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## Guide to the A. Freeman Mason Scrapbook, 1910-1922

### Title

A. Freeman Mason Scrapbook (MSS Mason)

### Dates

1910-1922 (inclusive)  
1910-1914 (bulk)

### Creator

Mason, Albert Freeman, 1891-

### Summary

The A. Freeman Mason Scrapbook documents Mason's student years at Oregon Agricultural College in 1910-1914 and includes photographs; dance cards, ticket stubs, and other ephemera; programs; clippings; and correspondence. Mason was editor of the *Barometer* campus newspaper and graduated in 1914 with a BS in horticulture.

### Quantity

1 cubic foot, including 377 photographs (2 oversize boxes)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical Note

Albert Freeman Mason, from Pasadena, California, attended Oregon Agricultural College from 1910 to 1914 and graduated in 1914 with a BS in horticulture. During his student years he participated in a variety of student activities, including the Delta Omega fraternity and the Glee Club; he was editor of the *Barometer* campus newspaper during his senior year. He also worked as a correspondent in Corvallis for the *Oregon Journal* and submitted articles on a variety of agricultural topics to the *Journal*.

Mason earned his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University (1915) and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland (1929).

## Content Description

The A. Freeman Mason Scrapbook was assembled by Mason as a record of his student years at Oregon Agricultural College from 1910 to 1914. The scrapbook includes photographs; dance cards, ticket stubs, and other ephemera; programs; clippings; and correspondence. These materials document various aspects of OAC student life in the early 1910s including Mason's fraternity, Delta Omega; student organizations and outings; military activities; music groups, such as the Glee Club and Mandolin Club; student government; and the campus newspaper.

The photographs include snapshots as well as formal individual portraits and professional quality prints. The photographs include many images of students (individuals and groups) and student activities; athletes and athletic events, including football, baseball, track and wrestling; women's sports; campus buildings, including the construction of Langton Hall; military cadets; a May Day pageant; students on outings, playing in the snow, and canoeing; and a military parade in downtown Corvallis.

The clippings include articles written by Mason for the *Oregon Journal* about agricultural topics, such as growing and processing of hops and poultry farming. These clippings are accompanied by the original photographs that were published with the articles and the edited copy.

The scrapbook includes a few items from the period after Mason graduated in 1914; these are primarily photographs of students at Pennsylvania State University.

## Preferred Citation

A. Freeman Mason Scrapbook, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

The scrapbook was presented to the Archives in 1964.

## Processing Note

The covers of this scrapbook were previously detached. The scrapbook pages have been placed in 6 folders, interleaved with acid-free tissue, and stored in two boxes to facilitate access and use.

## Related Material

The OSU Archives' collections include numerous scrapbooks documenting the student experience, including several from the same time period as the Mason Scrapbook: the [Irwin Betzel Collection](#), [Leslie Miller Scrapbook](#), [Francis and Lois Wilson Neer Photograph Album \(P 206\)](#), and [Carolyn Schelling Scrapbook](#).

## 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.

## Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Buildings.

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

**Topics**

Agriculture--Oregon.

College buildings--Oregon--Corvallis.

College environment--Oregon--Corvallis.

College sports--Oregon--Corvallis.

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

College sports for women--Oregon--Corvallis.

Greek letter societies--Oregon--Corvallis.

Men--Societies and clubs--Oregon--Corvallis.

Military education--Oregon--Corvallis.

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Student government--Oregon--Corvallis.

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.