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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Potter, Andrey A., 1882-1979
Title: The Andrey A. Potter Papers
Abstract: Correspondence, photographs, writings, speeches, printed material, scrapbooks, honors, awards, degrees, artifacts, and ephemera relating to the life and career of engineer Andrey A. Potter.
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Acquisition: Records transferred from Potter’s office to Special Collections, April 1980. Deed of gift signed by Helen Potter, A. A. Potter’s daughter, 1980.
Preferred Citation: The Andrey A. Potter Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries
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Access: Collection is open for research. The collection is stored offsite; 24 hours notice is required to access the collection.
Biographical Sketch, Andrey A. Potter

Andrey Abraham Potter, a nationally recognized figure in engineering and scientific education, was born in Vilna, Russia, on August 5, 1882 to parents Gregor and Rivza Potter. Potter’s early education was in the people’s elementary school in Vilna. During these early years, Potter’s reading of the autobiography of Benjamin Franklin made a profound impression upon him. His fascination with Franklin led him to the decision that he would one day leave Czarist Russia and make his life in America. In 1897, fifteen-year-old Potter’s dream became reality. He left home and sailed to Liverpool, England, then to Quebec on a cattle boat, finally traveling by rail to Boston, Massachusetts. There, he lived with an uncle while he studied and waited until he reached the age of 17 and could apply for entrance to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Potter passed his entrance exams, was admitted, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MIT in 1903. Following graduation, Potter’s early career was devoted to the development of steam turbines for the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York. Although he was considered one of the company’s most promising young turbine engineers, he left GE in 1905 to accept a position as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Kansas State Agricultural College. Potter was responsible for establishing at Kansas State one of the first curricula in agricultural engineering. In 1906, he became a U.S. citizen. Potter married Eva Burtner that same year, and the couple had two children, Helen and James.

In 1913, Potter was named Dean of Engineering and Director of the Engineering Experiment Station at Kansas State. In 1916, he testified in Washington on behalf of the Newlands Bill, which would have provided $15,000 annually to each land-grant institution for the establishment and support of an engineering or a mechanic arts experiment station. Although the Newlands Bill did not pass, the hearings focused attention on the value of engineering research and gave a stimulus to the founding of engineering experiment stations throughout the country. Purdue’s own station was founded following Potter’s testimony.

In 1920, Potter joined Purdue University as its third Dean of Engineering. Immediately following his appointment, Potter began work on building a student personnel service similar to the one he started in 1905 at Kansas State. The Purdue Placement Service formally opened February 1, 1922. It was the first student personnel service of its kind, and was widely copied by other universities. Potter began an exhaustive study of the state of the engineering profession and of engineering education. In 1929, the Wickenden Report was published, offering crucial insight into the needs and strengths of the engineering profession.

While at Purdue, Potter increased the number of professional engineering courses and added four new schools to those existing at the time of his arrival. He was responsible for three new buildings and introduced the idea of Purdue having its own airport. From 1945 to 1946, Potter served as Director of the Purdue Research Foundation and Purdue’s Acting President, in addition to continuing in his position as Dean of Engineering. He was offered the Purdue presidency, but declined, stating that he preferred teaching to administration. Potter was often referred to as "The Dean of Deans" because of the large role he played in the direction of engineering education in the United States during the twentieth century. He was dedicated to
both students and engineering, and was widely known as a consultant to schools of engineering, industry, and government. In 1953, Potter was named Dean Emeritus of Engineering at Purdue. During his tenure, Potter built Purdue into the largest and one of the most respected engineering colleges in the country.

Potter was President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (1932-1933), the American Society for Engineering Education (1924-1925), the Kansas and Indiana Engineering Societies, and the American Engineering Council (1936-1938). He was appointed to advisory boards and special commissions of the United States Government, and was acquainted with, and served on panels for, most of the United States Presidents during his tenure at Purdue. Potter served as a consultant for the departments of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, National Office of Education, and was one of the early members of the Advisory Board of the National Science Foundation. During the two world wars, he actively formulated programs for training men in war industries, personally directing the training himself and utilizing engineering colleges as sources for industrial preparation. He strove to protect the rights of inventors’ ideas, and served as executive secretary of the National Patent Planning Commission from 1942 to 1945. From 1950 to 1960, Potter served as President of Bituminous Coal Research.

Potter was awarded 10 honorary doctoral degrees during his career. In 1940, he was presented the prestigious Lamme Medal for his contributions to engineering education. Three years later, the Western Society of Engineers presented him with the Washington Award for distinguished leadership in engineering education, research, and patriotic service in mobilizing technical knowledge for victory in war and peace. He was also presented the McCormick Medal for his contributions to agricultural engineering. Additional honors include the 75th Anniversary Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the 1950 Americanism Award, the Cyrus Hall McCormick Medal and the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award. He was a member of Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi.

Potter was an expert in power generation and the behavior of steam under high pressure, and his work in power plant engineering, thermodynamics and fuels firmly established his reputation among American engineers. His pioneer efforts in personnel work for engineering students and humanizing engineering education have also been recognized. Potter wrote several books on engineering and more than 300 scientific papers and articles. His first book, Farm Motors, was published in 1913. His text, Elements of Steam and Gas Power Engineering, was published four months prior to his move to Purdue. The same year, he co-authored Engineering Thermodynamics.

