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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the papers of William Logan Threlkeld, professor of zoology and biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1929-1958), including biographical materials, personal and professional correspondence, research files, and printed materials.

Creator

Threlkeld, William Logan, 1893-1988

Extent

1 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

William Logan Threlkeld, the son of Thomas B. and Harriet Taylor Threlkeld, was born in Versailles, Kentucky on August 8, 1893. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Georgetown College, Threlkeld served as assistant principal of a Madisonville, Kentucky high school from 1915 to 1917. He served as a lieutenant in the army during World War I, then worked as an instructor in Michigan (1920-1921), a science teacher at Hargrave Academy (1922-1927), and an instructor and research fellow in biology at the University of Virginia, where he would earn his master's (1929) and doctoral (1934) degrees in parasitology. In 1929, Threlkeld was hired as an assistant professor of zoology and biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In 1938, he was named associate professor; in 1957, professor. Following his 1958 retirement from VPI, Threlkeld worked as a professor of biology at Milligan College from 1959 to 1961 and at Shorter College from 1961 to 1964. He married Carrie Louise Vaden (1898-1994) in 1924, and the couple had three children. William L. Threlkeld died in June, 1988 and was buried in Chatham Burial Park, Chatham (Pittsylvania County), Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of William Logan Threlkeld, professor of zoology and biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute from 1929 to 1958. The collection contains biographical materials, personal and professional correspondence, research files, and printed materials.

Though there is much overlap between the personal and professional correspondence, letters of a predominantly personal nature from family members, acquaintances, former teachers, and former students, are found at the beginning of the collection. Also from Threlkeld's personal life are a collection of materials relating to various awards and memberships, as well as his military service. A folder of biographical materials contains a booklet about the Threlkeld School, operated by Threlkeld's father; a 1929 biology exam book from University of Virginia; a bibliography of Threlkeld's works; and various biographical sketches. Also relating to Threlkeld's personal life is material on the honor society of Sigma Xi. The collection also contains numerous opinion pieces written by Threlkeld, a number of them in the form of letters written to newspapers and political figures and largely focused on communism. Accompanying these pieces is a small collection of printed materials reflecting Threlkeld's political views.

From Threlkeld's professional career, the collection contains several subject files relating to both his scientific research and his work for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Included are project folders on parasites in cattle, sheep, and swine, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between cobalt deficiency and the presence of parasites in sheep. The correspondents include not only other researchers but various Virginia farmers with whom Threlkeld worked. These folders contain correspondence, project reports, and notes. The collection also contains a folder of general research correspondence, as well as professional correspondence not directly tied to any specific research and administrative correspondence relating to Threlkeld's career, students, and retirement. Also included is a collection of Threlkeld's

publications as well as files relating to his book, *Some Nematode Parasites of Domestic Animals*. These folders contain reprint requests, book orders, and business records and correspondence relating to the book's publication.

Keywords

Agricultural extension work

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Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by topic, with personal materials generally preceding those relating to Threlkeld's professional activities.

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal Correspondence

Unit Date 1929-1971, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Awards and Memberships

Unit Date 1939-1972, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Military Service

Unit Date 1919-1943, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Biographical Materials

Unit Date 1929-1959, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Sigma Xi

Unit Date 1929-1967

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Opinion Letters and Notes

Unit Date 1952-[1974], n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Opinion Printed Materials

Unit Date 1937-1974, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Cattle Parasite Studies

Unit Date 1938-1958, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Sheep Parasite Studies

Unit Date 1934-1952, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Cobalt Deficiency Project

Unit Date 1949-1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [2 folders]

"An Observation on the Relationship of Cobalt Deficiency to Internal Parasites of Sheep,"

Unit Date 1949-1956, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Phenothiazine

Unit Date 1940-1942

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Soil and Nutrition

Unit Date 1946-1951, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Swine Kidney Worm Project

Unit Date 1956, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Wildlife and Veterinary Parasitology

Unit Date 1934-1960, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Research Correspondence

Unit Date 1929-1969

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Professional Non-Research Correspondence

Unit Date 1955-1965, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Administrative Correspondence

Unit Date 1930-1972, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extension Work

Unit Date 1930-1955, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Teaching Materials

Unit Date 1951-1965, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Speech Drafts and Background Materials

Unit Date 1931-1960, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Publications

Unit Date 1928-1958

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Publication Requests

Unit Date 1934-1967, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Some Nematode Parasites of Domestic Animals - permission requests

Unit Date 1950-1958

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Some Nematode Parasites of Domestic Animals - orders

Unit Date 1958-1963, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [2 folders]

Some Nematode Parasites of Domestic Animals - business records

Unit Date 1952-1960

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)