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Summary Information

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Historical Note

Classes in forestry began in 1883 under William Beal. The forestry course, a four year curriculum, began in 1902 with Ernest Bogue serving as the head of the department. In 1914, the forestry department moved into the Old Dairy Building (later called Chittenden Hall). In 1925, Dunbar Forest near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan was given to Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) and became the forestry summer camp. In 1950, three units split from the Department of Forestry: Wood Utilization (later Forest Products), Fisheries and Wildlife, and Land and Water Conservation (later called Resource Development). In 1966, the Department of Forestry and its offshoots moved into the Natural Sciences building. In 1969,

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Forest Products merged back into the department. In 2000, the Wood Manufacturing and Marketing Program began. A new curriculum featuring concentrations in Forest Conservation and Environmental Studies, Forest Resource Management, Forest Sciences, Urban and Community Forestry, and Wood Products Manufacturing and Marketing began in 2005 to keep pace with the expanding scope of forestry. Source: Department of Forestry Website [http://www.for.msu.edu/about/historical_timeline/]

Scope and Contents

The records of the forestry department consist of research papers, correspondence, pamphlets, and field reports from various counties in Michigan. Also included is a folder of correspondence from C. O. Willets with the Agriculture Research Service, history of the Conservation Nursery at Michigan State University, and materials about maple syrup production including reports, and correspondence. Other notable topics include Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honor society. Also included is the student publication *Sawdust* from 1937 and *Dunbar Forester*, a student publication from the Dunbar Forest camp in 1938.

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