Even after his formal retirement from Purdue in 1953, he continued to make himself available for consultation. He remained president of the Bituminous Coal Research, an industrial organization, until 1960. The Potter Engineering Center at Purdue was named in his honor, and was dedicated in 1977. A medal struck in his honor commemorating the event contained a quote from Potter which characterized his very essence: “Interest in people first, then in ideas and things.” The man known affectionately as "The Dean of the Deans" of engineering universities died in Lafayette, Indiana, on November 5, 1979. He was 97 years old.
Andrey A. Potter Papers
Scope and Content Note

The Potter Papers (1893-1986; 38 cubic ft.) document the career, education, and personal life of nationally renowned engineer and educator Andrey A. Potter. Types of materials in the collection include articles; speeches; surveys; research and lecture notes; certificates, diplomas, and awards; photographs; correspondence; printed material; scrapbooks; medals; ephemera; artifacts; books and manuscripts; obituaries; greeting cards; reports; letterhead; newspaper clippings; and meeting minutes. The collection is comprised of biographical information; articles written by or about Potter; speeches; Potter’s research notes and papers on a variety of subjects, including patent laws, fuel, steam generators, national defense, engineering experimental stations, nuclear power, land grant institutions, and engineering education; personal and business correspondence; documentation of Potter’s work on the faculty of Kansas State University and Purdue University, and his role as President of Bituminous Coal Research, Inc.; materials relating to Potter’s memberships and activities with various engineering societies and organizations, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Engineering Council, the National Society of Engineers, and the American Society for Engineering Education; materials relating to Potter’s work with the President’s Highway Safety Conference, consulting for the U.S. government, serving as executive secretary of the National Patent Planning Commission, surveying various universities, and working on the National Science Advisory Board on Railroad Research; and notes and manuscripts for his various books and reports. Potter’s positions as Dean of Engineering, Acting President, and Dean Emeritus of Engineering at Purdue University are also documented in the collection. There is additional information relating to the life and careers of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth, personal friends of Potter’s who worked with him on the faculty at Purdue University.
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Papers on Patents, 1939-1965 (includes address by A.A. Potter, 1945)
Patent Surveys, ca. 1940-1946
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"Research, Inventions and Patents," n.d.
"Report on Progress with Particular Reference to Encouraging Inventiveness," 1943
"Patents and Patent Policies," 1944
"The Engineer and the American Patent System," 1944
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"Recent Trends in Patent Policies," 1944
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The Retail Coalman, 1953 (contains article by A.A. Potter)
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American Power Conferences, 1936-1974
Lifetime Membership #1 awarded by the Midwest Power Engineering Conference, 1936
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Personnel & Placement, 1920-1972
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"Fifty Years of Placement Services at Purdue University 1921-1971," by John W. Bloom, 1972
Blank Letterhead – A.A. Potter, n.d.
American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Past Presidents Reunion, 1966-1971
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"Papers on Education Prior to 1920," 1914-1920 (3-ring binder, contains index)

Personal Correspondence, 1966, 1972

Miscellaneous pamphlets, invitations, rosters, etc, 1923-1971

*Purdue's Who's Who and Where in Chicago*, 1923

*The Purdue Club of New York City Inc*, 1949-1950

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*Extrapolations*, n.d.

*Purdue Engineer*, Special Dean Potter Issue, 1946 [2 copies]

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*Bituminous Coal Research*, 1953

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*Journal of the United States Artillery*, 1919

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*The Journal of the Society of Automotive Engineers*, 1927

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*The Bulletin of The National District Heating Association*, 1940

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Patent Office Advisory Committee, 1934-1955

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Stimulating Inventiveness, 1943-1960 (correspondence and reports)

"Alien Property Custodian," 1943

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"Texas and the Engineer," June 1936

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American Engineering Council, 1936-1956

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Remarks at the opening of the 8th Annual Conference of Engineering Secretaries, n.d.

All Engineers Dinner, 1937

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Engineering Profession 1, 1918-1952
_Indiana Engineering Society_, 1918-1919 (contains address by A.A. Potter)
Engineering Profession 2 – Papers by A.A. Potter, 1921-1956
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"The Engineer as a Member of a Profession," 1934
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"Test of Traction Engines," 1916
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  "Report to the Committee on Post-High School Education," 1948
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University of Toledo, 1954 (progress reports)
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  Speech given by A.A. Potter to dedicate Purdue University's Mechanical Engineering Building, 1977
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Arkansas, College of Engineering, University of Arkansas, 1950-1960

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General Motors Institutes, 1955-1967

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"Thyrations and Selsyns Control High-Pressure Steam Generator," Potter – Solberg – Hawkins, 1932-1933


"Oxidation of High Temp Steam" – *ASME* (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) *Transactions*, 1938

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*Bituminous Coal Research Bulletins*, 1954-1959
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Talks on General Subjects by A.A. Potter, 1937-1967
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"Ellen H. Richards – Foundress and other Pioneers in Home Economics," 1967
Talks – A.A. Potter on Coal Research, 1951-1959
(includes photograph of A.A. Potter)
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Talks Before Students by A.A. Potter, 1921-1957
Papers by A.A. Potter on Technical Institutions, 1937-1966
Miscellaneous Talks on Engineering Education by A.A. Potter, 1913-1949

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"Rx for a Stronger Purdue," *President's Report Purdue University*, 1973
(picture of A.A. Potter in report)
ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), 1925-1969
Symposium on Storage, Flow, and Handling of Solids, 1945-1969
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Supplemental, 1933 (policies and budget)
Annual December Meeting, 1933
Meeting, 1932 (schedule of meeting)
ASME, 1925-1930 (includes meeting programs and literature)
   *The Forge*, 1923 (history of ASME)
Nominating Committee ASME for 1933, 1931-1933
   (includes agendas, reports, a photograph of the 1934 ASME council at Purdue University, and the *ASME News* announcing A.A. Potter's nomination and installation as president of ASME in 1932)
ASME, 1932-1933
   (includes First Mideastern Student Conference and First Midwestern Student Conference correspondence, records, and index)
Executive Committee, 1932-1933
   (meeting minutes, correspondence, agendas, financial statement, and budget)
ASME Presidential Address, 1934
ASME, St. Louis, 1935
   (agenda and minutes from the ASME meeting in St. Louis, MO, October 11-12, 1935)
ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) Annual Meeting, 1934
   *ASME Transactions*, Vol. 56, No. 11, November 1934
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   "Research as Aid to Bituminous Coal Utilization in the U.S.A." 1957
   (report given by A.A. Potter at conference)
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   Energy General, 1936-1968
   "Technology and Civilization," 1955 (lecture by A.A. Potter)
   Long Distance Power Transmissions, 1953-1959
   Air Pollution, 1966-1969
   Atomic Power, 1955-1968
   Utilities, 1949-1968
   Power, 1919-1936
Papers on Power by A.A. Potter, 1922-1960
EES (Engineering Experimental Stations) Legislation, 1915-1940
   (correspondence, articles, and reports regarding federal legislation for the establishment of EES at land grant colleges and universities)
Articles and Lectures by A.A. Potter, 1941-1969
   "Technology and Civilization," 1955
   "Education for Defense," 1942
Ad Hoc Committee - Purdue University Power Plant Development, 1954-1955
   *Data for the Committee on Power Plant Expansion*, *Purdue University*, 1955
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Panoramic photograph of the S.P.E.E. (Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education) Convention, Urbana, IL, 1922 (photograph includes A.A. Potter)

