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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Colburn, Cleo M.
<b>Creator:</b>	Michigan Agricultural College
<b>Title:</b>	Cleo M. Colburn papers
<b>ID:</b>	UA.10.3.384
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1922-1923
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Cubic Feet (1 folder)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Cleo Merritt Colburn was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on July 6, 1895 to Merritt Lorenzo and Sarah Josephine Colburn. During World War I, he served in the U.S. Army (drafted June 23, 1918, discharged August 30, 1919). As part of the Polar Bear Expedition, Colburn's unit, the Third Battalion, was sent to Archangel, Russia to fight the Bolsheviks. After he was discharged, Colburn attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University), where he completed the two-year agricultural course and the Federal Preparatory School. From 1926 to 1962, Colburn worked as a carrier supervisor for the Muskegon Chronicle. On April 3, 1920, Colburn married Jessie Maria Poulson (April 3, 1900-August 17, 2000) of Fruitland Township, Michigan. They had twin sons and a daughter. Colburn died June 10, 1994.

(Source: Hope College Polar Bear Oral History Project [https://digitalcommons.hope.edu/polar\\_bear/](https://digitalcommons.hope.edu/polar_bear/))

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of a Michigan Agricultural College Federal Preparatory School diploma (1923), and a 1922 certificate for completion of a M.A.C. two year short course. Both were awarded to Cleo M. Colburn. The short course certificate is undated but the tube it was mailed to Colburn in was dated February 18, 1922. The return address was Short Course Department, Michigan Agriculture College (now Michigan State University).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- College students -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Diplomas
- Michigan Agricultural College. Students

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Diplomas, 1922-1923	box 5960