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Summary information

Repository:	Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Archives and Special Collections
Title:	Department of Entomology records
Reference code:	U2003.34
Date:	1896-1980 (creation)
Physical description:	9.5 cubic feet total. Made up of: 11 boxes, consisting of: 9 cubic foot boxes, 1 five-inch document case, 1 two-and-half-inch document case.
Physical storage:	2.5" flip top, letter: Box 1, A83412044715
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Physical storage:	Box: Box 5, A13411853396
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Physical storage:	Cubic foot box: Box 9, A83412036495
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

The Department of Entomology was officially established at K-State in 1913 with George Dean as the first department head. Previously, courses on the subject had been taught as early as 1865 by Benjamin F. Mudge. From 1877 to 1883, entomology was taught as part of Botany and Horticulture. In 1897, Horticulture and Entomology were consolidated, but in the 1894 catalog, Entomology was listed as a separate subdepartment.

After being officially established, Entomology remained in Arts and Sciences until July 1, 1953, when it was transferred to Agriculture.

Administrators of Entomology include Mudge (1865-1873), J. S. Whitman (1873-1876), E. A. Popenoe (1879-1897, 1899-1907), Ernest E. Faville (1897-1898), and Thomas J. Headlee (1907-1912). Subsequent heads of Entomology were George A. Dean (1912-1943), Roger C. Smith (1943-1953), Herbert Knutson (1953-1976), Richard J. Sauer (1976-1980), Robert G. Helgesen (1980-1989), C. Michael Smith (1990-1996), Sonny Ramaswamy (1997-2006), Jim Nechols (interim), Thomas W. Phillips (2007-2012), John Ruberson (2012-2018), and Brian McCornack (2018-present).

The department's facilities include 22 greenhouses and laboratories that feature bioclimatic chambers and rearing rooms. Field research for the department is conducted at branch experiment stations throughout the state of Kansas. The department also maintains an award-winning Insect Zoo at the K-State gardens.

Custodial history

The following records were transferred to the University Archives by the Department of Entomology in November of 2003.

The collection was assigned the accession number U2003.34.

In 2018 Hale Library had a fire. K-State's archival material including this collection were moved and rehoused during this time. Original order may have been disrupted.

Scope and content

The Entomology Department Records were generated and collected by the Entomology Department at Kansas State University and pertain to the files of faculty and extension entomologists of the department, including Roger C. Smith, E.G. Kelly, Dell E. Gates, and F.L. Poston. They document correspondence, research and course files of faculty. Significant topics covered and material includes grasshoppers, corn borers, crops, pesticides, pest management, extension work, and extension specialist correspondence. Notable contributions to insect illustrations featured include works by artist such as Bertha S. Kimball, Ethel Gray, and Robert Stribling. Approximate years covered of the records are 1896-1990.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquisition Method: Donation

Conditions governing use

The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Note [General]

Disaster Recovery 2023 note: see accession record for further details.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
Box U2003.34-EntomologyB1: Box 1			
<u>Date:</u> 1904-1956 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> "Summary of Unpublished Notes in the Department of Entomology" Roger C. Smith			
<u>Physical description:</u> 2.5 inch document case			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Box U2003.34-EntomologyB2: Box 2			
<u>Date:</u> Ca 1932-1970 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> Correspondence and research files of Roger C. Smith, E.G. Kelly, and those they worked with. Significant material regarding grasshoppers.			
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 cubic foot box			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Box U2003.34-EntomologyB3: Box 3			
<u>Date:</u> Ca 1932-1979 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> Correspondence and research files of Roger C. Smith, E.G. Kelly and others they worked with. Significant material regarding grasshoppers. Course files of Leroy Brooks 1958-1959, 1973-1979.			
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 Cubic Foot Box			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Box U2003.34-EntomologyB4: Box 4			
<u>Date:</u> Ca. 1935-1979 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> Correspondence and files of E.G. Kelly, and Leroy Brooks. Emphasis on pest management.			
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 Cubic Foot Box			
<u>Publication status:</u>			

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB5: Box 5

Date: 1939-1946 (creation)

Scope and content: E.G. Kelly "Plans of Work" Notebooks.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB6: Box 6

Date: Ca. 1950-1980 (creation)

Scope and content: E.G. Kelly, "Plans of Work" Notebook 1946-1947. Fort Hays and Garden City Agricultural Experiment Stations Annual Reports - Insect Investigations. 1953 (unnamed). 1954, 1956, 1957, (T.L. Harvey). 1961 and 1967 (Lester J. DePew).

Dell E. Gates Correspondence. Topics include: grasshoppers, crops, stored grain and pesticides and environmental issues.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB7: Box 7

Date: Ca. 1949-1979 (creation)

Scope and content: Dell E. Gates and Leroy Brooks files and correspondence.

As an extension specialist Dell E. Gates corresponded with the public heavily on pests problems in the following areas: household, trees, fruit, and garden.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB8: Box 8

Date: Ca. 1960-1980 (creation)

Scope and content: Files and correspondence of Dell E. Gates and F. L. Poston.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB9: Box 9

Date: Ca. 1970-1990 (creation)

Scope and content: Dell E. Gates extension specialist correspondence. Files of F.L. Poston.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB10: Box 10

Date: Ca. 1980-1990 (creation)

Scope and content: Files of F.L. Poston. Includes one restricted file, indicated by red intertwined S symbol.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

Published

Box U2003.34-EntomologyB11: Box 11

Date: 1931-1957 (creation)

Scope and content: Annual Reports of "Entomology Project" by extension specialists E.G. Kelly and Dell E. Gates.

Physical description: 1 Five-inch document case

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Publication status:

Published

Box 12

Creator: Department of Entomology

Date: 1896-1980 (creation)

Scope and content: Illustrations of various insect species (predominantly beetles, flies, and ants) drawn with the intention of being featured in the text "Insects in Kansas" by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Illustrations not selected for publishing are specified and still included within the collection.

Physical description: 1 Cubic Foot Box

Publication status:

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