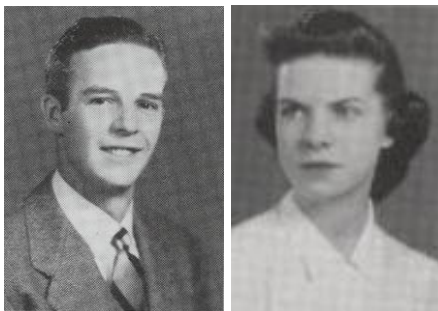


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FINDING AID TO THE ARTHUR AND ROBERTA BITZER PAPERS, 1937-1942

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Bitzer, Arthur G., -2009 Bitzer, Roberta Craig, -2015
Title	Arthur Bitzer and Roberta Bitzer papers
Collection Identifier	MSA 259
Date Span	1937-1942
Abstract	Purdue University campus scenes/student life, black and white photographs, a schedule card and Class of '42 buttons from alumni Arthur and Roberta Craig Bitzer. The material comes from their years as students at Purdue.
Extent	0.2 cubic feet (2 folders)
Finding Aid Author	Mary A. Sego, 2011
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Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	Donation received from Roberta Bitzer, July 7, 2010.
Accession Number:	20100707
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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Bitzer, Arthur G., -2009

Bitzer, Roberta Craig, -2015

Organizations

Purdue University

Topics

Purdue University--Students

Purdue University--Alumni and alumnae

Purdue University

Form and Genre Types

Artifacts

Black-and-white photographs

Buttons

Biography of Arthur and Roberta Craig Bitzer

Arthur G. Bitzer and Roberta Miriam (Craig) Bitzer were alumni of Purdue University. Arthur "Art" G. Bitzer, Jr. received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 1942. Originally from River Forest, Illinois, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Arthur was a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. He was the founder and former owner of Bitzer Products Co. of Broadview, Illinois.

Roberta Miriam Craig graduated from Purdue University in December 1942 with her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta (where she was called "Bobbie"), as well as the Activities Bureau, the Union, and the Virginia C. Meredith Club.

Arthur and Roberta were married in Chicago, Illinois, on February 6, 1943. Together they raised two children, Nancy (Bitzer) Sturgeon and John Craig Bitzer (BSME 1970). Arthur passed away in 2009, followed by Roberta in 2015.

Source(s):

Chicago Tribune, March 5, 2009

Debris, 1942

Debris, 1943

Collection Description

Scope

The Arthur and Roberta Bitzer photographs, schedule card and buttons, (1937-1942, 0.2 cubic feet) are from the Bitzer's time as students at Purdue University. Types of materials include: black and white photographs of campus scenes and student life, a schedule card and buttons.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All photographs have been housed in polyester sleeves, acid-free folders, and acid-free boxes. The artifacts have been placed in acid-free envelopes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

2 Folders

(0.2 cubic feet)

Folder 1 *Photographs of Purdue University Campus Scenes/Student Life*

Item

1. "Corps Day," 1937 [cadets on open field]
2. "Corps Day," 1937 [cadets on open field]
3. Cars on State Street, two buildings in background, circa 1938
4. University Hall, snow on ground, 1938
5. Mechanical Engineering Building, snow on ground, 1938
6. Mechanical Engineering Building, circa 1938-1942
7. Photograph with notation, "Hinricks," "Hagins," 1939 [two campus buildings in background]
8. Women's Residence Hall South, circa 1938-1942 [notation "Where Roberta lived at Purdue."]
9. "Senior parade," 1939 [Ross Ade Stadium field and stands]
10. "Senior parade," 1939 [Ross Ade Stadium field and stands]
11. "Senior parade," 1939 [Ross Ade Stadium field and stands]
12. Senior parade, picture of float with banner, "She Was Only A Woodsman's Daughter – But She 'Wood'," 1939
13. Entrance to Women's Residence Hall South (?), circa 1938-1942
14. Picture of hangar at Purdue Airport, circa, 1938-1942
15. Car parked on a campus street, 1940
16. Porch scene, "Theta pinning," circa 1940
17. "Frat guys at Theta pinning," circa 1940
18. "Bower, Stewart, Hal – Homecoming," October, 1938 [scene in front of fraternity]
19. "Cod, Bitz, Ed," circa 1938-1942 [students wearing derbies on porch]
20. Students on four seat tandem bike near football field, circa 1938-1942
21. "Stinks, Ralph, Ed, Cod, Bitz, Otto, Stu," circa 1938-1940 [students on front porch]
22. "Stinko, Bitz, Ralph, Cod, Ed, Otto, Stu," circa 1938-1940 [students on front porch holding canes and smoking cigars]
23. Car full of students in front of fraternity, car marked "Old Timers" on side, circa 1938-1940
24. Student on high wheel bike, appears to be part of senior parade day activities on football field, circa 1939
25. Front of Civil Engineering Building, circa 1940

Folder 2 *Schedule Card, Buttons and Nametag*

Item

1. Class schedule card for Roberta Craig (Bitzer), circa 1938-1942
2. Class of '42 buttons [2 buttons]
3. Nametag, "Art Bitzer, President's Council, Purdue University," undated