Photograph of A.A. Potter and two unidentified people, ca. 1960s

Box containing ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) presidential talks, 1932-1933

*Indiana Scientists* by Stephen Sargent, 1951
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"An Adventure in Sponsored Graduate Education," paper by Stanley Meikle, Vice President Purdue Research Foundation, 1952

Purdue University Engineering, 1955-1964
(includes photograph of Purdue Engineering faculty (?) ca. 1960s, faculty reports, correspondence, articles about Purdue Engineering, and a poem by Professor Warren E. Howland, May 1960)

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"Philosophy of Land Grant Institutions," 1961
"Democratization of American Education and the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862," 1961

Miscellaneous, 1908-1970
(articles and reports on energy collected by A.A. Potter, correspondence regarding Purdue University, birthday card, etc.)

Indiana Academy (Indianapolis Museum of Art), 1972-1973
(induction of A.A. Potter to active membership in The Indiana Academy)

"Future of Nuclear Power," 1969-1976 (paper by A.A. Potter and corresponding research)

Purdue University Board of Trustees, 1920-1965
(papers and reports presented to the Board of Trustees from various parties)

Formosa Project, 1953-1958
(reports and correspondence about the Formosa – Purdue Engineering Project)

President's Council, 1974-1975
(invitations, minutes, correspondence, and agenda regarding Purdue University's President's Council Symposium)

Acting President, 1945-1946
(reports and correspondence regarding A.A. Potter's term as Acting President of Purdue University)

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Personal Address Books, 1950-1966
United States Department of Defense – Special Contract Clearance, 1951
(papers from the U.S. Department of Defense granting A.A. Potter clearance to be employed for secret contractual work between the U.S. Department of Defense and Purdue University)

Photograph, Annual Banquet of the National Society of Engineers and the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, 1955

Reproduction of the Indenture of Stephen Van Rensselaer, Founder of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution, presented to A.A. Potter, 1974

Honorary Degrees presented to A.A. Potter, 1936-1964

"Dean Purdoo," n.d. (mock degree issued by Purdue University Board of Trustees)

Doctor of Science, 1936 (Northeastern University)
Doctor of Engineering, 1947 (Polytechnic Institute of Indiana)
Doctor of Engineering, 1964 (Indiana Institute of Technology)

Citations, Inductions, Testimonials, Invitations, Awards, and Certificates issued to A.A. Potter, 1925-1977

Lifetime Membership, n.d. (Purdue Memorial Union)
Fellowship, 1925 (American Association for the Advancement of Science)
Honorary Member of Purdue University Class of 1907, 1937
Certificate of Merit, 1942 (Lafayette Chamber of Commerce)
Felicitations to Dean Potter, 1942 (The Seventh Quinquennial Class of 1907)
Certified Member, 1943 (Pi Tau Sigma)
Honorary Membership, 1950 (Tau Kappa Alpha)
Testimonial to Andrey A. Potter, 1952 (Purdue University)
Cyrus Hall McCormick Gold Medal, 1953 (American Society of Agricultural Engineers)

Tribute from the Indiana Electrical Association, 1953
Induction Certificate, 1954 (Eta Kappa Nu)
White House Inaugural Invitation, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon, 1957

Citation of Honor, 1958 (Indiana Technical College)
Citation, 1959 (Ohio School of Applied Science)
Certificate of Participation, 1962
(Purdue University School of Agriculture International Conference on Handling Perishable Agricultural Commodities)
Membership, 1966 (Alpha Epsilon)
Testimonial on the 60th Anniversary Graduation from Purdue University, 1967
Certificate of Participation, 1968 (Purdue University School of Agriculture International Conference on Handling Perishable Agricultural Commodities)

Testimonial on the 65th Anniversary Graduation from Purdue University, 1972
Charter Member, 1974 (Lafayette Rotary Foundation)

Citation of Gratitude and Appreciation for Notable Work in the Field of Heat Transfer, 1975 (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) [copy]
Mortar Board – Induction Certificate, 1977 (Π Σ Α)

Negatives of A.A. Potter Diplomas, 1903-1948
Bachelor of Science, 1903 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
Doctor of Engineering, 1925 (Kansas State Agricultural College)  
Doctor of Science, 1936 (Northeastern University)  
Engineer of the Year, 1948 (Indiana Society of Professional Engineers)  

Miscellaneous, 1903-1974  
'03 Graduation Ribbon, 1903  
Ribbon - Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Day, Class of 1903  
Fiftieth Reunion, 1953  
Letter from Air University, United States Air Force Offering A.A. Potter  
Official Coat of Arms, 1959  
Photograph of Silver Tray Presented to O.B. Schier II by the American Society  
of Mechanical Engineers, 1972  
Photograph of Kenneth Scudder, Richard A. Wallace, and Frank W.  
Cunningham, 1974  


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Washington Award, 1943-1972  
(correspondence regarding various recipients of the Washington Award from  
The Western Society of Engineers, including A.A. Potter's nomination in  
1943)  

Lamme Award, ASEE (American Society of Engineering Education), 1940-1962  
(brochures about the Lamme Award and other engineering awards, including  
the announcement of A.A. Potter's receipt of the Lamme Award in 1940)  

