

Arthur Evan Boss fonds

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Fonds Description

Arthur Evan Boss fonds. – 1917-1925.

1 album [560 b&w photographs].

Biographical Sketch

Arthur Evan Boss graduated from UBC as part of the Arts '21 class. He then completed an [M.A. in chemistry](#) in 1923. Following graduation he appears to have gone to the United States. The 1932 edition of the *Graduate Chronicle* listed him among the alumni with whom the organization had “lost contact”. In 1937 he was listed as working as a research chemist for the Columbia Alkali Corp. in Barberton, Ohio. According to the American Chemical Society Boss died on May 18, 1949.

Custodial History

After Boss' death it is presumed that the album remained with members of his family until 2010. An antiques dealer in New Jersey then purchased it from an estate sale, and eventually offered it for sale to UBC Library.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of an album created by former UBC student Arthur Evan Boss. It contains over 560 small black and white photographs of which approximately the first half relate to UBC and were taken between 1917 and 1924. The 232 UBC images include many views of students and student life at the original Fairview campus. As well as posed individual shots of students, there are many photographs of various student activities including the annual class picnic. Although there is limited duplication of images already in the Archives, the photographs are, for the most part, unique and a large majority of them have captions with enough information for identifying individuals. Images in the second half of the album are largely undescribed and undated, and do not seem to relate to UBC.

Note

Researchers are strongly advised to check with the University Archives regarding permission to publish or otherwise use materials from this fonds.

The album pages containing the UBC images have been digitized ([PDF copy](#)) and the original stored with Albums in the UBC Archives. Selected images from the album have been scanned and added to UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Collection \(UBC 156.1\)](#)

Similar images from the same time period can be found in the [Albert Richards fonds](#) and the [George Van Wilby fonds](#).