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## Inventory of the Edwin C. Voorhies Papers

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**Creator:** Voorhies, Edwin C. (Edwin Coblentz), 1891-1967

**Title:** Edwin C. Voorhies Papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1925-1966

**Extent:** 5.2 linear feet

**Abstract:** Edwin C. Voorhies (1891-1967) served as Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of California (1925-1958) and Dean of Students and Vice-Chair of the Statewide Department of Agricultural Economics (1952-1957). His papers contain correspondence, lecture notes, scrapbooks, photographs, and materials relating to the history and planning of the University of California, Davis.

**Physical location:** Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

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**Collection number:** D-089

**Language of Material:** Collection materials in English.

### Biography

Edwin Coblentz Voorhies (1891-1967) began his fifty four year career with the University of California in 1913, immediately after graduation from the University's Berkeley campus. He served on the Davis campus from 1913 to 1925 in the Department of Animal Husbandry, except for a period of service in the Army during World War I. In 1925 when the Department of Agricultural Economics was organized at Berkeley, Professor Voorhies became one of its founding members. In addition to his professorial duties on the Berkeley campus, he also served the University as Dean of Students. He served at Davis as Vice-Chairman of the Statewide Department of Agricultural Economics from 1952 to 1957, when he resumed full-time professorial duties. He retired in 1958.

In 1962, Voorhies received an honorary LL.D at the 1962 Charter Day ceremonies. Voorhies Hall on the University of California, Davis campus was named in his honor in 1965.

Source:

Carter, H.O., Hedges, T.R., and Snyder, J. Herbert. "Edwin C. Voorhies." *In Memoriam*. [Berkeley, Calif. : Academic Senate], 1968.

### Scope and Content

The Edwin C. Voorhies Papers which span the years 1925-1966 contain correspondence, lecture notes, scrapbooks, photographs, and materials relating to the history and planning of the University of California, Davis.

### Arrangement of the Collection

The papers are arranged in seven series: 1. Writings, 2. Correspondence, 3. Lecture Notes, 4. Translations, 5. University of California Planning Materials, 6. Scrapbooks and Ephemera, 7. Photographs.

### Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Voorhies, Edwin C. (Edwin Coblentz), 1891-1967--Archives

University of California, Davis--Faculty--Archives

University of California, Davis--History

University of California, Davis. Dept. of Agricultural Economics--History

Hunt, Thomas Forsyth, 1862-1927

### Access

Collection is open for research.

### Processing Information

Sara Gunasekara processed this collection and created and encoded this finding aid. Student employee Linda Trach assisted with data entry work.

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Series 1. **Writings 1925-1955**

**Physical Description:** 0.4 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains several works by Voorhies relating to the history of the University of California, Davis as well as notes from his sabbatical in 1955.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 1:1

**Agricultural Economics Department History and background materials 1925-1965**

Box 1:2

**I Remember undated**

Box 1:3

**Memoirs: 1909-1955 1955**

Box 1:4-7

**Sabbatical notes 1955**

Box 1:8

**The University of California at Davis undated**

Series 2. **Correspondence 1944-1964**

**Physical Description:** 0.4 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains one outgoing letter from Voorhies and more than forty incoming letters, the majority of which offer congratulations for the honorary degree Voorhies received at Charter Day in 1962. Additional correspondence can be found in the scrapbooks in Series 6.

Arranged into two subseries: Outgoing and Incoming.

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Subseries 2.1 **Outgoing 1944**

**Physical Description:** 1 letter

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains one letter from Nelle Branch, Librarian at the University Farm (now the University of California, Davis).

Box 2:1

**Branch, Nelle U. 1944 December 18**

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Subseries 2.2 **Outgoing 1945-1964**

