings are included.

**Folder 19:** Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 Service Contract is dated January 1964 and covers details of operation, kinds of waste, budget, payments by connecting municipalities, and other promises and agreements. A November 1965 supplemental report regarding the economic feasibility of the City of Aurora joining

the Metropolitan Denver Sewage District covers costs of plant construction and operation of the Sand Creek treatment plant.

**Folder 20:** Correspondence and a proposed ordinance concerning the proposal for Aurora to join the Metropolitan Sewer District are dated 1965-66. A feasibility study from August 1966 proposes terms, conditions, and costs. A proposed unsigned agreement is dated 1968.

**Folder 21:** A Beck and Associates engineering report on the cost of sewage treatment prepared for Aurora and Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 is from September 1965. An ordinance and an addendum to a sewage and treatment agreement are unsigned copies dated 1966.

**Folder 22:** Three Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 reports: To the Board of Directors, May 1970, an account of work accomplished. A 1967-71 Cost Performance Report includes tables and charts. A preliminary 1972 annual budget report predicts charges, volume of sewage intercepted, operations and maintenance, and other costs.

#### **Box 8 of 8 (Series III - Aurora Water, Continued):**

##### **Subseries L: Ground Water Reports**

**Folder 1:** C. H. Hoper & Company Report on Ground Water in Aurora Vicinity for city of Aurora is dated March 1955, two copies, both with Paul Beck's signature on front. Included at the back is a map of one copy is a map of the Coal Creek ground water basin.

**Folder 2:** A CPA Water Utility Fund statement of cash funds provided and used is from August 1969 and is attached to the front of a Preliminary Study of Shallow Ground Water Problems in Southeast Aurora from March 1970.

**Folder 3:** Hydrogeological Investigation of Southeast Aurora Colorado by Willard Owens Associates, dated November 1970, contains a summary of water problems in order to solve current water problems and prevent future ones. Tables and maps of drainage boundaries are included.

**Folder 4:** A large report titled Ground Water Basic-Data Release No. 21 was prepared by the US Geological Survey in 1970. A report on water resources in the Arkansas River Valley, it consists almost entirely of tables and charts. Four large maps in the back pocket show the location of wells tapping the valley-fill aquifer in Pueblo, Otero, Crowley, Bent, and Prowers Counties.

##### **Series IV: Water Reports from Other Areas**

**Folder 5:** Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 Sewer Acquisition Bonds booklet is from 1964.

**Folder 6:** A summary report on requirements and resources for 1968-2010 is from the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

**Folder 7:** A flood plain information report prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

for the Denver Regional Council of Governments is dated November 1970 and contains charts, tables, and aerial photos.

**Folder 8:** Boulder Metropolitan Region Flood Plain Information Vol. II is dated 1969.

**Folder 9:** Two drainage studies for Popes Bluff subdivision in Colorado Springs are dated 1966 and 1967.

**Folder 10:** Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago report on use of liquid fertilizer.

**Series V: Miscellaneous Aurora and Other Colorado Areas**

**Folder 11:** Councilman Don Merrill biographical data. "Colorado Front Range Corridor," a history and description of the region from 1969.

**Folder 12:** Colorado Springs real estate development 1966-70.

**Folder 13:** Boulder, Denver, Westminster brochures and articles, 1953-1971; A Colorado advertising rate pamphlet dated 1956.

**Series VI: Other**

**Folder 14:** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual American Municipal Congress, Houston, Texas, August 1963.

**Folder 15:** Annual reports from other cities 1970-1971.

**Folder 16:** Miscellaneous articles and reports on such topics as parks and recreation, air pollution and bus systems, 1961-72.

**Folder 17:** Miniature copy of *The Denver Post* May 21, 1927 with lead article on Lindbergh's arrival in Paris. Three unidentified slides of planes in the sky.

**Oversize Documents in Archives C, MD 21:**

Book of plans for Aurora Parks Development, September 1964

U. S. Geological Survey map of Mt. Elbert Quadrangle, 1935

U. S. Geological Survey map of Leadville area, 1889

Central Colorado Water Development, undated

City of Aurora Department of Utilities map of Cherry Creek Well Field, 1965

Fitzgerald Quadrangle, 1965 (portions of map taped together)