



**INVENTORY TO  
MARTHA BOLT GRAHAM PAPERS ON THE  
CLASS OF 1935, 1934-2009**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator</b>	Graham, Martha B., 1913-2010
<b>Title</b>	Martha Bolt Graham papers on the Class of 1935
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSA 319
<b>Date Span</b>	circa 1934-2009
<b>Abstract</b>	Photographs, letters, correspondence, memoir relating to the Purdue Class of 1935, their anniversary celebrations (Gala Week), and contributions to the Library Scholars Grant Program.
<b>Quantity</b>	2 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Access</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	MSA 319, Martha Bolt Graham Papers on the Class of 1935, Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries
<b>Copyright Notice</b>	Purdue University
<b>Acquisition</b>	Donated by Sally Watlington, 2013
<b>Provenance/Custodial History</b>	Materials were in the custody of Martha Bolt Graham. Upon her death in 2010, her daughter Sue Bussell Campbell asked Sally Watlington to donate the Class of 1935 records.
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## **Subjects Headings**

### **Persons**

Graham, Martha B.

Moore, Richard A.

Willsey, F. Richard

### **Organizations**

Purdue University

Purdue University—Class of 1935

Purdue University—Alumni and alumnae

Purdue University—Students

Purdue University. Libraries

### **Form and Genre Types**

Correspondence

Letters (correspondence)

Memorabilia

Photographic prints

## **Biography of Martha Bolt Graham**

Martha Jane Graham (1913-2010), was born in Otterbein, IN on December 18, 1913. After graduating from the Otterbein High School in 1931, she went to Purdue University and got her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 1935.

During her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Purdue, she started participating in various campus activities. She was the President of the freshman group in Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and was involved in the Purdue Exponent advertising. Afterwards, she got elected as a member of the Mortar board at Purdue. She served as the editor of the monthly “Graham Crackers” at Westminster Village and was a member of the board of directors of Home Hospital.

Martha acted as the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice president and finally President for the Class of 1935. During this period, the Class of 1935 batch established the Library Scholars Grant as a gift to Purdue University on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Virginia Kelly Karnes was another notable person from the class of 1935; The Purdue University Libraries has honored her by naming the Archives and Special Collections research center for her in recognition of her generosity to the libraries.

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## Scope and Contents of the Papers

The Martha Bolt Graham Papers on the Class of 1935 (circa 1934-2009; 2 linear ft.) documents activities of the Class of 1935. Types of materials include letters, correspondence, notes, and flyers, brochures on Gala Week celebrations, documents and reports on the Library Scholars Grant Program, photographs, and artifacts. The Papers are organized into two main series:

1. Library Scholars Grant Program.
2. Class Activities

## Arrangement

### **1. Library Scholars Grant Program, 1984-2009 (0.25 linear foot)**

The Library Scholars Grant Program was initiated in the fall of 1985 after being established through the generosity of a 50th anniversary gift from Class of 1935. Only the interest that accumulates from the gifts is used to make small grants to promising young faculty members. This series includes documents related to the Library Scholars Grant Program, such as correspondence between class members, the list of contributors, reports and recipient information. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.

### **2. Class Activities, 1934-2009 (1.75 linear feet)**

This series contains the Class of 1935 correspondence, class rosters, clippings, scrapbooks, ephemera, and photographs relating to class member activities and reunions. Flyers, brochures, and maps from annual Gala Week festivities are also included as is a copy of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Debris. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

### **1. Library Scholars Grant Program, 1984-2009.**

#### **Box 1** *1984-2009*

##### Folder

1. Library Scholars Grant Program, Correspondence(1984-2003)
2. Library Scholars Grant Program, Reports(1986-2007)
3. Library Scholars Grant Program, Recipients thank you letters, presentation programs, announcements(1985-2009)

### **2. Class Activities, 1934-2009.**

#### **Box 1** *1934-2009*

##### Folder

4. 1935 Class Silver Debris and related correspondence(1960-1992)
5. Correspondence and Gala Week materials(1934-1965)
6. Correspondence and Gala Week materials(1983-1995)
7. Correspondence and Gala Week materials(1996-2000)
8. Correspondence and Gala Week materials(2000)
9. Correspondence and Gala Week materials(2001-2009)

#### **Box 2** *1935-2007*

##### Folder

1. 1935 Class Who's Who on 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary(1955)
2. Photographs of Class of 1935 at various events such as class reunions and Gala Weeks (circa 1935-2005).
3. Photo Scrapbook of Class of 1935 at various events such as class reunions and Gala Weeks (circa 1960-1995)
4. Buttons, badges, temporary ID cards, flyers (1935- 1995)
5. Deceased Member list, letters and obituaries.(1995-2003)
6. Class of 1935 Roster (1970)
7. Purdue Publications(1957-2007)