**Physical Description:** 42 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Box 2:2

**Adams, Frank 1962 April 6**

Box 2:3

**Alcorn, George B. 1962 April 19**

Box 2:4

**Bellquist, Eric C. 1962 April 17**

Box 2:5

**Benedict, Murray R. 1962 April 16**

Box 2:6

**Branch, Nelle U. 1945 January 3**

Box 2:7

**Briggs, Fred N. 1962 February 13**

Box 2:8

**De Loach, Barton 1962 April 5**

Box 2:9

**Dewell, Peggy 1962**

Box 2:10

**Everson, Gladys 1962 April 11**

Box 2:11

**Harper, Lawrence A. 1962 April 16**

Box 2:12

**Hills, Jack 1962 April 8**

Box 2:13

**Hodgson, Robert W. 1962 May 28**

Box 2:14

**Kendrick, J. 1962 April 16**

Box 2:15

**Kerr, Clark 1962 January 30**

Box 2:16 **Kerr, Clark 1962 April 12**  
Box 2:17 **Kerr, Clark 1963 December 31**  
Box 2:18 **Kerr, Clark 1964 June 29**  
Box 2:19 **Kerr, Clark 1964 July 24**  
Box 2:20 **Leidholt, John D. 1962**  
Box 2:21 **Leidholt, John D. 1962 May 5**  
Box 2:22 **Lindfors, P.J.C. 1962 June 19**  
Box 2:23 **Lowrie, Alyce 1962**  
Box 2:24 **Marren, Vivienne 1962**  
Box 2:25 **McCorkle, Chester 1962 March 5**  
Box 2:26 **Meyer, J.H. 1964 July 3**  
Box 2:27 **Mrak, Emil 1962 July 10**  
Box 2:28 **O'Connor, William 1962 May 29**  
Box 2:29 **O'Connor, William 1964 June 27**  
Box 2:30 **Paine, Tevis 1964 July 1**  
Box 2:31 **Proett, Jacqueline 1962 April 6**  
Box 2:32 **Ryerson, Knowles 1964 August 15**  
Box 2:33 **Sammet, Loy 1962 April 9**  
Box 2:34 **Shontz, Howard B. 1964 July 1**  
Box 2:35 **Simpson, Bob 1962**  
Box 2:36 **Taylor, Laurence W. 1962 April 12**  
Box 2:37 **Towle, Katherine A. 1962 April 18**  
Box 2:38 **Wantrup, S.V. 1962 April 10**  
Box 2:39 **Weaver, Jack E. 1962 April 5**  
Box 2:40 **Woolsey, John Homer 1962 April 10**  
Box 2:41 **Wright, Celeste 1962 April 5**  
Box 2:42 **Wright, Celeste 1964**  
Box 2:43 **Unidentified 1962-1964**

Series 3. **Lecture notes 1922-1958**

**Physical Description:** 1.6 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains notes and outlines for a course which had the following designations: Agriculture 101, Agricultural Economics 100, and Agricultural Economics 125. Throughout most of the years the course was offered, the title was Comparative Agriculture.

The course was offered by Thomas Hunt from 1922-1927. When Hunt passed away, Voorhies took over teaching it and continued until his retirement in 1958. The course was then taken over by Dr. Hedges and Dr. Tinley.

Arranged in lecture number order.

Box 3:1 **Explanation of lecture notes undated**  
Box 3:2 **First semester 1922-1923**  
Box 3:3 **First semester 1924-1925**  
Box 3:4 **Lecture 1 1925**  
Box 3:5 **Lecture 2 1925-1955**  
Box 3:6 **Lecture 3 undated**  
Box 3:7 **Lecture 4 circa 1925-1955**  
Box 3:8 **Lecture 5 circa 1925-1955**  
Box 3:9 **Lecture 6 1923-1955**  
Box 3:10 **Lecture 8 circa 1925-1958**  
Box 3:11 **Lecture 9 1926-1954**  
Box 3:12 **Lecture 10 circa 1926-1956**  
Box 3:13 **Lecture 12 1926-1955**  
Box 4:1 **Lecture 13 circa 1926-1954**  
Box 4:2 **Lecture 14 1926-1958**  
Box 4:3 **Lecture 15 1926-1955**  
Box 4:4 **Lecture 16 circa 1926-1955**  
Box 4:5 **Lecture 17 1926**

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Box 4:6	<b>Lecture 18 1926</b>
Box 4:7	<b>Lecture 19 1926</b>
Box 4:8	<b>Lecture 20 1926</b>
Box 4:9	<b>Lecture 21 1926</b>
Box 4:10	<b>Lecture 22 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 4:11	<b>Lecture 23 1924-1926</b>
Box 4:13	<b>Lecture 24 1926-1957</b>
Box 4:13	<b>Lecture 25 1926-1956</b>
Box 4:14	<b>Lecture 27 1925-1956</b>
Box 4:15	<b>Lecture 27 1926</b>
Box 4:16	<b>Lecture 29 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:1	<b>Lecture 32 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:2	<b>Lecture 33 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:3	<b>Lecture 36 1925-1949</b>
Box 5:4	<b>Lecture 37 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:5	<b>Lecture 38 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:6	<b>Lecture 39 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:7	<b>Lecture 40 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:8	<b>Lecture 41 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:9	<b>Lecture 43 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:10	<b>Lecture 43 undated</b>
Box 5:11	<b>Lecture 44 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:12	<b>Lecture 44 undated</b>
Box 5:13	<b>Lecture 45 undated</b>
Box 5:14	<b>Lecture 46 circa 1926</b>
Box 5:15	<b>Lecture 46, 47, 49 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:16	<b>Lecture 49 1929-1956</b>
Box 5:17	<b>Lecture 51 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:18	<b>Lecture 52 circa 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:19	<b>Lecture 53 1926</b>
Box 5:20	<b>Lecture 54 1926-1955</b>
Box 5:21	<b>Lecture 55 circa 1926</b>
Box 5:22	<b>Lecture 56 1926</b>
Box 6:1	<b>Lecture 57 circa 1926</b>
Box 6:2	<b>Lecture 58 1926</b>
Box 6:3	<b>Lecture 59 circa 1926-1954</b>
Box 6:4	<b>Lecture 61 circa 1926-1954</b>
Box 6:5	<b>Lecture 62 circa 1926</b>
Box 6:6	<b>Lecture 63 circa 1926-1939</b>
Box 6:7	<b>Germany, population and natural resources circa 1926</b>
Box 6:8	<b>Iberian Peninsula circa 1956</b>
Box 6:9	<b>Switzerland undated</b>
Box 6:10	<b>Mexico 1930</b>
Box 6:11	<b>USSR circa 1953-1959</b>
Box 6:12	<b>Yugoslavia circa 1955</b>

