Descriptive Summary

Creator Information  Indiana Engineering Society

Title  Indiana Engineering Society records

Collection Identifier  MSP 16

Date Span  1913-1937, predominant dates 1927-1937

Abstract  Correspondence, by-laws and meeting minutes documenting the activities of the Indiana Engineering Society.

Extent  0.5 cubic foot (1 document box)

Finding Aid Author  Shauna Borger 2009

Languages  English

Repository  Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:  ASC

Access Restrictions:  Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information:  Originally part of the William F. M. Goss book collection

Preferred Citation:  MSP 16, Indiana Engineering Society records, Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries

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Related Materials Information:  William F. M. Goss Papers, 1892
                                    Goss History of Engineering book collection
                                    College of Engineering Records, Purdue University
                                    Andrey A. Potter Papers, 1893-1986
                                    William K. Hatt Papers, 1913-1927
Subjects and Genres

Persons
Goss, W. F. M. (William Freeman Myrick), 1859-1928
Hatt, William Kendrick

Organizations
Indiana Engineering Society
Purdue University. Engineering Societies

Topics
Engineering—Indiana
Engineers—Indiana—Societies, etc.
Electrical engineering
Civil engineering
Industrial engineering
Mechanical engineering
Indiana Engineering Society—Membership

Form and Genre Types
Annual reports
Correspondence
Financial statements
Memorandums
Minutes
Programs
History of Indiana Engineering Society

“During the winter of 1880-81, a correspondence was carried on in the northern part of the State between W. A. Osmer, of Cass county, and others, and in the southern part of the State on the part of J. C. Pulse, of Decatur county, and others, in which the expediency of forming a permanent organization of the County Surveyors of the State of Indiana was discussed, which resulted in issuing of the following notice to the County Surveyors of the State.”

Source:


According to A Standard History of Jasper and Newton Counties, Indiana members of the Indiana Engineering Society are county surveyors and other civil engineers of the state of Indiana. The society is also one of the oldest and most vigorous in the United States.

Previous names that the Indiana Engineering Society went by are: Association of County Surveyors and Civil Engineers of the State of Indiana, 1881-1886; Indiana Society of Civil Engineers and Surveyors of the State of Indiana, 1887-1890; Indiana Engineering Society (of the State of Indiana), 1891-end. The first meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana and the first president was W. A. Osmer of Logansport.

Source:


Biography of Dr. William Kendrick Hatt

Dr. William Kendrick Hatt was president of the Indiana Engineering Society from 1907 to 1908. Hatt was born at Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada, October 10, 1868. His parents were George Hatt and Sarah Elizabeth (Clark) Hatt. In 1887 at the age of 19 he received his A. B. degree from the University of New Brunswick. After some railroad engineering experience, he entered Cornell University as a student, obtaining his C. E. degree there in 1891. In 1891-1892 he served as Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of New Brunswick and then returned to Cornell University as Instructor in Civil Engineering. After one year’s service at Cornell, he came to Purdue University in 1893 as Associate Professor of Civil Engineering. In 1896 Professor Hatt was appointed Associate Professor of Applied Mechanics and Director of the Materials Testing laboratory. He attained full professorship in 1902. The first timber testing laboratory in this country was established by Dr. Hatt at Purdue for the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Many important timber investigations were conducted under his direction.
during the period 1902 to 1908. In 1906 he was appointed Head of the School of Civil Engineering and served in that capacity until 1937 when he became full-time director of the Indiana Joint Highway Research Project. On December 31, 1938 he retired from University service. Hatt was President of the Indiana Engineering Society from 1907 to 1908. In 1914-1915 he served the state of Indiana as Engineer for the State Flood Commission, making important studies following the disastrous flood of 1913. In 1926 he also served as Consulting Engineer on the Indiana War Memorial. After 14 years in retirement as Professor Emeritus, he passed away on March 31, 1952.

Source:

Memorial speech given by Professor Lommel about Professor Hatt
Collection Description

Scope

The Indiana Engineering Society Records (1913-1937, 0.5 cubic feet) document the correspondence, activities and conferences of the Indiana Engineering Society. Highlighting individual members and other regional engineering societies, the collection shows the Indiana Engineering Society’s involvement with the community. Although the records span the years of 1913 to 1937, the majority of the records cover from 1927 to 1937. Types of materials include: correspondence, meeting minutes, by-laws, financial reports, and member directories.

Arrangement

Folder 1 includes loose-leaf papers that have been bound together with a small binder. Folders 2-11 include loose-leaf papers of correspondence, meeting minutes, by-laws, financial reports, and member directories, in no particular order.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

Descriptive Rules Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All original order of the materials has been retained. Materials have been housed in acid-free folders and an acid-free box.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Indiana Engineering Society Records, 1913-1937
0.5 cubic feet

Box 1  Contents: Loose papers bound together in a small binder

Folder 1  Items
2-4  March 13, 1925
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Severin Hotel
5-6  March 20, 1925
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at T. R. Ratcliff’s residence
7  March 30, 1925
   Correspondence between Harvey D. Anthony and Secretary
8-9  April 8, 1925
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at T. R. Ratcliff’s residence
10  April 6, 1925
   Correspondence between T. R. Ratcliff and George W. Hubley
11-13  April 17, 1925
   Meeting of Indiana Engineering Society with State Board of Registration
14-17  July 21, 1925
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Severin Hotel
18-19  1925
   Correspondence between W. E. McCullough, Secretary of Indiana Society of Engineers and J. S. Dodds, Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa Engineering Society
20  September 17, 1925
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Home of E. W. McCullough
21  October 26, 1925
   Board of Trustees, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Chamber of Commerce
22-23  January 11, 1926
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club
24-26  March 11, 1926
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club
27-32  March 18, 1926
   Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club
33-34  April 1, 1926
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society

May 28, 1926
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society

June 17, 1926
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club

1926
Correspondence between Chas Brossman, Secretary of Indiana Engineering Society and George W. Hubley, a consulting and advisory Engineer

September 29, 1926
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 1926-November 3, 1926
Correspondence between Charles Brossman, Secretary of Indiana Engineering Society and W. K. Hatt, Head of School of Civil Engineering at Purdue University

November 3, 1926
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, held at Columbia Club

November 4, 1926
Correspondence between A. W. F. King, President of State Building Counsel and Earl Carter, President

April 4, 1927
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at the Columbia Club

December 10, 1927
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club

September 12, 1928
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society

December 10, 1928(?)
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at Columbia Club

Box 1  Contents: Loose typewritten and handwritten papers

Folder  By-laws, meeting minutes, news bulletin, 1913-1930
2  1913 pamphlet of by-laws, Secretary’s report for December 31, 1927, Meeting minutes from September 12, 1928, Expenditures 1928, Correspondence, 1929, Meeting of executive board, March 1, 1929, 1930 News bulletin, correspondence, expenditures
3  News bulletin, correspondence, 1931
   News bulletin, correspondence, expenditures, synopsis of American
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