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Unit Date

1885-1919

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English .

Abstract

Correspondence, reports, minute books, and other records of the West Virginia University Agricultural Experiment Station.

Creator

West Virginia University. Agricultural Extension Service

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240447

Unit Date 1885-1918

Scope and Contents

Series 1 consists of correspondence for the years 1885 to 1918. This series consists of both incoming and outgoing correspondence for and from Agricultural Experiment Station directors and staff, such as John A. Myers, William E. Rumsey, James H. Stewart, Dwight E. Sanderson, and others. However, this series is generally outgoing correspondence. This series is organized alphabetically and chronologically.

In general, the subjects in Series 1 include correspondence from fertilizer and chemical companies, nurseries, various pamphlets, inquiries regarding agricultural problems, such as seeds and weeds; and sample testing of non-agricultural materials such as alcohol, coal, and sand. Additional correspondence includes invoices, employment inquiries, the sale of hatching eggs, communications with other agricultural experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture, and personal mail. Additionally, there are four John A. Myers letter books containing incoming and outgoing letters for the years 1887-1897 (boxes 138-141).

Later Series 1 correspondence specifically reflects the expanded role of experiment station in the years 1905-1918. It includes the Good Roads Movement and crop pest control, and the effort of the experiment station to mobilize farm labor shortage caused by World War I (boxes 42-137).

Please note that Series 2 (boxes 135-144) has been combined with Series 1 and is displayed chronologically within Series 1. As of 2025, we are unsure why original processors separated the material into two series.

Myers Correspondence-State Chemist Mississippi

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240448

Unit Date 1885-1887

Mixed Materials 138 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240449

Unit Date 1887

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Myers Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240450

Unit Date 1888-1889

Mixed Materials 139 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240451

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Myers Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240452

Unit Date 1889-1891

Mixed Materials 140 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240453

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240454

Unit Date 1890-1897

Mixed Materials 141 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240455

Unit Date 1890-1907

Mixed Materials 142 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240456

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240457

Unit Date 1892

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240458

Unit Date 1893

Mixed Materials 9 (Box)

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240459

Unit Date 1894

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240460

Unit Date 1895

Mixed Materials 12 (Box)

Mixed Materials 13 (Box)

Mixed Materials 14 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240461

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials 15 (Box)

Mixed Materials 16 (Box)

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240462

Unit Date 1897

Mixed Materials 18 (Box)

Mixed Materials 19 (Box)

Mixed Materials 20 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240463

Unit Date 1898

Mixed Materials 21 (Box)

Mixed Materials 22 (Box)

Mixed Materials 23 (Box)

Mixed Materials 24 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240464

Unit Date 1899

Mixed Materials 25 (Box)

Mixed Materials 26 (Box)

Mixed Materials 27 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240465

Unit Date 1900

Mixed Materials 28 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240466

Unit Date 1901

Mixed Materials 29 (Box)

Mixed Materials 30 (Box)

Mixed Materials 31 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240467

Unit Date 1902

Mixed Materials 32 (Box)

Mixed Materials 33 (Box)

Mixed Materials 34 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240468

Unit Date 1903

Mixed Materials 35 (Box)

Mixed Materials 36 (Box)

Mixed Materials 37 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240469

Unit Date 1904

Mixed Materials 38 (Box)

Mixed Materials 39 (Box)

Mixed Materials 40 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240470

Unit Date 1905

Mixed Materials 41 (Box)

Mixed Materials 42 (Box)

Mixed Materials 43 (Box)

Mixed Materials 44 (Box)

Mixed Materials 45 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240471

Unit Date 1906

Mixed Materials 46 (Box)

Mixed Materials 47 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240472

Unit Date 1907

Mixed Materials 48 (Box)

Mixed Materials 49 (Box)

Mixed Materials 50 (Box)

Mixed Materials 51 (Box)

Mixed Materials 52 (Box)

Mixed Materials 53 (Box)

Mixed Materials 54 (Box)

Correspondence**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/240473**Unit Date** 1908**Mixed Materials** 55 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 56 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 57 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 58 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 59 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 60 (Box)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/240474**Unit Date** 1909**Mixed Materials** 61 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 62 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 63 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 64 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 65 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 66 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 67 (Box)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/240475**Unit Date** 1910**Mixed Materials** 65 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 66 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 67 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 68 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 69 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 70 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 71-75 (Box)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/240476**Unit Date** 1910-1912**Mixed Materials** 143 (Box)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/240477**Unit Date** 1911**Mixed Materials** 76 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 77 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 78 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 79 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 80 (Box)

Mixed Materials 81 (Box)
Mixed Materials 82-94 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240478
Unit Date 1912
Mixed Materials 95 (Box)
Mixed Materials 96 (Box)
Mixed Materials 97 (Box)
Mixed Materials 98 (Box)
Mixed Materials 99 (Box)
Mixed Materials 100 (Box)
Mixed Materials 101-102 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240479
Unit Date 1912-1913
Mixed Materials 103 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240480
Unit Date 1913-1917
Mixed Materials 144 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240481
Unit Date 1913
Mixed Materials 104 (Box)
Mixed Materials 105 (Box)
Mixed Materials 106 (Box)
Mixed Materials 107 (Box)
Mixed Materials 108 (Box)
Mixed Materials 109 (Box)
Mixed Materials 110-113 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240482
Unit Date 1914
Mixed Materials 114 (Box)
Mixed Materials 115 (Box)
Mixed Materials 116 (Box)
Mixed Materials 117 (Box)
Mixed Materials 118 (Box)
Mixed Materials 119 (Box)
Mixed Materials 120-124 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240483

