

# Guide to the Society of the Sigma Xi Chapter, Yale University, Records

RU 744



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 744

**CREATOR:** Society of the Sigma Xi. Yale Chapter

**TITLE:** Society of the Sigma Xi chapter, Yale University, records

**DATES:** 1895-1983

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, president's files, by-laws, constitution, minutes, and printed material documenting the operations of the Yale Chapter of the Sigma Xi.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## **Preferred Citation**

Society of the Sigma Xi Chapter, Yale University, Records (RU 744). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Yale Chapter of Sigma Xi was established in 1895. This strictly scientific society, now having 130 chapters across the nation, was founded by Henry Shaler Williams, a graduate from the Class of 1868, Sheffield Scientific School, while he was a professor at Cornell University. When the Yale Chapter was established, active membership was limited to students of the Scientific School but later was opened to other departments of the university. Today the society elects top scholars in science and engineering and also faculty members who have done outstanding work in their fields.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **General note**

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies and organizations.

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## **Arrangement**

The records are arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 19ND-A-483: Records, 1909-1940

president's book: correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	1922-23	
b. 1, f. 2	1923-24	
b. 1, f. 3	1924-25	
b. 1, f. 4	1925-26	
b. 1, f. 5	1926-27	
b. 1, f. 6	1927-28	
b. 1, f. 7	1928-29	
b. 1, f. 8	1929-30	
b. 1, f. 9	1930-31	
b. 1, f. 10	1931-32	
b. 2, f. 11	1932-33	
b. 2, f. 12	1933-1934	
b. 2, f. 13	1934-1935	
b. 2, f. 14	1935-1936	
b. 2, f. 15	1936-1937	
b. 2, f. 16	1937-1938	
b. 2, f. 17	1938-1939	
b. 3, f. 18-19	1939-1940	
b. 3	Miscellaneous President's material	1909, 1928
b. 3	Miscellaneous material, lists	1911-1919
b. 3	Handbooks, proceedings, and petitions	circa 1911-1923
b. 3	president's file: Joseph W. Roe	1910-1911
b. 3	president's file: Joseph Barrell	1911-1912
b. 3	Duties of the President	1912
b. 3	President's file	1912-1913
b. 3	president's file: Arthur L. Dean	1913-1914
b. 4	president's file: L. W. Bahney	1914-1915

b. 4	Sigma Xi Quarterly	1915, 1922
b. 4	Constitution and by-laws and related matter	1921-1923
b. 4	Correspondence	1922-1925
b. 4	Nomination blanks	1920, 1923, undated
b. 4	Notices and miscellaneous correspondence	1922-1933
b. 4	Election and initiation banquet material	1926
b. 4	Membership cards	1931, 1933
b. 4	Simon B. Kleiner election to Sigma Xi	1911

**Accession 1987-A-096: Records, 1895-1983**

b. 1, f. 1 - 2	Constitution, By-Laws, and Membership Register	1895-1966
b. 2, f. 3	History, Half-Century Record and	1886-1936
b. 3, f. 4 - 5	Minutes of meetings and Membership Register	1895-1942
b. 4, f. 6	Proceedings: minutes of meetings, banquet programs, meeting notices	1941-1983
b. 4, f. 7	Song	

**Accession 2008-A-137: Sigma Xi memorabilia, 1940**

b.1	Insignia price list	1940
b.1	Initiation and banquet brochure	1940
b.1	Membership card	1940
b.1	Diploma	1940



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

College students -- Societies, etc.  
Science -- Societies, etc.

### **Corporate Bodies**

Society of the Sigma Xi. Yale Chapter  
Yale University -- Societies, etc.  
Yale University -- Students