

Paul Boving fonds

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Fonds Description

Paul Boving fonds. – 1915-1943.

30 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

Paul Axel Boving was born in 1874 in Denmark. He studied at the Alnarp Agriculture Institute in Sweden and in 1916 he joined the newly formed U.B.C. Department of Agronomy as assistant professor. He taught Agronomy 1 and 2, as well as several extra sessional courses to returning soldiers. His primary areas of interest were the study of weeds, turnips, seed production, cultural methods and fertilizers. During 1925 and 1926, Boving was absent on sick leave, during which time G.G. Moe was acting head of the department. Boving resigned in 1930 due to ill health, but remained in the department until his retirement in 1939. Shortly after his retirement, Boving was awarded an honorary doctorate degree. He died in 1947.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of lecture notes and other course materials, manuscripts, correspondence, and published materials that were produced and received by Boving during his professional activities as professor of agronomy. It is arranged in three series, plus a separate adult education reference file. The records are arranged in alphabetical or chronological order. Occasionally Boving has identified subject categories.

Notes

The records are in fragile condition.

File list available.

Related records may be found in the [Department of Agronomy fonds](#).

Series Descriptions

Lectures series. – 1917-1930.

23 cm.

Series consists of notes and copies of lectures prepared by Boving. Original file titles have been preserved wherever they have been identified. Because the original order of the remaining lectures has been lost, they have been arranged in alphabetical order by title – it is possible that Boving originally organized them by subject. Lecture fragments have been filed separately. Most of the lectures are undated.

Speeches series. – 1915-1944.

6 cm.

Series consists of drafts and copies of speeches prepared by Boving and presented to various academic and community groups. The drafts are titled and page numbers clearly marked, and in most cases the occasion and date of the address is noted. Arranged in chronological order. Undated speeches are arranged separately.

Radio Broadcasts series. – 1926-1943.

1.5 cm.

Series consists of 10 scripts for broadcasts with the C.N.R.V. and C.B.C. radio stations.

Adult Education Reference file. – [193?].

0.5 cm.

File contains brochures and pamphlets regarding the development of adult education evening agricultural courses.

File List

A. LECTURES, ca. 1917-1939 – 10 files

A.1 Soils and Soil Management Course, 1917

File 1-1

A.2 Agronomy and Animal Husbandry Course, 1918

File 1-2

A.3 Agronomy 2

File 1-3

A.4 Clovers and Grasses

File 1-4

Includes 5 drafts in the following order:

Alfalfa Hay as a Substitute for Oil Meal Concentrates, 2 p.

[Bees], 3 p.

Clover and Grass Mixtures, 5 p.

Grain, 8 p.

Laying Down of Permanent Pastures, 2 p.

A.5 History of Agriculture

Files 1-5, 1-6

Includes a draft of the 270 page manuscript entitled, "The History of Agriculture," and a condensed version of pages 1-97 of the complete manuscript. The manuscript includes a detailed subject index. The course was given by Boving from 1930 to 1939.

A.6 Roots

File 1-7

Includes 4 drafts in the following order:

The Feeding Value of Roots, 190 p.

The History of Roots, 10 p.

Seedgrowing from Roots: Before and Now, 55 p.

Seedgrowing from Roots: Contracted, 10 p.

A.7 Scandinavian Literature

Files 1-8, 1-9

Includes 18 drafts in the following order:
Danish Literature: Contemporary Authors, 21 p.
Danish Literature: Georg Brandes, 20 p.
Development of Handicrafts in Scandinavian Countries During the Last Sixty Years, 10 p.
European Sketches, 32 p.
Finn Malmgren: In Memoriam, 7 p.
Points of Contacts Between The British and the Scandinavians, 10 p.
Scandinavian Rambles: From Danish Pigs to Gustaf Froding, 18 p.
Scandinavian Art: A Dissertation, 28 p.
Scandinavian Countries: Background, 26 p.
Scandinavian Countries: Present Situation, 29 p.
Scandinavian Impressions, 11 p.
Scandinavians, 23 p.
Swedish Literature, 37 p.
Swedish Literature: Lyric Poetry, 29 p.
Swedish Literature: Selma Lagerlof, 22 p.
Swedish Literature: Verner von Heidenstam, 15 p.
Swedish Lore, 15 p.
Swedish Lyric Poet: Erik Axel Karlfeldt, 17 p.

A.8 Weeds

Files 1-10, 1-11

Includes rough drafts and a finished copy of the manuscript entitled, "Weeds: Our Most Common Crop." Also includes a 1931 pamphlet on weed eradication.

A.9 Lectures, "A"-"M"

File 1-12

Includes 25 manuscripts in the following order:

Acre Production of Butter-Fat, 14 p.
Alfalfa and Soil Fertility, 6 p.
Backyard Pleasures, 8 p.
Barnyard Gold, 7 p.
Brief Summary of Some Basic Principles in the Use of Fertilizers, 17 p.
Cheap Roughage, 7 p.
Comparative Yields of Various Field Crops at U.B.C. 6 p.
Crossing in Roads, 14 p.
Danish Agriculture, 8 p.
The Department of Agronomy, 2 p.
Desirable and Undesirable Crossing, 5 p.

Drainage and Water Power, 11 p.
Fall vs. Spring Plowing, 4 p.
Farm Management: Results from European Investigations Sweden, 36 p.
Green Feed for Poultry, 4 p.
The History and Philosophy of Plowing, 8 p.
Humus or Vegetable Mould: A Fundamental Factor in Soil Fertility, 7 p.
Judging or Cow Testing, 19 p.
Literature, Science and Religion, 12 p.
Manure and Fertilizers, 9 p.
Manure and Manuring, 15 p.
Marketing, 9 p.
Memorandum re: A.I.V. Ensilage, 10 p.
Modern Developments in Agriculture, 3 p.
Moisture and its Conservation, 7 p.