Miscellaneous, 1907-1966  
Class Record, 1907  
A Partial List of Books Read by A.A. Potter, 1927-1944  
Purdue Engineer, 1946 (special Dean Potter issue)  
BCR Bulletin, 1950  
(article A.A. Potter, new president of Bituminous Coal Research)  
Purdue Alumnus, 1953 (A.A. Potter retirement issue)  
Photograph, Class of 1902, 1962 (A.A. Potter in photograph)  
Coal Research, 1964 (picture of A.A. Potter receiving Bituminous Coal  
Research Award)  
Photograph, 45th Reunion of the Class of 1921, 1966 (A.A. Potter in  
photograph)  
Pamphlets, Publications of A.A. Potter, 1905-1925  
(album of articles, pamphlets, and papers written by A.A. Potter, includes  
bibliography in front)  
Pamphlets, Publications of A.A. Potter, 1925-1931
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Plaque, "Professional Engineer," mounted on a metal bracket, n.d.
33º Degree Award, 1917 (award in small leather pouch with photograph)
Class Pins and Ribbons, 1907-1926
Plaque, Indiana Personnel Association Award of Appreciation, 1931
Award of Merit, The National Council of Acacia Fraternity, 1969
Binder 1, 1950-1960 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters, cards, and telegrams of congratulations and sympathy)
  Miscellaneous, 1953
  A.A. Potter's Election to Bituminous Coal Research Presidency, 1950
  Northwestern University – Howard University, 1950
  McCormick Medal, 1953
  United States Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, 1953
  A.A. Potter's Retirement from Bituminous Coal Research, 1957
  Surgery, 1960
Binder 2, 1953-1960 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters, cards, and telegrams of congratulations and sympathy)
  Auto Accident, 1953
  Miscellaneous, 1953-1956
  National Society of Professional Engineers Award, 1955
  Purdue University Honorary Degree, 1955
  Honorary Degree from Michigan State University, 1956
  Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Potter, 1957
Binder 3, 1943-1960 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters, cards, and telegrams of congratulations)
  ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), 1943
  Personal, 1945 (includes a letter from Dr. Lillian Gilbreth)
  ESMWT, Honorary Membership to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1945
  33º Award (Masons), 1945
  Miscellaneous, 1946-1954 (includes invitation to the White House)
Honorary Membership to the Institute of Traffic Engineers, 1949
25th Anniversary as Dean of Engineering at Purdue University, 1946
National Science Foundation (appointment to the governing board), 1950-1958
Northwestern University Centennial Award, 1951
Binder 4, 1953-1977 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters, cards, and telegrams of congratulations)
Retirement, 1953
Dedication of the A.A. Potter Engineering Center at Purdue University, 1977
Binder 5, 1916-1943 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters, cards, and telegrams, includes index in front)
First World War Training (training soldiers in mechanical transport), 1918-1920
Lamme Award, (American Society of Engineering Education), 1940
Miscellaneous Complimentary Letters, 1916-1939
Personal Letters on Leaving Kansas State, 1920
Washington Award, 1943
Binder 6, 1945 (bound correspondence, personal and business, to A.A. Potter; letters of congratulation,)
Acting President of Purdue University, 1945 (includes letter from Dr. Lillian Gilbreth)
Binder 7, 1975-1977 (bound correspondence from A.A. Potter; business and personal)
Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1964-1972
Extrapolations, n.d. (contains photograph of A.A. Potter, ca. 1970s)
General Electric Bulletin, 1970 (contains photograph of A.A. Potter at alumni dinner)
Memorial Resolution for Dr. Lillian Gilbreth by A.A. Potter, 1972
KSU Engineering Alumni News, 1972 (contains photograph of A.A. Potter)
Correspondence, 1953-1976 (correspondence to and from A.A. Potter regarding Purdue University; personal and business)
Purdue Club of Chicago Testimonial, 1953
Account of A.A. Potter and daughter's trip to Northern Europe, 1976
President Hansen and Provost Robinson, 1974
(correspondence regarding Purdue University's President's Council)
U.S. Navy Cruise, 1947
(materials relating to A.A. Potter's cruise on the U.S.S. Oregon City from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Hamilton, Bermuda along with other engineers; includes photograph of A.A. Potter on cruise)
Honors Conferred I, 1940-1971 (correspondence and announcements)
Lamme Award, 1940 (Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education)
Cyrus Hall McCormick Medal, 1953 (American Society of Agricultural Engineers)
Purdue Engineer, 1953 (Special Potter Issue)
Recognition Dinner, 1954 (Purdue University)
American Engineer, 1955 (NSPE Award, National Society of Professional Engineers)
NSPE Award, 1955 (National Society of Professional Engineers)
ASME 75th Anniversary, 1955 (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, 1957 (United States Navy)
Honorary Member, 1969 (Institute of Traffic Engineers)
Caleb B. Smith Medal, 1970-1971 (Mason's top honor)
Honors Conferred II, 1945-1957 (correspondence and announcements)
Fellowship, 1945 (Indiana Academy of Science)
Honorary Member, 1947 (Pi Omicron)
Member of the Conciliation Panel, 1947 (State of Indiana)
Americanism Award, 1950 (Indiana Foundation of Southern California)
Award, 1953 (Indiana Electrical Association)
Panel Discussion, 1953 (American Society of Professional Engineers radio show)
First Honorary Member of the Purdue Club of Northern New Jersey, 1953
Eminent Membership, 1954 (Eta Kappa Nu)
A.A. Potter's letter declining the invitation to attend Dwight D. Eisenhower's inauguration, 1957
U.S. Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, 1957

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Scrapbook 1, 1910-1931
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, and commencement addresses)
A.A. Potter named Dean of Engineering at Kansas State Agricultural College, 1913-1914, pages 3-25
A.A. Potter named Dean of Engineering at Purdue University, 1920, pages 26-30
Program from the Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony of the Electrical Engineering Building at Purdue University, 1924, page 61
Honorary Doctorate of Engineering, 1925, page 70 (Kansas State Agricultural College)
A.A. Potter designated as a member of the Land-Grant College Survey Staff of the Bureau of Education, 1928, page 92
Thomas Duncan Memorial Addition to the Electrical Engineering Building at Purdue University, 1931, pages 111-113

