

Aerospace, Military Science & R.O.T.C.

A Guide to the Resources in the Michigan State University Archives

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The purpose of this resource guide is to familiarize visitors of the MSU Archives with some of the available Aerospace, ROTC, and Military Science resources. Note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of all the available sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which visitors can begin their research according to their specific needs.

Aerospace

- 1. Aerospace Studies Dept. Annual reports, 1952-1969. UA 3.17.2**
 - 11 folders
 - The Annual Reports of the Aerospace Studies Department contain enrollment statistics, staff changes, reports of extra curricular activities, budgetary information, listings of commissions, and information about the facilities of the department. The 1963 Report also contains a draft and the final copy of a study entitled "Who Takes ROTC at Michigan State?" by John M. Engebresten, Gordon W. Paul, and Edward P. Ozybko. Note: The Aerospace Studies Department began operation in 1951. Members of the Michigan State University Air Force ROTC program participated in parades, served in color guards, and were active in other University functions.

Military Science / ROTC

- 2. Military Band collection, 1915-1917. UA 12.3.11**
 - 1 folder
 - Collection of the Military Band consist of two concert programs: a Sacred concert (1915) and a Community Concert (1917).
- 3. Military Science Department/ROTC records, 1880-1989. UA 3.17.1**
 - 1.2 cu. ft.
 - The collection consists of annual reports from 1885 to 1969 (with gaps) and records relating to the MSU Military Science Department/ROTC. The class materials folder contains a receipt listing the uniform items issued to students, a syllabus for a class chronologically listing the subjects covered in the class and chapters in the ROTC manual, and a list of basic concepts and their definitions. There is also a folder of correspondence relating to the creation of a trophy for the top shooter on the MSU rifle team to be named after Julian W. Smith. Smith was an education professor and a member of the National Rifle Association Board of Directors. Folder 4 contains material about Civil Defense and War Bonds. There is also one issue of the newsletter the "Cadet Bulletin" from 1959 and a folder of memos, press releases, and forms from 1942-1944. The photographs in the collection consist of images from 1880-1959 and 1980s including training, drills, rifle teams, military bands, World War II trainees, trucks, tanks, maneuvers and training exercises, as well as social events and ceremonies. The slides include labeled and unlabeled slides of camps, maneuvers,

vehicles, images for slide presentations, and slides produced by the U.S. military. Note: The Department of Military Science was founded in the 1884-1885 school year with the appointment of an Army officer as the Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Military training had previously existed on campus as a result of the 1862 Morrill Act, which gave each state land on which to build a college. Colleges founded as a result of the Morrill Act were required to provide military instruction. In 1888, Military Science was a required course for all male students except seniors. In 1916, a National Defense act created the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and a year later the Military Science Department became part of ROTC. In 1927, Demonstration Hall was constructed to be the home of the Department. In 1962, the ROTC became voluntary for male students. In 1966, the first woman enrolled in an ROTC class.

4. Scabbard and Blade records, 1914. UA 1.2.40

- 1 folder
- Records of the Scabbard and Blade consist of one certificate dated 1914. Note: Scabbard and Blade is a military science honorary.

Related Collections

5. Walter Adams Papers. UA 2.1.13

- Box 596, folder 44

6. Associated Students of Michigan State University Records. UA 12.1.1

- Box 442, folder 37

7. Associate Provost Records. UA 3.4

- Box 1378, folders 23 – 26
- Box 1412, folder 2

8. Paul D. Bagwell Papers. 00039 (air force)

- Box 6, folders 50 – 51
- Box 8, folders 11 – 12, 65 – 69

9. John F. Brower Papers, 1931 – 1956. UA 10.3.174

- 1.4 cu. ft.
- The John F. Brower papers consist of materials from his time as a student at Michigan State University including notes, class exercises, exams, textbooks, and experiments. Also included are materials from his military science classes as well as his military service.

10. Leon Linton Budd Papers, 1911 – 1914. UA 10.3.124

- 1 item
- Budd's scrapbook depicts student life at M.A.C. from 1911 to 1914. It contains photographs, athletic schedules, invitation sand printed programs, ticket stubs, student

autographs and registers, and several undergraduate hazing posters. Leon Linton Budd, of Laingsburg, Michigan, attended Michigan Agricultural College from 1911 to 1914, and was enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering course. He was a member of the Trimoira Literary Society and earned the rank of sergeant in Company D in the military science program.

