



## Ray C. Edwards Papers UA.10.3.456

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Edwards, Ray C., 1887-1969
<b>Title:</b>	Ray C. Edwards papers
<b>ID:</b>	UA.10.3.456
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1908-1909
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Ray C. Edwards was born November 14, 1887, to George W. and Anna Rebecca Edwards. The Edwards lived in Gilmore, Benzie County, Michigan. Ray C. Edwards attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) from 1906 to 1911, and was a member of the Aurorian Literary Society. Edwards graduated with a B.S. in engineering on June 20, 1911. On July 30, 1913, he married Anna Christine Thompson (October 11, 1884-May 9, 1954). Together they had at least three children: George Thompson Edwards (November 30, 1915-November 1973), Ray Carroll Edwards (October 25, 1919-April 28, 1999), and Wayne Watson Edwards (June 12, 1923-January 14, 1992).

According to the 1920 U.S. census, the Edwards lived in Arcadia, Manistee County, Michigan, where Ray worked as a hardware clerk. By 1930, the family was living in Elberta, Benzie County with his mother, Anna. In the 1940 U.S. census, Edwards was still living in Elberta, working as an accountant. Following his wife's death, he married Rhoda J. Case (February

1, 1908-August 11, 2002). Edwards died September 9, 1969 and is buried in the Gilmore Township Cemetery in Benzie County, Michigan.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of 11 postcards of scenes and buildings of Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). Notable images include sheep grazing along Farm Lane; "the Shops" consisting of the Wood Shop, Machine Shop, Foundry, and Forge Shop; Wells Hall; interior of M.A.C. Power Plant; interior of the Chapel; Old College Hall surrounded by stumps; scenes of the Red Cedar River; and a scene of a student standing on top of the Class of 1900 fountain/horse trough as an initiation right into Tau Beta Phi. The postcards were sent to Helen Callahan of Midland, Michigan by Ray Charles Edwards.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

A postcard of Ray C. Edwards drinking from the Class of 1900 Fountain is in the postcard collection (Postcard Collection MSU. Scenes. Fountains), which has been scanned (A001724).

Two photographs of Ray C. Edwards in a dormitory room are in the people photograph collection (People. Edwards, Ray C.), and have been scanned (People 898 and People 899).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- College campuses -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Postcards -- Postcards
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Michigan Agricultural College. Buildings
- Michigan State University. College Hall
- Michigan State University. Wells Hall

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Postcards, 1908-1909	box LFD 5      folder 1