Scrapbook 2, 1932-1935
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, telegrams, and commencement announcements)
American Society of Mechanical Engineers nominates and elects A.A. Potter as president, 1932-1933, pages 3-23
Purdue University's dedication of the Mechanical Engineering Building, 1933, pages 51-53
A.A. Potter presents the Guggenheim Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Aviation to Juan De La Cierva for the invention of the autogiro, 1933, pages 58-58
A.A. Potter appointed to the National Science Advisory Board on Railroad Research, 1933, pages 69-70, 111-114
20th Annual Road School held at Purdue University, 1933, pages 81-83, 116
Amelia Earhart to speak at Purdue University, 1935, page 229 (newspaper announcement)
Scrapbook 3, 1936-1940
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, telegrams, and commencement announcements)
Acacia Award, 1936, pages 12-17
Honorary Doctorate of Science, 1936, pages 21-25 (Northeastern University)
Time and Motion Study Conference at Purdue University with Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, 1937, pages 48-49
A.A. Potter's "Science Offers 400 Slaves per Family" speech and resulting commentary, 1937, pages 60-71, 82
Dr. Lillian Gilbreth to attend a tea at the Potters', 1938, page 77 (newspaper announcement)
25th Anniversary of the Purdue University Road School, 1939, pages 91-92
Scrapbook 4, 1940-1945
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, telegrams, and commencement announcements)
A.A. Potter awarded the Lamme Medal, 1940, pages 6-16 (Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education)
Engineers and Defense, 1941, pages 23-34 (various articles and comments by A.A. Potter regarding engineers and World War II)
Dr. Lillian Gilbreth speaks at American Society of Mechanical Engineers meeting, 1942, page 42
A.A. Potter awarded the Washington Medal, 1943, pages 43-80 (Washington Award Commission)
Engineer Shortage, 1943-1945, pages 65-69, 93-98 (various articles and comments by A.A. Potter regarding engineers and World War II)
United States Army Ordinance for Distinguished Public Service awarded to Purdue University, 1944, pages 80-81
A.A. Potter appointed Acting President of Purdue University, 1945, pages 116-125
Certificate signed by the Deans of Purdue University in appreciation of the visit of Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, ca. 1945-1946, page 133
Materials relating to the Mexican-American Conference on Industrial Research, 1945, page 141

Scrapbook 5, 1945-1947
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, telegrams, and commencement announcements)

Purdue University Master List and Committees of the Faculty, 1945-1946, pages 5-7
A.A. Potter awarded Honorary Membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1945, pages 5-12
A.A. Potter's 25th Anniversary of Deanship honored by Purdue University, 1945, pages 5-14
Purdue University named U.S. Navy Test Center, 1946, pages 5-13
Frederick L. Hovde becomes President of Purdue University, 1946, pages 17-18
Establishment of Naval ROTC at Purdue University, 1945, page 23
A.A. Potter awarded 33º Award, 1947, page 48
Certificate awarding A.A. Potter honorary membership into Purdue University Class of 1907, 1947, page 52
A.A. Potter named to the State of Indiana Board of Conciliators, 1947, pages 54-55

Scrapbook 6, 1914-1951
(newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, telegrams, and commencement announcements)

The Kansas Industrialist, 1914, page 1 (article about A.A. Potter)
Certificate, American Society for the Advancement of Science, 1925, page 6
Certificate, National Association of Stationary Engineers, 1926, page 7
A.A. Potter named President of Bituminous Coal Research, 1950, pages 47-50, 67-72
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Americanism Award presented to A.A. Potter by the Indiana Foundation of California, 1950, pages 56-58
Fishing License, 1949, page 70

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Certificates, 1961-1975
   Member of the National Geographic Society, 1961
   Purdue University Testimonial for Educational Counselor in Purdue
   University's Old Masters Program, 1974
   Certificate of Appreciation, 1975 (Kiwanis Club)

Scrapbook, 1923-1960
   (newspaper clippings and articles about or by A.A. Potter, articles about
   Purdue University, programs, brochures, photographs, invitations, and
   commencement announcements)
   Northwest Territory Award, 1951, pages 2-7 (Northwestern University)
   Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, 1952, pages 8-10, 27-30, 51
   A.A. Potter's retirement, 1953, pages 19-26, 31-34, 70
   Cyrus Hall McCormick Award, 1953, pages 38-42, 53
      (American Society of Agricultural Engineers)
   Purdue Engineer, "Special Dean Potter Issue," 1946, page 71
   Indiana Professional Engineer, "National Engineer of the Year", 1955,
      page 86
   75th Annual Medal of the American Society of Professional Engineers,
      1955, pages 87-88
   Dean Knapp retires, 1955, page 89
   Honorary Degree from Michigan State University, 1956, pages 94-103,
      108
   Air University Board of Visitors, 1957, pages 115-116
   "No Reason to Worry about Sputnik," A.A. Potter speech and related
   articles, 1958, pages 119-123
   Lafayette Symphony and Opera Guild program, 1956, page 142
      ("Chicken Reel" featuring A.A. Potter and his ocarina)
   A.A. Potter resigns from Bituminous Coal Research, 1959-1960,
      pages 145-151

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Index file of mechanical engineering notes, ca. 1901-1919 (handwritten)
Talks and Articles by A.A. Potter, 1914-1975
Letters to A.A. Potter, 1947-1979 (business and personal letters)
Articles about A.A. Potter, 1961-1976
   The Purdue Alumnus, 1961
   Purdue University News, 1970
   The Greek, 1976
A.A. Potter Building Dedication, 1977-1982
   (programs, articles, letters, brochures and addresses)
Donors to the A.A. Potter Scholarship Fund, 1979-1981
Scholarships Awarded by the A.A. Potter Scholarship Fund, 1979-1983
Honoring Father, A.A. Potter, 1979-1980 (obituaries, letters of condolence, and eulogies)
Personal Miscellaneous, 1900-1982
   (family photographs, personal correspondence of Helen Potter, newspaper articles, and papers)
   "Principal Contributions that A.A. Potter made to Engineering Education", n.d.
   "Factors Influencing the Career of A.A. Potter since 1903", n.d.
Car Accident, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, 1953 (letters and articles)
Helen Potter joins Purdue University, 1968 (articles)
Miscellaneous (not directly related to A.A. Potter), 1912-1977
   (brochures, articles, programs, poetry, invitations, newsletters, and blank letterhead)
Gilbreths, 1933-1972 (articles and clippings relating to Frank and Lillian Gilbreth)
   Articles about Frank and Lillian Gilbreth, 1962-1972
      Journal of Industrial Engineering, 1962
      The Frank Gilbreth Centennial, 1968
      Industrial Engineering, 1972
      The Purdue Alumnus, 1972
Mrs. Lillian M. Gilbreth, 1949-1978 (correspondence, personal and business; articles about Lillian Gilbreth)
   Washington Award, 1954
   Hoover Medal, 1966
   "Recollection of Frank Bunker Gilbreth" by A.A. Potter, 1973
Articles about A.A. Potter, 1949-1977
      Purdue Alumnus, 1961
      Technology Review, 1963
      Engineering Education, 1968
      Purdue Alumnus, 1973
      Purdue Alumnus, 1974
      Purdue Alumnus, 1975
      Purdue Engineer, 1977

