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Guide to the Beulah Gilkey Collection, 1905-1960

Title

Beulah Gilkey Collection (MSS GilkeyB)

Dates

1905-1960 (inclusive)

1905-1935 (bulk)

Creator

Gilkey, Beulah Gustavia

Summary

The Beulah Gilkey Collection consists of materials assembled by Gilkey, primarily pertaining to the Oregon Agricultural College Class of 1910. Gilkey earned BS degrees from Oregon Agricultural College in 1910 and 1918 and an MS in 1941.

Quantity

0.35 cubic foot, including 44 photographs (3 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Beulah Gilkey earned a BS degree from Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in 1910. She worked as an assistant in the OAC Registrar's Office from 1910 until 1917, when she returned to school at OAC to prepare for teaching. She earned a second BS degree in 1918. She taught school in Corvallis and Portland and worked again at Oregon State College as a clerical assistant in the summers of 1943 and 1944. Beulah Gilkey was born in Washington in 1890 and her family moved to Corvallis in 1903. She died in 1977 in Corvallis. Her older sister was Helen Gilkey.

Content Description

The Beulah Gilkey Collection consists of materials assembled by Gilkey primarily pertaining to the Oregon Agricultural College Class of 1910. The Collection includes correspondence of the class members pertaining to their activities after graduation and plans for reunions; memorabilia; publications and programs; and financial records.

The photographs consist predominantly of group portraits of the Class of 1910 at graduation and reunions and individual portrait images of class members made in 1905-1910. Most of the images are identified. The photographs also include several images of Helen Gilkey and other Botany Department faculty.

The collection also includes geometry exercises completed by Beulah's brother, Jesse, at Oregon Agricultural College in about 1907; Beulah's notebook from E.R. Lake's botany class in about 1907; and correspondence between S.H. Graf and others regarding opportunities for engineering faculty with universities in India.

Preferred Citation

Beulah Gilkey Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The photographs were received by the Archives in the mid-1960s.

Processing Note

The photographs in this collection were originally a separate OSU Archives collection (P 027) and have been combined with the paper records to form the Beulah Gilkey Collection. This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Additional Reference Guides

[Preliminary container list](#) available online.

Related Material

Other photographs and materials pertaining to the Class of 1910 are available in the [Bertha Andresen Photographs \(P 026\)](#), [Alexander K. Chapman Photograph Collection \(P 235\)](#), [Frances Alva Aitken Collection](#), Harriet's Collection, and the [Memorabilia Collection](#). The [Samuel H. Graf Collection](#) includes letters from Graf describing his student years at Oregon Agricultural College (1903-1909) and early years as a faculty member (1901-1918). The [Helen Gilkey Papers](#) document the work of her Beulah Gilkey's sister.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Individuals

Gilkey, Helen Margaret, 1886-

Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Alumni and alumnae.

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Oregon Agricultural College. Class of 1910.

Oregon State College--Faculty.

Topics

Botany--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Geometry--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Other Creators

Graf, Samuel Herman, 1887-