

BIOGRAPHY

Francis A. Pitkin was born in Akron, Ohio, June 2, 1899. He received a B.S. degree in Engineering from Case Institute of Technology in 1922. After holding engineering positions in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and a brief stint with the Civil Works Administration, he joined the staff of the State Planning Board in October, 1934. He was promoted to Executive Director of the Planning Board in 1936, and remained in that position until 1964, except for the period 1955-1959 when he served as Director of the Bureau of Community Development in the Department of Commerce.

During his career in state planning, Francis Pitkin was active in a number of organizations, but he was particularly influential in the field of water use and conservation where he was chairman (1948-64) of the Interstate Commission on the Delaware River Basin; vice chairman of the Great Lakes Commission; National Director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress; a member of the Board of Directors of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and chairman of the Interstate Conference on Water Problems of the Council of State Governments.

He was also a member of the Interstate Committee on Postwar Reconstruction and Development; vice chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate Cooperation; chairman of the Public Service Institute Board; president of the American Society of Planning Officials; president of the National Association of State Planning and Development Agencies, and served on the Boards of several organizations concerned with planning and conservation.

Mr. Pitkin married the former Ruth E. Mason of Akron, Ohio and had one son, Stephen. He served in the armed forces in both World Wars. At the time of his death on May 27, 1969, he had been a resident of Camp Hill.

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FRANCIS A. PITKIN PAPERS
1933-1953,1955-1964,1966

<u>Board Meetings, 1950-51,1963-64</u> (Penna. State Planning Board inc. Minutes of Previous Meetings Program Proposals and Reports.)	Folders	Carton
June 23, 1950	1	1
Oct. 27, 1950	1	
Dec. 8, 1950	1	
May 2, 1951	1	
July 24, 1963	1	
Aug. 4, 1964	1	
Oct. 16, 1964 (folder inc. Minutes of Oct. 16, 1964 Meeting)	1	

Reports, 1933-34,1936,1955,1957-1963

1933-1934, "One Year of Social Surveys" (State Emergency Relief Board)	1	
1936, "An Analysis of the Status of Mapping in Pennsylvania" (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1955, "Twenty Years of State Planning" (Pa. State Planning Board)		
1957, "Income in Pennsylvania Cities" (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1957, "Pennsylvania's Income Deficiencies" (Pa. State Planning Board)		
1957, "Trends in Industry and Employment" (Pa. State Planning Board)		
1957-1959, Biennial (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1958, "Correlation By Pattern Analysis" (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1958, "Planning For Pennsylvania's Public Works Needs" (Pa. State Planning Board)		
1958, (IncodeI Conference- Chairman's Annual Report)		
1959, (IncodeI Business Meeting-Chairman's Annual Report)		
1960, "Considerations Influencing The Capital Budget" (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1960-1962 (Biennial (Prelim. Copy) (Pa. State Planning Board)		
1962 "County Planning in Pennsylvania 1961-62" (Dept. of Commerce)		
1963 "Toward A State Development Plan" (Pa. State Planning Board)	1	
1963 "Preliminary Considerations On Trends in Pennsylvania's Economy: An Interim Economic Report to the Governor" (Pa. State Planning Board)		

General Correspondence, 1946,1950-53,1955-59,1961,1963

1946,1950-53,1955-59,1961,1963	1	
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Addresses, 1937-1952,1956,1958-1960,1966 (inc. Annual Chairman's
Reports to IncodeI)

1937-1947	7	
1948-1952,1956,1958-1960-1966	4	2 (enc)

News Clippings, 1938-1939,1958-1959

1938-1939, Liquor Control Board Building	1	
1958-1959, Sunday Patriot-News (Harrisburg) Special Report Series "Pennsylvania's Future: Prosperity and Big Problems" (Inc. 1958 clippings on future Harrisburg Area Growth)	1	

"A History of the South Pennsylvania Railroad," 1935 (Typescript, author
unknown, 18 pages) 1