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Identification card from the Century of Progress International Exposition, 1934
Certificate in Recognition for Contributions to the Field of Engineering, 1975
   (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Photo Album, ca. 1900-1970's (family photographs)
Journals and Periodicals, 1931-1969 (not related to A.A. Potter)
   A Professional Look at the Engineer in Industry, n.d.
Conference of Governors, French Lick, Indiana, 1931
Research – A National Resource, 1938
Patents and the Glass Industry Case, 1945
Science and Public Policy, volumes 2-5, 1947
Technology Review, 1949
Successful Industrial Innovations, 1969

Articles, Lectures, and Reports by A.A. Potter, 1918-1969
"What is Success?" n.d.
"An Investigation of the Fuel Problem in the Middle West," 1918
Book Notes, 1928
Science Advisory Board, 2nd Report, 1934-1935
Science, 1940
"Technology and Civilization," 1955
"Essentials for Effective Leadership," 1955
"Research on Bituminous Coal in the U.S.A." 1957
Journal of Engineering for Industry, 1969

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Condomine Cards and Letters, 1979-1980
(cards, letters, and obituaries regarding the death of A.A. Potter)

Kansas State University, 1914-1982
(newspaper clippings and correspondence regarding Kansas State University's
A.A. Potter Scholarship Fund)

James G. Potter, 1931-1964
(newspaper clippings, personal correspondence, photographs, and papers
written by James G. Potter)

Trustees, Report of Inspection Trip by Potter and Ross, 1914-1926
(papers and correspondence concerning the inspection trip of engineering
laboratories in industrial and educational institutions)

Papers on Inventiveness by A.A. Potter, 1957-1976
(business correspondence, reports, papers, and talks written by A.A. Potter)

Awards of A.A. Potter, 1974
Photographs of awards, n.d.
"A List of Precious Possessions," 1974

Kansas State University Memorial to A.A. Potter, 1979-1983
(correspondence regarding the Andrey A. Potter Memorial Scholarship)

Archives – List of Materials, 1980
(a list of the archival material of A.A. Potter and correspondence regarding
donations of materials to various universities)

Coal, 1973-1979 (reports and newsletters about the coal industry)

Patents, 1944
(letters to Helen Potter from Carroll L. Wilson regarding A.A. Potters' work
with National Patent Planning Commission)
Miscellaneous, 1917-1978 (personal and business correspondence, greeting cards, papers, brochures, blank letterhead, and reports)
"Reminisces," The Bridge, 1955 (article by Potter)

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Index file on talks by A.A. Potter, 1943-1960
A.A. Potter, 1915-1979 (articles about and by A.A. Potter, papers, brochures, periodicals, blank letterhead, and A.A. Potter obituaries)
  Articles about A.A. Potter
  Bituminous Coal Research, 1950
  Purdue Engineer, Dean Potter Retirement Issue, 1953
  Purdue Engineer, 1977
A.A. Potter, 1903-1976 (papers and reports by A.A. Potter, greeting cards, personal and business correspondence)
  Photographic imprint of A.A. Potter on paper, n.d.
  Course list, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1903
Articles and Speeches of A.A. Potter, 1922-1976
  (articles and speeches by A.A. Potter, newspaper clippings, personal correspondence, programs, and notes)
A.A. Potter, 1931-1964 (articles, personal correspondence, and programs)
  Purdue Alumnus, Dean Potter Retirement Issue, 1953
  Purdue Engineer, 1946
Agricultural Engineering, 1969 (business correspondence and talk by A.A. Potter)
Engineering, 1933-1963 (papers, business correspondence, and articles about engineering)
A.A. Potter, 1953-1968 (business correspondence, articles about A.A. Potter, and talks)
  Talks by A.A. Potter
    "Technical Progress and Human Betterment," 1960
    "Attributes of a Great Salesman," 1962
    "Communication Problems in Industry," 1962
    "The Miracle of the U.S.A.," 1962
By A.A. Potter, 1951-1973 (articles about A.A. Potter, personal and business correspondence, and talks by A.A. Potter)
  Talks by A.A. Potter
    "What Research Should Mean to the Coal Industry," 1951
    "Reminiscences of the MIT 1903 Class," 1963
    "Taking Stock and Looking Ahead," 1969
A.A. Potter, 1947-1968 (invitations, articles about A.A. Potter, papers, personal and business correspondence, and programs)
  Articles about A.A. Potter
    Bituminous Coal Research, 1953
    Purdue Engineer, 1953
Indiana Professional Engineer, 1968
Papers by A.A. Potter
"Professional Manpower in USSR," 1956
"Pioneers in Home Economics and the Land Grant Universities," 1962
"Resistance to Change," 1963

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A.A. Potter's Academic Hoods, ca. 1925-1964 (10 pieces)
Kansas State Agricultural College, 1925
Northeastern University, 1936
Rose Polytechnic Institute, 1947
South Dakota Mines, 1949
Northwestern University, 1953
Purdue University, 1955
ITT, 1964

