



**FINDING AID TO
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AGRICULTURAL FRATERNITIES, SOCIETIES,
AND ASSOCIATIONS, RECORDS, 1880s-2000**

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Abstract	Booklets, constitutions, correspondence, meeting minutes, pamphlets, programs, and reports pertaining to the history, administration, and activities of various associations, fraternities, societies, associated with Purdue University's College of Agriculture.
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**Related Materials
Information:**

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Delta Chapter
Purdue Agricultural Society
Purdue Farm Club
Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association

Form and Genre Types

Booklets
Constitutions
Meeting Minutes
Pamphlets
Programs
Reports

History of Agricultural Fraternities, Societies, and Associations at Purdue University

The College of Agricultural, Fraternities, Societies, and Associations, records is a collection of materials from a number of agricultural organizations associated with Purdue University's College of Agricultural, including the Delta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the Purdue Agricultural Society.

The Delta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity was founded in 1911 and is the fourth oldest Alpha Gamma Rho chapter in the United States. Early Butz, former Purdue College of Agriculture Dean and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, was a member of the Delta Chapter as an undergraduate. Alpha Gamma Rho is a social fraternity centered on young men pursuing careers in agriculture or the food or fiber industries.

The Purdue Agricultural Society originated with the Purdue Farm Club, which was organized sometime prior to the Fall 1889 semester. The club was briefly discontinued in the early 1890s and reorganized in December 1893. Four years later, the name of the organization was changed to the Purdue Agricultural Society. The Purdue *Debris* yearbook provided the following description of the society in 1924: "The Purdue Agricultural Society is an organization whose membership is open to undergraduates, graduates, and faculty of the School of Agriculture. Its purpose is to create a democratic spirit in the school, a closer relationship between the students and faculty, and to maintain a median for the dissemination of agricultural knowledge." That year, the society was involved in the Annual Freshman reception, the Purdue *Agriculturist* subscription drive, an exchange program with the Illinois Agricultural Club, the Horticultural Show, the Egg Show, and the *Agriculturalist* essay contest. There is no mention of the Purdue Agricultural Society in the *Debris* after 1942.

Sources:

Alexander, Nancy. "Going Greek." *Agricultures Magazine* (Summer 2003).

Accessible online at:

http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/agricultures/past/summer2003/features/feature_01.html

1900 Purdue *Debris* Yearbook

1924 Purdue *Debris* Yearbook

Collection Description

Scope

The College of Agriculture, Agricultural Fraternities, Societies, and Associations, records (1880s-2000; 3.3 cubic feet) contains a number of booklets, constitutions, correspondence, meeting minutes, pamphlets, programs, and reports pertaining to the history, administration, and activities of various associations, fraternities, societies, associated with Purdue University's College of Agriculture. A large portion of the collection consists of materials related to the Delta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity (1920s-1960s, 1980s). The collection also contains materials pertaining to the Purdue Agricultural Society (1890s-1910s); National Institute of Animal Agriculture (Annual Meeting - 1956); Purdue Farm Club (1900s-1920s), and Winter Course Society (1900s-1920s).

Materials in this collection are organized into a single series largely arranged chronologically and by document type.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials are housed in acid-free manuscript boxes. Many materials have been removed from their original folders and placed in acid-free folders. Selected items have been digitized and are available upon request.

Revision History

Identification Number updated from UA 14.21 to UA 25 November 3, 2015.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1 Alpha Gamma Rho, Materials, circa 1920s, 1940s-1950s

Booklets, Reports, Amendments, Minutes, By-Laws, Articles, and Photographs. Materials appear to have belonged to Verne C. Freeman.

Folder

1. Manuals & Booklets, c.1940s & 1950s
2. Handwritten Notes & Published Constitution, 1954-1955
3. Miscellaneous Items, 1956
4. Constitution (c.1950), Pledge Training Course Syllabus (c.1941), Handbook (1957), Program (1958), and Newspaper Clipping (1958)
5. Photographs, c.1953
6. By-Laws & Articles of Constitution, 1922
7. Discrimination, 1954, 1956
8. Deferred Rush Committee, 1954-1955
9. Chapter Officers Training Schools, 1955-1958
10. Fraternity Grades, 1953-1956

Box 2 Alpha Gamma Rho, Materials, 1930s-1960s, 1980s

Various documents and materials pertaining to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Folder

1. Miscellaneous, 1951
2. Chapter House Inspection, 1951
3. National Chapter House Committee, 1951
4. Miscellaneous, 1949-1950
5. Chapter House Committee, Founder's Day Banquet, Columbia, MO, 1949-1950
6. Alpha Gamma Rho Convention, 1949-1950
7. Chapter Officers School, 1949-1950
8. Chapter Advisor, 1949-1950
9. Chapter Advisor, 1951-1952
10. Letters Sent Out Regarding Fraternity Policy, 1951-1952
11. Chapter House Inspection, 1951-1952
12. National Chapter House Committee, 1951-1952
13. Miscellaneous, 1951-1952
14. Issues of *Sickle and Sheaf* Magazine, 1951-1952
15. Landscaping & Construction, 1955
16. Issues of *Sickle and Sheaf* Magazine, 1954-1956; Defense Bonds and Victory Loan Pamphlets, c.1940s
17. Endowment Fund, 1944-1946, 1948, 1950-1953
18. *Sickle and Sheaf* Magazine Materials, 1946-1954
19. Miscellaneous, 1949