11. Kenyon L. Butterfield Papers. UA 2.1.10

- Box 860h, folder 2

12. Committee on the Future of the University Records, 1956-1961. UA 2.1.12.3

- 2 cu. ft.
- Records of the Committee on the Future of the University, including minutes, subcommittee reports, final report (1969), and various documents used by the committee in their investigation of university organization and administration at M.S.U. Note: The Committee on the Future of the University was appointed by MSU President John A. Hannah in January of 1959, to investigate changes to be made in University organization, procedures, programs, and faculty. The committee was divided into a number of subcommittees, each charged with investigating a particular subject. The final report was published in 1969.
- Box 457, folder 23

13. George A. Culp Papers. UA 10.3.159

- Boxes 1864-1865H, .4 cu. ft.
- The collection contains two scrapbooks George Culp made during his college years. They contain newspaper clippings, programs for athletic and other events, tickets for events, humorous drawings, postcards of New York City, a ROTC certificate, commencement program, and his diploma. The photographs include the band practicing, group shots, photos of West Point, his ROTC unit and shots of field training, interior views of a building- possibly the Hesperian Society house, and shots of graduation. Most of the photographs are unidentified. The scrapbook pages were removed from their deteriorating leather three ring binders. The scrapbooks contain paper that is in bad condition and dark patches on items where the glue permeated the paper. Also the glue has dried causing pieces to fall from the pages. As a result the scrapbooks were photocopied to show arrangement and order of the pages and ensure articles can be read in the future. In cases where there were booklets, the archivist photocopied the covers to their show location in the scrapbook. The researcher should consult the originals to read the whole booklet.

14. Theodore Foster Collection. UA 10.3.228

- 2305H, .4 cu. ft.
- The scrapbook contains images of campus buildings, class rivalry postcards and poster, and class ballots. There are also photographs and programs from Camp Custer, an ROTC camp. Materials relating to the Eunomian society include a newsletter, programs, a ca. 1934 reunion photograph. There is also a photograph of the Scabbard and Blade Swing Out Convocation from November 11, 1925. Materials relating to football include homecoming programs from 1922 and 1923, a stadium

dedication program, photographs of football players and people in the stands. Also of note, are sophomore barbecue programs and photograph, a photograph of wood being prepared for a bonfire in front of Wells Hall, a Union Vaudeville Review program from ca. 1926, a J-Hop photograph from 1925, and a photograph of Eunomian Society members digging the foundation for the Union building with a pin that says "Union Diggers."

15. John A. Hannah Papers. UA 2.1.12

- Box 46, Folders 1 – 14
- Box 55, Folder 41
- Box 62, folders 59 – 64
- Box 67, folder 25
- Box 70, folders 87 – 89
- Box 94, folder 102
- Box 96, folders 16, 37, 64, 92
- Box 97, folders 23, 64
- Box 749, folder 7

16. John A. Henry Papers. UA 10.3.61

- 1 folder
- Reminiscences of MAC by John A. Henry, a 1930 engineering graduate. Included are descriptions of Wells Dormitory 1927 1930, MAC traditions, ROTC, faculty and staff characters, student social life, finances and modes of transportation, and world events of 1927 1930. Also included is a small photograph of Wells Hall taken in November 1930. The building is decorated for the Detroit football game.

17. Henson Family Papers, 1907 – 1970. 00105

- 2.66 cu. ft., 6 volumes
- These papers contain the diaries of Fred T. Henson from 1907 to 1944, and 1946 to 1969. Henson was a farmer in Richland Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The diary entries cover his daily activities, the weather, chemicals used on crops, his wife Gladys' activities, genealogical data on Kalamazoo County residents, obituaries, and wedding announcements. Henson also describes his service days in World War I, including a stay in East Lansing, Michigan where he was a member of the Michigan Agricultural College Training Detachment. He also served as Richland Township treasurer and kept notes on tax payments, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Richland School District for a number of years. Alumni rolls (1900-1939) and commencement programs (1940-1944) are included. Also in the papers are income tax books, a number of account books of farm and household expenses of Henson's farm and his gas engine repair business, and accounts of his father Thomas' farm. Farm business reports of the Michigan State University Farm Management Department (1930-1934) and a newspaper clipping (1949) concerning a retired teacher are also included.