Unit Date 1915

Mixed Materials 125 (Box)

Mixed Materials 126 (Box)

Mixed Materials 127 (Box)

Mixed Materials 128 (Box)

Mixed Materials 129 (Box)

Mixed Materials 130 (Box)

Mixed Materials 131-132 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240484

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials 133 (Box)

Mixed Materials 134 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240485

Unit Date 1917

Mixed Materials 135 (Box)

Mixed Materials 136 (Box)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240486

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 137 (Box)

Series 3. Experiment Station Reports and Other Records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240487

Unit Date 1895-1914

Scope and Contents

Series 3 consists of four record types: a minute book, reports, albums, and papers. The minute book is a WVU Agricultural Experiment Station minute book (box 153). The entries begin in 1888 with the construction of the Agricultural Experiment Station building, with the last entry in 1892. Additionally, there are pages of data and calculations related to crop yields dating to the early 1900s.

The second record type includes reports for tree pests, crop pest reports, fruit orchard inspection reports, seed testing, soil analysis, fertilizer reports, miscellaneous reports, and inspection tag reports. These reports encompass the years 1895 to 1911 (boxes 145-150).

The last set of records are bound Horticultural and Agricultural Blueprint photographic albums (Books 1, 2, 3 and 6, in boxes 151-152). Each bound volume has one or two cyanotype photographic prints per page. Generally, each photograph has an enumerated negative number, view information and negative condition information (as applicable). Images include the Agricultural Experiment Station Farm, injuries to fruits and orchards, problems with poultry and livestock as well as other subjects. These albums cover the years from

circa 1892 to circa 1900.

One of the highlights of this series is the West Virginia Agricultural Hall of Fame Certificate awarded to John A. Myers posthumously on July 22, 1988, as well as the Hall of Fame program for the event. These items can be found in Box 153

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240488

Unit Date 1985-1911

Mixed Materials 145 (Box)

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240489

Unit Date 1907-1909

Mixed Materials 146 (Box)

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240490

Unit Date 1907-1911

Mixed Materials 147 (Box)

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240491

Unit Date 1909-1911

Mixed Materials 148 (Box)

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240492

Unit Date 1911

Mixed Materials 149 (Box)

Experiment Station Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240493

Unit Date 1898-1914

Mixed Materials 150 (Box)

Horticultural Blueprints, Book 1 & Book 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240494

Unit Date 1896-circa 1900

Graphic Materials 151 (Box)

Agricultural Blueprints, Book 3 & Book 6

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240495

Unit Date 1892-circa 1900
Graphic Materials 152 (Box)

Minute Book, Myers Hall of Fame Certificate

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240496
Unit Date 1888-1905
Graphic Materials 153 (Box)

Series 4. Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240497
Unit Date 1895-1918

Scope and Contents

Series 4 consists of glass plate negatives. The photographic subjects are Diseases & Injuries, Fruits & Orchards, Grains, Livestock, Machinery, Miscellaneous, Other Crops, and Poultry. These subjects were presumably assigned by the WVU Library at the time of accessioning, but may have been assigned previously if used by the originating office for reference. The materials span the years 1895 to 1917.

Diseases & Injuries, Fruits & Orchards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240498
Unit Date 1895-1917
Graphic Materials 154 (Box)

Fruits & Orchards, Grains

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240499
Unit Date 1905-1918
Graphic Materials 155 (Box)

Grains

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240500
Unit Date 1905-1910
Graphic Materials 155A (Box)

Grains, Livestock

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240501
Unit Date 1910-1911
Graphic Materials 156 (Box)

Miscellaneous Other Crops

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240502
Unit Date 1896-1910
Graphic Materials 157 (Box)

Poultry

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)
Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240503

Unit Date 1899-1910

Graphic Materials 158 (Box)

Series 5. Addendum of 1968, Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240504

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Scope and Contents

Series 5 consists of glass plate negatives. The images cover a broad range of subjects including crops, animals, orchards, Farmers Short Courses, farms, schools, among other subjects. This series also includes celluloid negatives (box 181) and negatives from an undated European tour (boxes 182-183). The years included are circa 1890 to circa 1915.

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240505

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 159 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240506

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 160 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240507

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 161 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240508

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 162 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240509

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 163 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240510

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 164 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240511

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 165 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240512

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 166 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240513

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 167 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240514

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 168 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240515

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 169 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240516

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 170 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240517

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 171 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240518

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 172 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240519

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 173 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240520

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 174 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240521

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 175 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240522

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 176 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240523

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 177 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240524

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 178 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240525

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 179 (Box)

Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240526

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 180 (Box)

Celluloid Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240527

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 181 (Box)

European Tour

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/240528

Unit Date circa 1890-circa 1915

Graphic Materials 182 (Box)

Graphic Materials 183 (Box)