20. Letters Sent Out Regarding Fraternity Policy, 1949
21. Chapter Officers School, 1949
22. National Chapter House Committee, 1949
23. Miscellaneous, 1947-1948
24. National Chapter House Committee, 1947
25. Chapter Officers School, 1947-1948
26. Chapter Advisor – Reactivation, 1945-1946
27. Chapter Officers School, 1946-1947
28. Committee on Future Development, Chairman, 1946
29. Miscellaneous, 1945
30. Miscellaneous, 1945 (cont.)
31. National Chapter House Committee, 1947
32. *Sickle and Sheaf* Magazine Materials, 1945-1946
33. Miscellaneous, 1945-1947
34. Miscellaneous, 1962-1963
35. Issues of *Sickle and Sheaf*, 1934-1935
36. Newsletter, 1986

Box 3 Purdue Agricultural Society, Materials, 1897-1916

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1. Constitution & Minutes, Purdue Agricultural Society, 1907-1916
2. Constitution & Minutes, Purdue Agricultural Society, 1907-1916, cont.
3. Constitution & Minutes, Purdue Agricultural Society, 1897-1907
4. Diplomas, Purdue Agricultural Society, undated
5. Roll Book, Purdue Agricultural Society, c.1903-1912

Box 4 National Institute of Animal Agriculture, Annual Meeting, Correspondence, 1956

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1. February 1956
2. March 1956
3. March 1956 (cont.)
4. March 1956 (cont.)
5. March 1956 (cont.)
6. April 1956

Box 5 Purdue Farm Club and Winter Course Society, Materials, 1890s-1920s

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1. Constitution & Minutes, Purdue Farm Club, 1916-1922
2. Constitution & Minutes, Winter Course Society, 1906-1914

3. Constitution, Minutes, & Attendance Roll, Purdue Farm Club, c.1896-1904
4. Constitution & Minutes, Purdue Farm Club, 1893-1898
5. Directories, Winter Course Students, 1922; Receipts, Etc., Winter Course Society, 1922-1923

Box 6 Registry Materials, Data Forms, Certificates, Etc., circa 1880s-1920s
Forms, Certificates, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Etc.

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1. Blank Forms
2. Blank Forms, cont.
3. Pamphlets & Leaflets
4. Miscellaneous
5. Membership Certificates
6. Stock Certificates

Box 7 Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, Materials, 1890s-2000

Record Book, "Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association," 1899-1929 (fragile);
 Directory, "1999-2000 Membership Resource Directory, Indiana Hardwood
 Lumbermen's Association" (2 items)

Folder

1. Inventory, Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association items in archives, Purdue Main Library, n.d.; Historical notes, Jan. 1966; Program, "Golden Anniversary Program, Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association," 1948
2. Magazine, "The Northeastern Logger," Jan. 1961

Box 8 Miscellaneous Materials, 1900s-2000

Book, *Annual Reports, Ind. Corn Growers Association, 1908-1916* (1 item)

Folder

1. Indiana Corn Growers' Association, 9th Annual Report, 1909
2. Program, Purdue Threshing Crew, WLS Radio, 1930; Address, "The Reconstruction of Agriculture," 1935
3. Booklet, "A Hundred Years of Fun and Service: A Brief Survey of the Development and Activities of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, 1895 to 1995," 1995
4. Booklet, "Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association Certificate of Distinction Awards," 2000
5. Newsletter Article, "Five Hoosiers Receive Ag Alumni Association's Highest Honor," 1997

6. Note concerning renewal of copyright, Epsilon Sigma Phi
7. State Poultry Association of Indiana, "1931 Indiana Poultry Blue Book"; "1939 Indiana Poultry Blue Book"; "1947 Indiana Poultry Blue Book"
8. American Poultry Association, "Year Book, Indiana Branch, American Poultry Association, 1913"
9. Poultry Science Association, 12th Annual Meeting, 1928
10. Indiana State Dairy Association, Program, 19th Annual Convention, 1909
11. Cattle Feeders, Program, Cattle Feeders' Convention, 1907; Program, 2nd Annual Convention, 1908
12. Report, Purdue University Auditor of Student Organizations, 1926, 1932
13. Report, Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association, 1920
14. Program, State Poultry Association Annual Meeting, 1933
15. Program, Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Indiana Annual Convention, 1934
16. Programs, Indiana State Teachers' Association, 1933-1934