



**INVENTORY TO  
THE INDIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
RECORDS, 1913-1937**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Indiana Engineering Society
<b>Title</b>	Indiana Engineering Society records
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 16
<b>Date Span</b>	1913-1937, predominant dates 1927-1937
<b>Abstract</b>	Correspondence, by-laws and meeting minutes documenting the activities of the Indiana Engineering Society.
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 cubic foot (1 document box)
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Shauna Borger 2009
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Originally part of the William F. M. Goss book collection
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## **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:

*Indiana Engineering Society. “Annual report of the Indiana engineering society (incorporated) Proceedings of the society.” Indianapolis, IN: 1881-1930.*

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:

*“A Standard History of Jasper and Newton Counties, Indiana.”* Chicago, IL: Lewis Publishing Company, 1916. Retrieved from on July 7, 2009 from: <http://www.ritner.net/FarmerJoe.html>

## 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 directory 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**

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

- 35 Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society  
May 28, 1926
- 36-38 Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society  
June 17, 1926  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at  
Columbia Club
- 39 1926  
Correspondence between Chas Brossman, Secretary of Indiana  
Engineering Society and George W. Hubley, a consulting and  
advisory Engineer
- 40 September 29, 1926  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at  
Chamber of Commerce
- 41-47 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
- 48-49 November 3, 1926  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, held at  
Columbia Club
- 50 November 4, 1926  
Correspondence between A. W. F. King, President of State  
Building Counsel and Earl Carter, President
- 51-53 April 4, 1927  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at the  
Columbia Club
- 54-55 December 10, 1927  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society, Held at  
Columbia Club
- 56-58 September 12, 1928  
Directors Meeting, Indiana Engineering Society
- 59-61 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



- 4                   Engineering Council meeting, January 16 and 17, 1931  
"Fifty years of progress," 1931  
                  "Fifty years of progress," by Chas Brossman, President's address to  
                  Indiana Engineering Society, January 29, 1931
- 5                   Correspondence, 1931  
                  Correspondence, Report of Secretary-Treasurer
- 6                   Correspondence, annual report, 1932  
                  Correspondence, conference pamphlets, annual report, February  
                  25, 1932, financial statement/expenditures, news bulletin
- 7                   Annual meeting minutes, correspondence, program, 1933  
                  Committee meeting memorandum, January 11, 1933,  
                  correspondence, program, annual meeting minutes, February 16,  
                  1933
- 8                   Annual meeting minutes, news bulletin, 1934  
                  Annual Meeting minutes, February 16, 1934, News bulletin, March  
                  1934, News bulletin, December 1934,
- 9                   News bulletin, annual report, annual meeting minutes, 1935  
                  News bulletin, Annual Report, Annual Meeting Minutes, February  
                  1935
- 10                  Newsletter, news bulletin, 1936  
                  Newsletter of American Engineering Council, January 15, 1936,  
                  News bulletin, Report of Secretary-Treasurer, February 15, 1936,  
                  Financial Statement
- 11                  Financial statement, by-laws, 1937  
                  Financial Statement of Secretary-Treasurer, February 15, 1936,  
                  Annual Meeting Minutes, February 16, 1937, By-laws