A.10 Lectures, "O"-"S"

File 1-13

Includes 16 manuscripts in the following order:

Outline of Course in Farm Management, 16 p.
Preservation, Use and Effect of Solid and Liquid Manure, 11 p.
Production of Pure Seed Grain in British Columbia, 5 p.
Recommendations re: Cultural Methods of Turf-making for Aviation Camp, 7 p.
Recommendations re: Turf Making, 4 p.
Roots for Feeding Purposes, 19 p.
Seed Growing and Breeding, 52 p.
Short Outline of Theories of Heredity, 26 p.
Soil Fertility: Manure and Fertilizers, 5 p.
Soil and Soil Fertility, 7 p.
Soiling and Ensilage Crops Other than Corn and Sunflowers, 2 p.
Some Considerations for Alfalfa Seed Growing, 10 p.
Some Farm Policies, 9 p.
Some Glimpses into Horticultural History, 13 p.
Some Thousand Years, 4 p.
Something of Interest for Every One, 8 p.
Succulent Feeds, 3 p.
Succulent Foods with Special Reference to Corn and Roots, 20 p.
The U.B.C. Swede, 3 p.

A.11 Lecture fragments, n.d.

File 1-14

Contains lecture fragments and notes.

B. SPEECHES, 1915-1940 – 6 files

B.1 Speeches, 1915-18

File 1-15

Includes 4 manuscripts in the following order:

1915 Experimental Work and Mendelism in Roots, 19 p.

1917 Roots: Their Culture and Feeding Value, 12 p.

1918 The Garden and Soil Fertility, 3 p., Soil and Soil Fertility, 13 p.

B.2 Speeches, 1920-23

File 1-16

Includes 11 manuscripts in the following order:

1920 The Dangers and Evils of Crossing, 5 p., Valuation of Farm Crops, 15 p.

1921 Recent Advances in Scandinavian Agriculture, 18 p.

1922 Field Crops for Dairy Cows, 25 p., Soil Microbiology: A Resume and an Appeal, 10 p., Soils and Fertilizers, 16 p., Some Basic Principles in the Use of Fertilizers, 15 p.

1923 Legumes, 8 p., The Relation of the Laboratory to the Field, 9 p., Soils, Fertilizers and Rotations for Potatoes, 27 p., Vegetables for the Dairy Table, 10 p.

B.3 Speeches, 1924-27

File 1-17

Includes 8 manuscripts in the following order:

1924 Crops and Crop Improvement, 14 p., Is Good Seed Worth Its Price? 9 p., Report of the C.S.T.A. Summer Meeting, 21 p.

1925 Acre Values, 18 p., Counting the Cost, 12 p., Plant Breeding, 13 p., The Relative Position of Field Crops, 9 p.

1927 Permanent Pastures, 13 p.

B.4 Speeches, 1932-36

File 1-18

Includes 7 manuscripts in the following order:

1932 Green Crops for Poultry, 6 p., Heredity and Progress, 20 p., The Lime Problem, 6 p.

- 1933 Importance of Roots, 2 p., Progressive Steps in Scandinavian Dairy Cattle Breeding, 10 p.
1935 Some Thoughts on Education, 20 p.
1936 Breeding of Plant, Beast and Man, 8 p.

B.5 Speeches, 1940-44

File 1-19

Includes 3 drafts:

- 1940 Fertilizers, 10 p., U.B.C. Convocation Address, 20 p.
1944 Liberal Education and the University, 18 p.

B.6 Speeches, n.d.

File 1-20

Includes 13 drafts in the following order:

- An Episode in Adult Education, 9 p.
Courage and Energy, 7 p.
Danish Pigs and Swedish Lyrics: With a Little In Between, 17 p.
Forage Crop Production in B.C., 11 p.
Geographers and Geologists, 7 p.
Literature, Science and Religion, 12 p.
Our Daily Bread, 26 p.
The Present Outlook in Seed Growing, 13 p.
Production, Value and Uses of the Potato, 7 p.
Soil Fertility, 9 p.
Some Problems in Agricultural Education, 4 p.
Turnips and Immigration, 18 p.
Turnips and Man, 5 p.

C. RADIO BROADCASTS, 1926-1943 -- 2 files

C.1 C.N.R.V. Broadcasts, 1926-27

File 1-21

- Includes 4 scripts for lectures given on the Vancouver radio station from October 5, 1926 to October 21, 1927. The scripts are in the following order:
- Oct. 6 Muck and Elbow Grease, 7 p.
Oct. 8 Vegetables for the Dairy Table. 10 p.
Oct. 22 Breeding and the State, 10 p.
Oct. 21/27 Plant Breeding, 8 p.

C.2 C.B.C. Broadcasts, 1943

File 1-22

Includes 6 scripts for "B.C. Gardener" broadcasts from March 10 to October 31, 1943.

March 10 Planning, Preparing and Feeding the Garden

May 9 The Amateur Garden: Weeding, Thinning, Watering and Spraying

Oct. 10 Timely Fall Topics

Oct. 17 The Creation of Soil

Oct. 24 A Moving Picture of Soil Creation

Oct. 31 Water in Abundance and Scarcity

D. ADULT EDUCATION REFERENCE FILE, 193? – 1 file

File 1-23