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William L. Burlison Papers

Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, UIUC

In 2016, the granddaughter of Professor Burlison donated additional materials to the University Archives. This second accession was added to the original finding aid beginning with box 3.

Finding Aid:

<http://archives.library.illinois.edu/uasfa/0806022.pdf>

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Biographical Sketch

Born Sept. 3, 1882 Garfield County, Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma Preparatory School, Norman

1902-05 Oklahoma A & M, B.S.

1905-06 University of Illinois

1906-08 Agronomy Assistant, Oklahoma A & M

1908 University of Illinois, M.S. Agronomy

1908- Assistant Professor Agronomy, Oklahoma A & M

1910-12 Associate Editor, Northwest Farmstead

1912-15 University of Illinois, Ph.D.

Associate in Crop Production, University of Illinois

1915-18 Associate Professor in Crop Production, University of Illinois

1918- Professor in Crop Production, University of Illinois

1920- Head, Agronomy Dept., University of Illinois

May 19, 1909 married Flossie Belle Lewis - born March 1, 1885 Media, Kansas; parents - George W. & Elvessa M. Lewis

1. Lewis E. 1914-
2. Ruth Helen 1918-
3. Margaret A. 1922-
4. David 1924-

William L. Burlison died on December 25, 1958.

Flossie Belle Lewis died on July 15, 1972.

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Finding Aid

Box 1:

William L. Burlison & Family Photographs, 1888-1908
Flossy B. Lewis & Family Photographs, 1890-1908
Fossy B. Lewis, 1899-1909
Bartlesville & Ramona Oklahoma Newspapers, 1907-08
Lewis Family, 1909-50
Correspondence and Programs, 1908-18
Publications - WLB, 1909, 1915-19
Burlison Photographs, 1910-20
Correspondence, W. L. Burlison, 1909-13
Correspondence, Clippings & Programs, 1920-29
Publications - WLB, 1920-28
Photographs, W. L. Burlison, 1924-29
Eugene Davenport, 1922-40
 Agricultural research; Extension Service; Portrait
Agronomy, Course Outlines, 1927
Correspondence, Programs & Clippings, 1930-39
Photographs, 1930-39
Publications, W. L. Burlison, 1930-39
Correspondence, Clippings & Programs, 1940-49
Photographs, 1941-49
Publications, 1940-49
Correspondence & Programs, 1950-51
Clippings, 1950-51
"Leader, Agricultural Statesman, Friend," 1951
Correspondence, Programs, 1952-59
Clippings, 1952-59
Photographs, W. L. Burlison, 1950-58
Publications, List (1951), 1950-58
Obituaries, Dec. 1958
Cards & Birthday Book, Awards & Diplomas, 1941-58
W. L. Burlison, 1959-68
Mrs. W. L. Burlison (F.B. Lewis), 1959-72
Clippings and Correspondence, 1960, 1962-64, 1967-68

Box 2:

Scrapbook, 1905-08, 1916-20, 1927-42
 Newspaper clippings, correspondence and programs relating to biographical articles, soybean industry, crops research, Boy Scouts, speeches at public meetings, appointments a

Oklahoma A & M (1906-08), Illinois transcript of grades (1920), congratulations on appointment to the headship of the Agronomy Department (1920), honorary degree of Doctor of Agriculture from Oklahoma A & M (1927), Alpha Tau Alpha

Scrapbook, 1938-49

Scrapbook, 1941-51

Report of University of Illinois Civilian Defense Council, 1945

WLB was commander of the University Civilian Defense Corps. 295 page typewritten report, including training sessions, minutes of meetings, list of art works, protection of records.

Speech Material Scrapbook, 1905, 1927, 1934, 1939, 1946-51

Quotations, clippings and correspondence relating to soybeans, research administration (1948), personal relations, staff evaluations and religious topics. The book includes the June 1905 issue of Oklahoma A & M's The College Paper.

Letters to Dr. W. L. Burlison, June 8, 1951

Presentation volume of greetings compiled for Burlison Retirement Dinner, including copies of remarks and speeches on that occasion. Letters are in alphabetical order by writers.

Your Friends Say . . . Volume 1, June 1951

Ackerman - Young

Your Friends Say . . . Volume 2, June 1951

Everett Mitchell, Abbott - Zellmer

Speech Idea, 1954-56

Scrapbook, 1954-58

Containing clippings on agricultural meetings and crop production

2ND ACCESSION (2016) DONATED BY THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF WILLIAM L. BURLISON

Arrangement:

Series 1: Biographical and Personal Materials

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This series contains biographical and personal materials including a biography, University of Illinois appointment correspondence, news clippings, obituaries, photographs, and an A.S.A. gavel. The series is arranged chronologically; the oversize photograph is located in box 24.

Box 3:

1. Appointment correspondence with University of Illinois College of Agriculture, 1915-1920
2. W. L. Burlison, Ph.D. President, A.S.A. gavel, 1926-1927
3. Agronomy Advisory Board photograph, 1927
4. Honors, ca. 1944-1962
5. Burlison honors and awards photographs, 1948-1958
6. News clippings about Burlison, 1949-1950

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7. "New Highs in Public Relations and National Recognition" talk by Dr. Burlison and Dr. Donald F. Jones, ca. 1950s
8. Photographs, ca. 1950s
9. The Holbert Medal Citation, 1950
10. Burlison retirement news clippings, 1950-1951
11. "To Dr. W. L. Burlison (a Tribute)," The Chicago Farmer's Club, 1951
12. Annual Banquet of the Illinois Crop Association Inc., program, 1951
13. In appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Burlison, program, 1951
14. Biography of Dr. William Leonidas Burlison, June 1, 1951
15. Bane, Lita, "The Story of Isabel Bevier," 1955 (with original book jacket and inscription by Bane)
16. Commission on Aging and Aged, appointment, 1958
17. Obituaries correspondence and news clippings, 1959

OS Box 24:

1. E. Davenport portrait photograph with signature, 1942

Processing note: In 2016, the granddaughter of Professor Burlison donated additional materials to the University Archives. Duplicates were weeded upon arrival at UIUC, frames were removed, and private materials were returned to the family; titles in [] are titles provided by archivist. The papers were processed by Emily Menendez in Fall 2016, supervised by Susanne Belovari.