

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF PURDUE WOMEN

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Introduction to Women's Archives

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

History of Women's Archives

- **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. Córdoba provides funding to endow a full-time women's archivist position



Susan Bulkeley Butler



Dr. France A. Córdoba

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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