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## Descriptive Summary

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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Purdue University. College of Agriculture. Department of Entomology

Purdue University. College of Agriculture. Agricultural Experiment Station

### **Form and Genre Types**

Correspondence

Publications

Reports

## History of the Department of Entomology

Founded in 1884, the Department of Horticulture and Entomology was one of the original departments organized for Purdue University's School of Agriculture. Entomology became a separate department in 1920 and offered its first baccalaureate program eight years later. Entomology conferred its first PhD in 1942. The department experienced impressive growth in the 1940s and 1950s, appointing its first Agricultural Extension entomologist and holding its first urban pest control conference in 1936, establishing an undergraduate structural pest control curriculum (the first in the United States) in 1946, and adding 18 new academic positions under John V. Osmun's leadership. Osmun succeeded J.J. Davis in 1956. Davis's tenure as department head stretched from 1922 to 1956. Appointed in 1972, Eldon E. Ortman expanded Purdue Entomology research and extension beyond U.S. borders and expanded and enhanced the department's computer capabilities and physical facilities. Ortman served eighteen years as the head of the Entomology Department. His successor, Christian Y. Oseto oversaw the expansion of interdisciplinary outreach, the creation of Bug Bowl, and the growth of Entomology's international programs. Steve Yaninek replaced Oseto as department head in 2000. More information about the Department of Entomology's history can be found at the below link.

*Source:*

<https://ag.purdue.edu/entm/pdfs/history.pdf>

## Collection Description

### Scope

The College of Agriculture, Department of Entomology, Records (1931-1993; 1.4 cubic feet) consists of correspondence (1940-1949), Experiment Station Reports (1931-1945), and other materials (circa 1930s-1990s) documenting the history, administration, and activities of the entomology program at Purdue University.

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

**Descriptive Rules** Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### Processing Information

Materials are housed in acid-free manuscript box and acid-free folders. Addition 03 was added to the resource record in October 2023.

### Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 14.08 to UA 23 as of November 3, 2015.  
Collection description updated May 5, 2020. Addition 03 added to the resource record and collection description updated October 27, 2023.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Box 1 Correspondence, 1940-1949**

#### Folder

1. G.E. Marshall, Orleans, IN, 1943
2. Electrical Control of Store Grain Insects, 1943
3. Control of European Corn Borer, 1942
4. Corn Borer Laboratory, 1942-1943
5. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1942-1943
6. Prof. J.J. Davis, 1942-1943
7. A.M. Vance & Others, Entomology Lab., Bureau of Entomology & Plant Quarantine, 1947-1948
8. Staff, 1947-1948
9. Appointments, Resignations, Etc., 1947-1948
10. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pest Control Operators Conference Contributions to Research Fund, Etc., 1948-1949
11. Wm. G. Bradley & Others, Entomology Laboratory, Bureau of Entomology & Plant Quarantine, 1948-1949
12. Staff, 1948-1949
13. Appointments, Leaves, Resignations, Etc., 1948-1949
14. G.C. Oderkirk, 1944
15. Entomology Letters to the Armed Forces, 1943-1945
16. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1944-1945
17. G.C. Oderkirk, 1944-1945
18. Dr. Phillip Lugenbill, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, 1945
19. Proceedings, Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting, North Central States Entomologists, Purdue University, 1945
20. Prof. J.J. Davis, 1944-1945
21. Dr. W.A. Baker & Others, Corn Borer Laboratory, 1943-1944
22. A.M. Vance, U.S. Entomology Laboratory, 1944
23. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1943-1944
24. Prof. J.J. Davis, 1943-1944
25. Prof. J.J. Davis, 1940-1941
26. G.E. Marshall, 1941
27. Prof. J.J. Davis, 1941-1942
28. Corn Borer, 1941-1942
29. G.E. Lehker, Assistant Extension Entomologist, 1941
30. G.C. Oderkirk, 1942
31. G.E. Marshall, 1941-1942
32. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, 1941-1942

## **Box 2 Reports (Experiment Station), 1931-1945**

### Folder

1. G.E. Marshall (Codling Moth Work), 1938-1939
2. G.E. Marshall (Codling Moth Work), 1937-1938
3. G.E. Marshall, Monthly Reports (Codling Moth Work), 1933-1934
4. G.E. Marshall (Codling Moth Work), 1932-1933
5. G.E. Marshall (Codling Moth Work), 1931-1932
6. G.C. Oderkirk (Rodent Control), 1941-1942
7. G.C. Oderkirk (Rodent Control), 1939-1940
8. Philip Luginbill (Field Station, U.S Entomology Laboratory), 1940-1941
9. Philip Luginbill (Field Station, U.S Entomology Laboratory), 1938
10. Philip Luginbill (Field Station, U.S Entomology Laboratory), 1939
11. Philip Luginbill (Field Station, U.S Entomology Laboratory), 1937-1938

## **Box 3 Reports (Experiment Station), 1931-1945, cont.**

### Folder

1. G.E. Marshall, 1939-1940
2. G.E. Marshall, 1940-1941
3. G.E. Marshall, 1941-1942
4. G.E. Marshall, 1942-1945

## **Box 4 Miscellaneous Materials, 1930s-1990s**

### Item

1. Program, "Fifth Annual Pest Control Operators' Conference," 1941
2. Program, "Fifth Annual Pest Control Operators' Conference," 1940

### Folder

1. Booklet, "Alumni News, Department of Entomology, Purdue University, 1957"
2. Reports, "Annual Report – Department of Entomology, 1981-1982"; "Annual Report, Department of Entomology, 1983-1984"
3. Handwritten Notes, undated
4. Book, *The Entomologists' Jokebook*, 1938
5. Newsletters, NPIRS News, 1992-1993

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### Folder

1. Publication, "Entomology, E-Series Publications," 1973