18. John C. Howell Papers. UA 17.7

- Box 1006, folder 34

19. Madison Kuhn Papers. UA 17.107

- Box 2417
- Box 2405, f53

20. Media Communications Records. UA 8.1.1

- Box 1798, folder 14
- Box 1875, folders 26 – 28

21. MSU Centennial Records. UA 13.3.1

- Box 1170, folder 1

22. Clarence L. Munn Papers. UA 17.75

- Box 439, folder 86

23. William P. Peters Papers. UA 10.3.105

- 1 folder
- The William Peters papers consist of a nine-page paper entitled "Opening Closed Doors," which describes Michigan State University from about 1926 to 1928, when Peters was a student. The paper discusses classes (physical education, English, and animal husbandry), Reserve Officer Training Corp, professors, students, student activities (including hazing and class rush), and the city of East Lansing.

24. Office of the Provost, General Academic Administration Records. UA 3.6

- Box 1287, folders 6 – 8
- Box 1299, folder 27
- Box 1303, folders 46
- Box 1304, folders 1 – 3

25. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Records. UA 3

- Box 301, folders 29 – 44

26. Public Relations Records. UA 8.1

- Wolverine Collection (photographs)

27. John B. Ranger Papers. UA 10.3.21

- Scrapbook 47

28. Howard C. Rather Papers, 1918 – 1919. 00169

- The Howard C. Rather Papers consists of Rather's correspondence and diaries documenting his experiences as an Army officer during World War I. Covering the time period of January 1918 to May 1919, the collection includes descriptions of the

people Rather dealt with every day, and the conditions he lived in, both in America and in France. His letters home describe his training at Camp Custer Michigan, Camp Jackson South Carolina, Camp Merritt New Jersey, and Saumur Artillery School France. The daily routine and activities around him are duly described. He spent the last six months of the war seeing combat duty as part of a field artillery unit in France.

29. Dorsey Read Rodney Papers, 1988. UA 17.138

- The papers of Dorsey Read Rodney contain one published copy of the “Reminiscences of Colonel Dorsey Read Rodney.” It was originally written in 1955 and recounts Rodney’s life up until that point. His family published the volume in 1988. Included in the memoirs are his early childhood, his time at West Point, his military appointments, his tenure at Michigan State, and his family life. The short foreword and epilogue give brief outlines of his life and fill in some of the gaps in the recollection as well as include some photographs. His insights into the changes in the military and the country in general, are noted as well as the general sentiments toward these changes. Dorsey Read Rodney was born June 11, 1880. He graduated from West Point in 1903 and served in a variety of positions in the military, achieving the rank of Colonel. From 1930 to 1935, and again from 1943 to 1944, he served at Michigan State University as the head of the Military Science Program, and in 1944, he was appointed as the first Dean of Michigan State University’s School of Business and Public Service. After retiring, he worked with several volunteer committees, such as Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross. Rodney died on January 7, 1970.