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Books, pamphlets, commencements, catalogs, bulletins, reports about patents and engineering, 1923-1976
Photograph, Princeton University Bicentennial Conference on Engineering and Human Affairs, ca. 1930's
Addresses and Articles by A.A. Potter, 1921-1951
"Some of the Problems of the Engineering College Executive," 1921
"Tendencies and Problems of Land Grant Institutions," 1922
"The Problems of the Teaching Staff," 1924
Scanning Tests with Indiana Coal, 1926
"Purposes and Scope of Courses in Heat Engineering," 1929
"Effective Teaching," 1937
"Taking Stock and Looking Ahead," 1942
"Patent Problems in America," 1944
"Research, Invention, and Patents," 1945
"The Forgotten Man in Higher Education," 1947
"National Science Foundation Developments," 1951

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Box 21
A.A. Potter's Textbooks, 1896-1899
An Introduction to the French Language, 1896
Elements of Geometry, 1898
College Algebra, 1899
Messages and Congratulations on A.A. Potter's Twenty Five Years as Dean of Engineering at Purdue University, 1945 (bound volume of letters collected and presented to A.A. Potter by The Purdue University Club)
Messages and Congratulations on A.A. Potter's Retirement from Purdue University, 1953 (bound volume of letters)
Military – Industrial Conference, 1955 (correspondence, papers, and brochure)

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Books and pamphlets (not written by A.A. Potter) on various subjects, including patents and engineering, 1918-1974
Notebook of song lyrics, ca. 1900's
Handbook of English for Engineers, 1913
Bound Articles and Talks by A.A. Potter, 1953-1972
Certificate of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite presented to A.A. Potter, 1972

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Purdue Engineer, A.A. Potter Retirement Issue, 1953
A.A. Potter, Reprints, Awards, Articles, and Speeches, 1923-1959
Articles by A.A. Potter
"Engineering Research as a Career," 1923
Mechanical Engineering, 1930
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1942
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1945
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1951
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1959
Scrapbook, Writings by A.A. Potter and Helen Potter, 1922-1970
(magazine articles, newspaper clippings, and poetry)
A.A. Potter, 1914-1963 (articles and speeches by A.A. Potter, writings and articles by Helen Potter, newspaper clippings, invitations, personal and business correspondence, and pamphlets)

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Personal Correspondence, 1950-1967
(personal letters to Helen Potter from A.A. Potter, Mrs. Potter, and James Potter)

A.A. Potter and His Friends, 1953-1985
(business and personal letters, cards, periodicals, newsletters, programs, notes, and obituaries regarding A.A. Potter and his colleagues gathered by Helen Potter in preparation to write a book titled: *Father and His Friends*)

*Purdue Engineer*, 1953 (article about A.A. Potter)
*Industry Power*, 1956 (article about A.A. Potter)
*Midwest Engineer*, 1977 (article about A.A. Potter)

Patents, 1940-1945 (literature, articles, and papers on patents)
"The Pride of America," n.d.
"What to Invent," 1935 (handwritten list on a paper bag of 30 things that need to invented)
"The Engineer and the American Patent System," 1944

Talks by A.A. Potter, 1949-1975 (index file of speeches)
Technical Talks by A.A. Potter, 1927-1960 (index file of speeches)

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Greeting cards from A.A. Potter to his wife, periodicals, brochures, and pamphlets
*Royal Purple*, Kansas State Agricultural College's yearbook, 1915
*The Dean*, 1976 (biography of A.A. Potter, signed by A.A. Potter and the author)

Articles about A.A. Potter, 1914-1977
*Purdue Alumnus*, 1914
*Purdue Alumnus*, 1934
*Purdue Alumnus*, 1953
*Purdue Engineer*, 1953
*Bituminous Coal Research*, 1959
*Purdue Engineer*, 1976
*Purdue Engineer*, 1977

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A.A. Potter's Yearbooks and Textbooks, 1893-1904
Yearbooks, 1902-1904
*Technique*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1902-1904
*Senior Portfolio*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1903

Textbooks, 1893-1903
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology Economics of Corporations*, n.d.
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Business Law*, n.d.
*Political Economy*, 1893
Plane and Solid Geometry, 1894
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Scope of Political Economy, 1901
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Physical Laboratory, 1902
The American Commonwealth, 1903
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Annual Catalogue, 1902-1903
History of Kansas State Agricultural College, 1909
Farm Motors, book by A.A. Potter, (signed), 1917

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Personal Correspondence, 1929-1980
(personal letters to and from family and friends, cards, telegrams, and messages of condolence on the death of A.A. Potter)
Joint Patent Inquiry, 1931-1940
(draft report from The National Association of Manufactures, The Conference Board, and The Engineering Council)
Articles by or about A.A. Potter

The Journal of Engineering Education, October 1931
The Journal of Engineering Education, December 1931
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1934
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1937
The Journal of Engineering Education, 1940

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A.A. Potter, Personal, 1954-1960 (cards, letters, and telegrams from A.A. Potter to his wife)
"Fifty-Four Years with Andrey Abraham Potter," 1977
(album compiled by Merle Parus on A.A. Potter's 95th birthday, includes photographs and letters of congratulation)
Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, Volume XXXIII, 1925
(proceedings of the 33rd annual meeting, contains article by A.A. Potter)
Play, n.d. (play written by A.A. Potter, no title)
Ellen H. Richards, 1969
(materials concerning the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the American Home Economics Association, includes speech written by A.A. Potter about Ellen Richards)
Purdue Personnel System, ca. 1930-1940
(various psychological and aptitude tests, questionnaires, and forms compiled by A.A. Potter for use in hiring university personnel)

Purdue Alumni Scholarship Foundation, 1960-1972
(correspondence and literature regarding foundation)

Alumni, Purdue University, 1969-1972
(literature, personal and business correspondence regarding the Purdue Alumni Foundation)

A.A. Potter, 1914-1980
(obituaries and condolence cards regarding the death of A.A. Potter, notes by A.A. Potter on books he's read, and the will of Mrs. Potter's father)

Purdue Alumnus, 1914 - 1953

Miscellaneous, 1921-1980
(brochures, pamphlets, programs, poetry, and reports not directly related to A.A. Potter)

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Trip to Europe, 1954
(itinerary and brochures about the cruise ship that the Potters took to Europe)

Honors Convocation and Other Talks by A.A. Potter, 1962-1977
Talks by A.A. Potter
"Pioneers in Home Economics and the Land Grant Universities," 1962
"Automation and Human Technological Obsolescence," 1964
"Goss and Ross, Notes on the Lives and Works," 1964
"Democratization of American Education and the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862," 1967
"Ellen H. Swallow Richards, Pioneer in Home Economics," 1969
"Taking Stock and Looking Ahead," 1969

Articles about A.A. Potter, 1953-1954
Purdue Engineer, 1953
Spartan Engineer, 1954

Biographical Record of A.A. Potter, n.d.