Box 7:1-6, Box  
8:1-5, Box 9:1-4

Series 4. **Translations of *Agrarpolitik* circa 1928-1937**

**Physical Description:** 1.2 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains translations from German to English of the work, *Agrarpolitik*, by Friedrich Aereboe. The translations were done by several individuals and corrections by Voorhies appear on many of the pages.

Series 5. **University of California Planning Materials 1956-1966**

**Physical Description:** 1.2 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains materials related to the land and academic planning of the University of California. Arranged into two subseries: Davis Campus and Systemwide.

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Subseries 5.1 **Davis Campus 1956-1966**

**Physical Description:** 1.1 linear feet

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

- Box 10:1 **Academic Plan Departmental Summaries for the University of California, Davis to 1975 1962 September**
- Box 10:2 **Academic Plan for the University of California, Davis, 1964-1975 (proposed) 1964 November**
- Box 10:3 **Academic Plan for the University of California, Davis to 1975 1961 August 25**
- Box 10:4 **Academic Plan for the University of California, Davis to 1980 1961 October 11**
- Box 10:5 **Academic Plan for the University of California, Davis to 1980 1962 November 15**
- Box 10:6 **Academic Plan for the University of California, Davis 1966?**
- Box 11:1-6 **Academic Planning Committee 1960-1966**
- Box 10:7 **Accreditation Report and Schedule for the Western College Association and the California State Board of Education 1961**
- Box 10:8 **FTE Projections Through 1975-1976: Approach and Results 1966?**
- Box 10:9 **Graphic Illustration of Financial Growth and Expansion, July 1, 1945 through June 30, 1958 1958 November 10**
- Box 10:10 **Long Range Academic Program 1957-1958**
- Box 10:11 **Long Range Development Plan, University of California, Davis (Draft) 1963 Spring**
- Box 10:12 **Long Range Development Plan, University of California, Davis 1963**
- Box 12:1-2 **Objectives and Proposed Program 1959**
- Box 12:3 **Physical Facilities Needs of the Davis Campus undated**
- Box 12:4 **Project Planning Guide for Plant Sciences Building 1963 April 1**
- Box 12:5 **Projected Campus Land Needs 1960-1962**
- Box 12:6 **Proposal for a New Entomology Building 1964 January**
- Box 12:7 **Proposed Master Plan, University of California Davis Campus 1956 May 22**
- Box 12:8 **Report of the Committee to Consider the Place of the College of Agriculture on the Berkeley Campus 1956 June**
- Box 12:9 **Report of the Committee to Consider the Place of the College of Agriculture on the Davis Campus 1959 March**
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Subseries 5.2 **Systemwide 1959-1963**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

- Box 12:10 **Academic Plan for the University of California (preliminary draft) 1959 June**
- Box 12:11 **Academic Plan for the University of California 1961 July**
- Box 12:12 **Term Projections, Enrollment 1959-1963**

Series 6. **Scrapbooks and Ephemera 1935-1963**

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains two scrapbooks relating to Voorhies retirement party as well as a guest book from the event. The scrapbooks contain correspondence and photographs. Also included in this series are ephemeral items relating to the 1962 Charter Day ceremony.

Arranged alphabetically.

- Box 13:1 **Biographical information 1935-1963**
- Box 13:2 **Charter Day program and invitation 1962**
- Box 13:3 **Guest book for retirement dinner 1958**
- Box 13:4 **List of friends invited to retirement dinner 1958**
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Box 13:5

**List of Voorhies publications 1955**

Box 13:6

**Mention of Voorhies in Henry Morse Stephens Lodge publication 1962**

Box 13:7

**Scrapbook for retirement dinner 1958**

Box 13:8

**Scrapbook for retirement dinner 1958**

Series 7. **Photographs 1962**

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains several photographs of the 1962 Charter Day ceremony as well as photographs taken in Holland.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 2:44

**Charter Day 1962 April 5**

Box 2:45

**Charter Day 1962 April 5**

Box 2:46

**Holland undated**

Box 2:47

**Voorhies, Edwin undated**