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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Langdon, Charles S., 1890-1977
<b>Creator - edt:</b>	Yates, Dorothy Langdon
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	Langdon, Charles S., 1890-1977
<b>Title:</b>	Charles S. Langdon papers
<b>ID:</b>	UA.10.3.432
<b>Date:</b>	1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Cubic Feet (2 folders)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical Note

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Charles S. Langdon was born in Hubbardston, Michigan on April 29, 1890. He grew up on the family farm and entered Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) as a freshman in 1907. After his graduation in 1911, he taught agriculture at rural schools for Michigan State Normal College. On August 13, 1913, Langdon married Mabel Goolthrite, with whom he had two daughters, Dorothy LaVerne and Louise May. After their marriage, they briefly moved to Bay City, Michigan, where Langdon taught at a high school. They moved back to East Lansing when Langdon was offered the job as editor of the MAC Record. In 1918, the Langdons took over the Goolthrite family farm in Hubbardston. In 1926, he was named one of the first ten Michigan Master Farmers. In addition to farming, Landgon was a member of the county welfare board, director of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, and a State Farm insurance

agent for 45 years. His wife, Mabel, died on July 17, 1961. He married Zelma Osgood on January 13, 1962. He died on July 4, 1977.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains Langdon's reminiscences, entitled "It Happened Along the Way," collected on his 84th birthday in 1974. Langdon describes his early life, his years as Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University), his church activities, and the various jobs he held. He also discusses farm work over the years, and his travels abroad, especially in Mexico. The reminiscences were collected and edited by Langdon's daughter, Dorothy Langdon Yates.

Also included in the collection is a newspaper clipping regarding the historic Bowen farmhouse in Kentwood, Michigan.

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## Custodial History

Gift of Charles S. Langdon, date unknown.

## Processing Information

Record group changed from c.00224 to UA 10.3.432 to reflect Langdon's connection to Michigan State University. -M. Badgley-Malone, August 2021.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- College students -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Family farms
- Farm life -- Michigan
- International travel
- East Lansing (Mich.)
- Hubbardston (Mich.)
- Kentwood (Mich.)
- Michigan -- Description and travel
- Michigan -- Religion
- Mexico -- Description and travel
- The M.A.C. record
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Family histories
- Langdon, Charles S., 1890-1977
- Langdon, Mabel Goolthrite, 1887-1961
- Michigan Agricultural College. Students
- Michigan State University. Alumni and alumnae
- Michigan State University. Class of 1911
- Goolthrite family (Mabel Goolthrite Langdon, 1887-1961)
- Langdon family (Charles S. Langdon, 1890-1977)
- Langdon, Charles S., 1890-1977

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
"It Happened Along the Way: Recollections of Charles Samuel Langdon on his 84th Birthday, April 29, 1974," edited by Dorothy Langdon Yates, 1974	box LFD 4	folder 1
Newspaper Clipping, 1974	box LFD 4	folder 2