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Abstract

This Drum Major's Mace was previously owned by Ralph Edward Hughes and was possibly given to him by Sherman Edmond Seelinger. The mace is approximately three feet long and is wrapped in orange and maroon ribbon, with excess ribbon hanging off of one end. On the opposite end of the mace is a rounded wooden top that has been painted gold.

Creator

Hughes, Ralph Edwards

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Biographical Note - Sherman Edmond Seelinger

Sherman Edmond Seelinger graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1921 with a bachelor's in Animal Husbandry. Seelinger was very active in school extracurriculars as a cheerleader, member of the Athletic Council and the Monogram Club, manager of the baseball team, and leader of the Cotillion Club, opening two nights of the Club's Easter dances.

Biographical Note - Ralph Edwards Hughes

Ralph Edwards Hughes of Ore Bank (later Arvonnia), Virginia, earned a degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute in 1917.

Scope and Contents

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