



**FINDING AID TO
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY & PLANT
PATHOLOGY, RECORDS, 1918-1984**

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Descriptive Summary

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Title	College of Agriculture, Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, records.
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Date Span	1918-1984
Abstract	Correspondence, applicant materials, and reports documenting the history and administration of the Department of Botany & Plant Pathology.
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Purdue University. College of Agriculture. Department of Department of Botany & Plant Pathology

Form and Genre Types

Correspondence

Reports

History of the Department of Botany & Plant Pathology

The following historical sketch appears on the Department of Botany & Plant Pathology website.

“The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology had its beginning with the appointment of Dr. J. C. Arthur as the first Botanist of the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station in 1887. Much of the early research was in the classical botanical areas, but time was devoted to identification and control of noxious weeds, fungicides and their applications, and other applied problems of Indiana agriculture. The various missions of the Department have changed over the years, and in the 1930’s, the department name was changed to The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. However, the emphasis on the more fundamental aspects in not only plant pathology, but also genetics, plant physiology, mycology, virology, weed science, and other areas has been a central theme in the history of the research, teaching, and service of the department. The very first Ph.D. degree awarded from Purdue University was to a student in the Department of Botany in 1897.

Teaching within the department traditionally has been strong in the graduate arena. Today the Department has over 22 faculty members who teach and mentor our graduate student population. The faculty continue to recruit top students into the program and pride themselves on producing well-rounded researchers.

In 1971, an undergraduate option in Crop Protection was introduced jointly with the Department of Entomology. In 1990, the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology introduced their own option in Plant Science. In 2001, a third undergraduate option titled Environmental Plant Studies was introduced as well as the Plant Science option name change to Plant Biology. The College of Agriculture made a college wide effort in 2012 to reduce the number of majors to prevent confusion during recruitment. As a result, the Department consolidated down to one major, Plant Science. Within that major students can choose from three areas of concentration; Plant Cell and Molecular Biology, Plant Ecology and Environment, or Plant Health Management.”

Source:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/Pages/DeptFacts.aspx>

Collection Description

Scope

The College of Agriculture, Department of Botany & Plant Pathology Records (1918-1984; 1.4 cubic feet) consists of correspondence (1937-1950), applicant materials (1910s-1930s), two reports for the academic years 1981/82 and 1983/84, and other materials.

The Records are organized into a single series with items arranged by document type.

Descriptive Rules Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials are housed in acid-free manuscript boxes. Some materials are housed in acid-free folders.

Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 14.07 to UA 21 as of November 3, 2015.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1 Correspondence, 1937-1950

Folder

1. Prof. A.M. Brunson, 1941-1942
2. Indiana Sweet Corn Performance Tests, 1941
3. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1941-1942
4. Drs. R.M. Caldwell & R.W. Samson, 1941-1942
5. Prof. A.M. Brunson, 1940-1941
6. R.W. Samson, Certified Seed Potatoes, Etc., 1941
7. Dr. R.M. Caldwell, 1940-1941
8. Seed Certification, Potatoes, 1939
9. Hybrid Seed Corn Certification, 1937-1938
10. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1945-1946
11. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1944-1945
12. Dr. A.M. Brunson, 1944-1945
13. Stanley Castell, Barberry Eradication, 1944-1945
14. Oliver C. Lee, 1945
15. J.S. Tidd, 1944
16. Dr. R.M. Caldwell, 1944-1945
17. Dr. A.M. Brunson, Hybrid Corn, 1943
18. J.H. Lefforge, 1943
19. Dr. F.N. Andrews, 1944
20. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1943-1944
21. Dr. R.M. Caldwell, 1943-1944

Box 2 Correspondence, 1937-1950

Folder

1. "The Indiana Disease Reporter," 1948-1949
2. Staff, 1948-1949
3. Appointments, Resignations, Leaves, Etc., 1948-1949
4. Dr. Ralph Lincoln, 1947-1948
5. Staff, 1947-1948
6. Appointments, Resignations, Etc., 1948-1949
7. Appointments, Leaves, Resignations, Etc., 1949-1950
8. Staff, 1949-1950

Box 3 Applicant Materials, 1910s-1930s

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1932-1935
2. Publications (Articles, Etc.), 1932-1934
3. Publications (Articles, Etc.), 1923-1926, 1930-1932

4. Publications (Articles, Etc.), 1918, 1924-1926, 1928-1930
5. Publications (Articles, Etc.), 1927-1928, 1930
6. Publications (Articles, Etc.), 1929

Box 4 Applicant Materials, 1910s-1930s, cont.

Folder

1. Applicant Letters, 1932
2. Applicant Letters, 1932 (cont.)
3. Applicant Letters, 1932 (cont.)
4. Applicant Letters, 1933-1934
5. Envelope, Publications (various dates), A.A. Horvath, c.1932-1933

Box 5 Reports and Miscellaneous Materials, 1939, 1950s, 1980s

Folder

1. Reports, "Annual Report, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, 1981-82"; "Annual Report, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, 1983-84"
2. Handbook, "Indiana Handbook of Plant Disease Control," 1956-1958
3. Miscellaneous Materials, 1939, 1950s