PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF PURDUE WOMEN

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Susan Bulkeley Butler Women’s Archives

Purdue University Archives and Special Collections

- One of four distinct collecting areas within Purdue Archives
- Acquire, preserve, and make available for research the often overlooked and underrepresented stories of women
- 230+ collections documenting women’s history
- 149 years of women’s history at Purdue

Senior class photograph outside Eliza Fowler Hall, 1900-1909
2006 - Susan Bulkeley Butler donates funds to establish the Women’s Archives after hearing University Archivist, Sammie Morris, speak about absence of women in Purdue Archives collections

2010 - Women’s Archives Development Council, comprised of alumnae and donors, forms to raise funds for a full-time archivist dedicated to managing the Women’s Archives

2012 - Purdue University President France A. Córdova provides funding to endow a full-time women’s archivist position
Scholarship and Recognition

Information used for publications, documentaries, student research, campus initiatives, and more

Clara Bell Sessions
Winifred Parker White
Frieda Parker Jefferson
Helen Bass Williams
Captain Dorothy Stratton
Amelia Earhart
“Today, when the word career is everywhere, [women] are told what they have been doing through the centuries is their career. Should they accept that unquestioningly, or not?”

Amelia Earhart, First Conference on Women's Work and Opportunities at Purdue University, November 26, 1935
Time to test your knowledge of Purdue women!
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