A.A. Potter, 1920-1976
(biographical data, articles about A.A. Potter, and business correspondence)

Kansas State Agricultural College, 1905-1975 (personal and business correspondence, articles about Kansas State Agricultural College)

Papers by A.A. Potter
"The Place of Engineering in the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities," n.d.
"The Land Grant College and Educational Values," n.d.
"Experiment Stations in Connection with State Colleges," 1916

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  Bachelor of Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1903
  Doctor of Engineering, Kansas State Agricultural College, 1925

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  State of Indiana Certificate of Professional Engineer, 1935
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  Distinguished Alumni Award, Purdue Alumni Association, 1946
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Biographical Timeline of Andrey A. Potter

1882—Born August 5th in Vilna, Russia, to parents Gregor and Rivza Potter

1897—Moved to the United States

1899—Enrolled as a mechanical engineering student at MIT

1903—Received Bachelor of Science degree from MIT

1903-1905—Worked developing steam turbines for the General Electric Company in New York

1905—Accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Kansas State Agricultural College [Kansas State University]

1906—Married Eva Burtner
   Became a United States citizen

1910—Became a full professor at Kansas State University

1913—Published his first book, Farm Motors

1913-1920—Dean of Division of Engineering, and Director of Engineering Experiment Station at Kansas State University

1914-1919—Elected Secretary of the Engineering Section of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities

1916—Helped author the Newlands Engineering Experiment Station Bill, which would have provided $15,000 in grant funding annually for each engineering station in the U.S.

1917-1918—Director of Industrial Preparedness for the State of Kansas

1917-1919—Associate Member of the United States Naval Consulting Board

1917—Became a Member of International Rotary Clubs

1918-1919—District Educational Director of the War Department Committee on Education and Special Training

1919-1920—Elected President of the Kansas Engineering Society

1920—Co-authored two books, Steam and Gas Power Engineering, and Elements of Engineering Thermodynamics.
1920-1933—Member of the Prime Movers Committee

1920-1953—Dean of the Schools of Engineering at Purdue University

1921-1922—Acting President and Vice President of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities

1922-1923—Elected President of the Indiana Engineering Society

1924-1925—Elected President and Honorary Member of the American Society for Engineering Education

1925—Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from Kansas State University

1928-1931—Consulting Expert for the United States Bureau of Education

1930—Received the Purdue Leather Medal
Delegate and a Founder of the American Power Conference

1932-1933—Elected Fellow and President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

1936—Awarded Doctor of Science honorary degree from Northeastern University
Consultant for the National Resources Committee

1936-1938—Elected President of the American Engineering Council

1938—Consultant for the National Resources Committee

1938-1939—Vice President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

1939-1941—Elected Chairman of the Committee on Engineering Scholars, the Engineering Council on Professional Development

1940—Awarded the Lamme Medal

1940-1945—Expert Consultant for the U.S. Office of Education

1940-1946—Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Engineering, Science, Management War Training of the U.S. Office of Education

1942-1945—Executive Director of the National Patent Planning Commission

1943—Received the Washington Award from the Western Society of Engineers
1944—Awarded Doctor of Laws honorary degree from Norwich University

1945-1946—Acting President of Purdue University
   President of the Purdue Research Foundation
   President of the Purdue Aeronautics Corporation

1946—Received the 33rd Degree honor from the Masons

1947—Awarded Doctor of Science honorary degree from Alfred University
   Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from Rose Polytechnic Institute

1948—Received the title of Engineer of the Year in Indiana

1949—Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
   Member of the Visiting Committee on Mechanical Engineering and Member of the Panel at the 1949 Mid-Century Convocation at MIT

1950-1952—Member of the Board of Directors and Consultant for The Air Preheater Company of New York

1950-1958—Elected Member of the Board of the National Science Foundation

1950-1960—President of Bituminous Coal Research, Inc.

1952—Awarded the U.S. Navy Distinguished Public Service Award

1952-1963—Visiting Professor at the University of Arkansas, Air Force University, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of California (Berkeley and Los Angeles), Evansville College, Georgia Institute of Technology, General Motors Institute, Northeastern University, Rose Polytechnical Institute, and Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University.

1953—Awarded Doctor of Science honorary degree from Northwestern University
   Awarded the Cyrus Hall McCormick Medal
   Retired from Purdue University and was named Dean Emeritus of Engineering

1953-1954—Consultant on Engineering to President of Michigan State University

1955—Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from Purdue University
   Awarded the 75th Anniversary Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

1956—Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from Michigan State University
1956-1959—Member of the Board of Visitors of the Air University of the United States Air Force

1957—Awarded the U.S. Navy Distinguished Public Service Award for the second time

1958—Awarded the U.S. Navy Distinguished Public Service Award for the third time

1959—Consultant on Engineering for the International Cooperation Administration, Republic of Brazil

1964—Awarded Doctor of Engineering honorary degree from Indiana Institute of Technology
     Made Honorary Professor at University of Alabama

1968—Received the Air University Award
     Inducted into the American Society of Engineering Education Hall of Fame

1969—Awarded the Acacia Medal and Plaque

1970—Awarded the Caleb B. Smith Masonic Medal
     Awarded the University of Evansville Medal of Honor

1973—Awarded Purdue Agricultural Alumni
     The Andrey A. Potter Laboratories were named for Potter on the Calumet Campus of Purdue University

1977—Dedication of The Potter Engineering Center at Purdue University

1979—Died in Lafayette, Indiana, on November 5th
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