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Language

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Abstract

This collection includes the papers of Virginia Tech professor of horticulture Frank Horsfall, Jr., including his thesis and dissertation, awards and honors, writings, and materials on his interests in barbed wire and primitive tools.

Creator

Horsfall, Frank, Jr., 1903-1988

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

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Biographical Note

Frank Horsfall, Jr., son of Frank and Margaret Atwood Horsfall, was born in Missouri on July 7, 1903. By 1910, he was living with his family in Helena, Oklahoma; the 1920 census found the family living in Monticello, Arkansas. Horsfall was still living in Monticello when he married Louise Richardson on December 22, 1928, and by 1930, the couple was living in Idabel, Oklahoma, where Horsfall was employed as a public school teacher. He obtained his master's (1932) and Ph.D. (1935) in horticulture at the University of Missouri, and evidence suggests that Horsfall remained at the University of Missouri for several years, working at the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station. He also worked at Northwest Missouri State University and is credited with assembling the collection that would become the nucleus of the university's agriculture museum. Horsfall was hired as a professor of horticulture at Virginia Tech in 1947 and served in that position until retiring in 1973. Frank Horsfall, Jr. died in Roanoke, Virginia on March 21, 1988.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Frank Horsfall, Jr., a professor of horticulture at Virginia Tech from 1947 to 1973. The collection includes materials relating to both Horsfall's professional career and personal interests. In addition to Horsfall's University of Missouri thesis (1932) and dissertation (1935), the collection contains published copies of several horticulture-related articles written by Horsfall. The collection also contains awards received by Horsfall and a file devoted to his retirement, including letters from Virginia Tech President T. Marshall Hahn and Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, as well as the text of a retirement speech delivered by Horsfall. Horsfall's interest in barbed wire is represented by various articles, notes, and letters on the subject, as well as a small collection of barbed wire samples. A folder relating to stone tools, another of Horsfall's interests, includes printed materials and a collection of drawings by Horsfall. The collection is completed by an assortment of newspaper clippings, ephemera, and photographs, which includes Horsfall's Boy Scouts of America membership card, Fort Snelling ROTC Infantry Camp pass, Civil Air Patrol certificate, World War II draft classification, and three photos of an unidentified locomotive.

Keywords

Faculty and staff

Horticulture

Science and Technology

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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 subject matter.

Description of Subordinate Components

"Hardiness in Relation to Winter Injury" (thesis)

Unit Date 1932

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

"Framework Winter Injuries, Apical Dominance, and the Effect of Thiourea on Bud Inhibition in Pyrus Malus and Ipomora Batatas" (dissertation)

Unit Date 1935

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Writings

Unit Date 1942-1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

"The Unity of Science"

Unit Date 1942

Extent [2 copies]

"The Effect of Spray Additives and Simulated Rainwater on Foliage Curvature and Thinning of Apples by the Sodium Salt of Naphthaleneacetic Acid"

Unit Date 1962

"Observations on Fluctuating Pregnancy Rate of Pine Mice and Mouse Feed Potential in Virginia Orchards"

Unit Date 1963

"Horticulture: 18th Century Status Symbol"

Unit Date 1968

"Horticulture in Eighteenth Century America"

Unit Date 1969

Extent [2 copies and typescript]

Awards

Unit Date 1958-1973

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Retirement

Unit Date 1973

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Barbed wire

Unit Date 1926-1969, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Barbed wire samples

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent [26 items]

Stone tools

Unit Date 1930-1969, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Newspaper clippings, ephemera, and photographs

Unit Date 1917-1943, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

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