

Guide to

MSCIT 025

Col. Bayard F. Floyd Papers

1910s-1940s

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Historical/Biographical Sketch:

Colonel Bayard Franklin Floyd (1882-1945) was a leader in both the citrus and fertilizer industries. He began his career in Florida at the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station in 1907 as a plant pathologist. He took a leave of absence during World War I to join the U.S. Army, eventually earning the rank of Colonel. In 1920, Floyd shifted to the private sector and joined Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company as a horticulturalist and later becoming Vice President. He primarily worked in Davenport as part of Wilson and Toomer's subsidiary the Holly Hill Grove and Fruit Company. Floyd wrote several publications, including numerous bulletins for Wilson and Toomer; he would work for the company until his death in 1945. Colonel Bayard F. Floyd was posthumously inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 1962 as part of its inaugural class of inductees.

Additional Source:

Floyd Memorial Fund in Plant Sciences. Indiana University Bloomington Department of Biology.
<https://biology.indiana.edu/alumni-giving/floyd-memorial-fund-plant-sciences.html>

Notes to Researchers:

Col. Bayard F. Floyd was the first cousin once removed of Vaughn Woods who also worked for the Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company. For more information on the company the two worked for, please see the **Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company Records** as well as the **Vaughn Woods Papers**, who was a soil chemist for the company.

See also the **Holly Hill Grove and Fruit Company Photographs** collection for photographs taken by the company for advertising purposes.

Box Inventory List:

| Box | F# | Series | Title/Description |
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| 1 | | Personal | |
| 1 | 1 | | Newspaper Clippings, 1933 |
| 1 | 2 | | Non-Wilson and Toomer Publications |
| 1 | 3 | | Notebooks, n.d. (1 of 2) |
| 1 | 4 | | Notebooks, n.d. (2 of 2) |
| 1 | 5 | | Re: Birth Record, 1942 |
| 1 | 6 | | Tax Records, 1930s-1940s |
| 2 | | Publications | |
| 2 | 1 | | For Wilson and Toomer, 1910s |
| 2 | 2 | | For Wilson and Toomer, 1920s |
| 2 | 3 | | For Wilson and Toomer, 1930s |