

# Frederick A. Cutter Papers

1902-1996 (*Bulk:* 1902-1914)

6 boxes (4 linear ft.)

**Call no.:** FS 090

## Read collection overview [Collection overview](#)

A member of the Massachusetts Agricultural College class of 1907, Frederick A. Cutter participated in football, basketball, and baseball as a student, and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

The Cutter collection contains photographs of the 1907 football team, the 1906 and 1907 members of Phi Sigma Kappa, and it includes a uniform from the M.A.C. basketball team, 1907, Massachusetts pennants and banners, a Lowell High School sweater from 1902, and early M.A.C. football equipment, including cleats and a nose guard.

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## Background on Frederick A. Cutter

Born in Pelham, New Hampshire, in 1882, Frederick A. Cutter attended Lowell High School before enrolling into the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1902. One of the first students on a five year plan, Cutter graduated as a member of the class of 1907. During his time at the college, he became known for his jovial nature, earning the nickname "Joke," and for his involvement in athletics. The center on the varsity football team, he was also a forward on the basketball team, manager of the baseball team, and a member of the Undergraduate Athletic Board. In his equally active social life, he served as head of the Komical Klub, a Vaudeville cast member, and he was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

After graduating, Cutter established a successful tree care business in Orange, New Jersey.

## Scope of collection

A quirky reflection of an undergraduate's life at Massachusetts Agricultural College at the turn of the twentieth century, the Frederick A. Cutter collection includes photographs of the 1907 football team and the 1906 and 1907 members of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, a uniform for the 1907 M.A.C. basketball team, large MAC pennants and banners, and a Lowell High School sweater from 1902. There is also a collection of 1907 M.A.C. football gear, including cleats and a nose guard.

Worthy of note is a photograph of the graduating class of 1907, which includes one of the university's first female graduates, Susie D. Livers, as well as one of its first African American graduates, John T. Caruthers. Cutter's collection also contains the earliest extant M.A.C. basketball uniform. Among the remainder of the collection are some reunion paraphernalia from the class of 1907, Columbia University Calendars for 1909 and 1910, the 1914 M.A.C. bulletin, a 1907 commencement program from Mount Holyoke College, and Cutter's own Zoology notebook. The collection is organized chronologically, with textiles housed in separate boxes.

## Collection inventory

Football membership certificate	1903 Dec. 4	Box 1: 1
Zoology Lab. Notes and Drawings	ca.1904	Box 1: 2
M.A.C. Senior Banquet Program	1907 June 19	Box 1: 3
Mount Holyoke Commencement Program	1907 June 16	Box 1: 4
Columbia University Calendar	1909	Box 1: 5
Columbia University Calendar	1910	Box 1: 6
M.A.C. Bulletin	1914	Box 1: 7
25th Reunion Photo	1932	Box 1: 8
Felt Reunion Arm Band	1957	Box 1: 9
Massachusetts Alumnus	1957 Summer	Box 1: 10
F.A. Cutter and Co. Tree Surgery	1958-1959	Box 1: 11
Interiors of non-M.A.C. buildings	Undated	Box 1: 12
Pelham, NH Calendar	1996	Box 1: 13
Football and student photos	ca.1906	Box 1: 14

Box 2

Graduating class Photo, Phi Sigma Kappa Photos, Marching Band Photo	1906-1907	
M.A.C. Calendars	1906, 1913	Box 3
M.A.C Pendant, M.A.C. Banner	Undated	Box 4
Lowell High Sweater, M.A.C. Basketball uniform	ca.1902-1907	Box 5
Football Gear	ca.1907	Box 6

## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Harriet McLane, daughter of Frederick A. Cutter, graciously donated this collection to University Archives on November 14, 2000. After her father's passing, McLane and her sister inherited his house, located in New Jersey, and all his belongings. McLane moved to Palm Springs California, while her sister moved into their childhood home. McLane discovered the collection in a box in the attic of her sister's house while cleaning it out after her unfortunate passing. After she discovered the significance of the contents of the box she contacted Michael Milewski of the University Archives and chose to donate the collection to the University her father loved so much.

### Processing Information

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### Related Material

RG-50/6 Classes (Alumni) Class of 1907

RG-90/P5.6 Fraternities and Sororities, Phi Sigma Kappa

RG-18/2 Sports--Men's Football and Men's Basketball

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English

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## Search terms

### Names

- Caruthers, John T.

Football.

- Massachusetts Agricultural College--Students.

- Cutter, Frederick A.
- Livers, Suzie D.
- Massachusetts Agricultural College. Class of 1907.
- Massachusetts Agricultural College--Basketball.
- Massachusetts Agricultural College--

- Phi Sigma Kappa (Massachusetts State College).

#### Genre terms

- Photographs.
- Sports uniforms.

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