30. Robert S. Shaw Papers. UA 2.1.11

- **Box 841h, folder 8**

31. State News. UA 12.7.2

- Photographs

32. Don Stevens Papers. UA 1.1.2

- Box 6, folders 82-84 ROTC – 1959 - 1960

33. University Services Records. UA 22.2 (lots)

- Box 609, folders 1-8
- Boxes 610 – 612

34. Vice President for Student Affairs. Student Protest Files. UA 7.0

- Box 1050H, folders 3 – 5

35. Vice President for University Relations Records. UA 8.0

- Box 378, folder 65
- Box 402, folder 14

36. University-Wide Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues Records, 1969 - 1994.**UA 3.22.1**

- 3 cu. ft.
- The records of the University-Wide Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues consist of consists five series: Final Report, Focus Group and Surveys, Working Papers, Articles and Reference Materials, and Work Groups and Committees. The Final Reports series consists of volumes one, two and three of the report. Volume I contains a history of the task force, recommendations, history of lesbians and gays at MSU, and hopes for the future. Volume II consists of transcripts of forums, responses to open-ended questions from the survey, and codebooks which give statistical information used to analyze the surveys. In addition, there are transcripts of forums from Lesbian and Gay focus groups. This series retains the original order of the report. The Focus Groups and Surveys Series contain transcripts from focus groups not included in the final report. They are excerpts taken from the transcriptions of the focus groups and compiled by subject. There is also a report summarizing the process of the survey and the focus groups. The series contains blank surveys that were handed out to faculty staff and students as well as the data from the questionnaires. The Working Papers series is comprised of documents relating to the general business of the Task Force and work groups. It contains executive meeting minutes, memos, notes, Gay and Lesbian Faculty group papers, and correspondence. Also included are documents about recommendations to the University including those to the Military Education Advisory Committee about ROTC issues. The Articles and Reference Materials series consists of articles from newspapers and magazines, including local sources, about issues relevant to the Task Force. The reference materials consist of policies from other universities, cities, and national groups on topics such as domestic partnership and housing. The Work Groups and Committees series consist of items generated by the specific work groups and the Publicity Subcommittee which was a part of the task force. Included are memos, correspondence, and notes.

37. Irwin B. Winsor Collection, 1886 – 1889.**UA 10.3.147**

- 4 folders
- The Irwin Winsor collection contains four folders of photographs. The Buildings folder contains images of 703 Sigmour St [Sycamore St.?], Howard Terrace, Linton Hall, Williams Hall. The Military Science folder contains a group portrait of Company A, and a group portrait of Company B at Michigan State University. The People folder contains a class portrait with Irwin Winsor, a portrait of Irwin Blucker Winsor and Richard Winsor, and informal shot of a man holding a watermelon. The Scenes folder contains images of a bridge, interior of greenhouse, and trees believed to be at Michigan State University. There is also one unidentified shot of buildings and grounds that is not at MSU.

38. Lamar M. Wood Papers, 1925 – 1996. UA 10.3.162

- 20 folders
- The Lamar M. Wood papers contain several publications from Wood's years at Michigan Agricultural College. There is a publication from the Ulyssian Literary

Society, a basketball program, a football program, a journal from the Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity, and an alumni publication for the class of 1925. There is also a soil and agricultural map and report for Ogemaw County, Michigan from 1928. There is also a typescript of the 1888 Diary of Perry Wood, by Jim Wood, who donated the collection. The diary discusses daily life at the farm of Perry Wood. Photographs in the collection show Wood's student activities. There are pictures of the Forestry Club and the Ulyssian Literary Society. There are also pictures of the military on campus, campus buildings, and student activities such as field days. Included are several pictures of the women's rifle team, a photo of Lyman Frimodig, and a picture of Lamar Wood.

39. Jon L. Young Reminiscences, 1986. UA 10.3.116

- 3 folders
- This collection consists of Jon L. Young's reminiscences, based on diaries he kept as a student at Michigan State College from 1931-1935. Young describes his classes, social activities, and work as a teaching assistant in the History Department. He also talks about his family, who lived in Lansing, and the impact of the Depression, especially on his father, an employee of the Reo Motor Car Company. Young also analyzes the unsettled international events of the 1930s. Note: Jon L. Young graduated from MSC with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts in 1935. He was a member of ROTC and the International Relations Club.

University Publications

1. **MSU Yearbooks** (1877 to present)
2. **Faculty and Student Directories** (1907 to present)
3. **Alumni and Faculty Catalogues** (1873, 1888, 1895, 1900, 1911, 1916, 1931)
4. **Course Catalogs** (1857 – present, early issues list enrolled students)
5. **Student Newspapers** (The Holcad 1909 - 1925, State News 1925 - present)
6. **Alumni Newsletters** (MAC/MSU Record 1896 – present, Alumni Magazine 1983 – present)
7. **Board of Trustees Reports and Minutes**
8. **Serials (Spartan Guardian, Cadet Bulletin)**

Other References

1. MSU Info files
 - a. Military Science
 - b. ROTC
 - c. Military History of the MAC
2. MSU Photographs File
 - a. Alumni. Veterans of World War II
 - b. Buildings. Demonstration Hall
 - c. Buildings. Military Garage
 - d. Military Science (by year and subject)
 - e. Monuments. World War I Memorials
 - f. Music. Bands. Cadet Band

- g. Students. Organizations (Army Cadet Officer Corps, Arnold Air Society, Pershing Rifles, Rifle Club, Scabbard and Blade, Spartan Pistol Club, Veterans Association)
 - h. Students. War Veterans
 - i. War Memorials
 - j. World War I activities
3. MSU Special Collections Library