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Dean John Shepperd Records
College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources**

Shepperd, Dean John

Dean John Shepperd records, 1905-1915

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BIOGRAPHY

John H. Shepperd was born on a farm in Lucas County, Iowa on January 12, 1869. He was a graduate of Iowa Agricultural College and received a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science from Iowa State College in 1891. He did his graduate work in dairy at the University of Wisconsin and received a

Master's of Science in Agriculture in 1893. He was assistant editor of the *Orange Judd Farmer*, a weekly journal published in Chicago, for one year. He married Adele Frances Taylor on July 3, 1895.

Shepperd was appointed Professor of Agriculture at North Dakota Agricultural College [NDAC] and Agriculturalist of the North Dakota Experiment Station in 1893. In addition to conducting research at the Experiment Station, he taught mathematics. In 1905 he was made Dean of the School of Agriculture and Vice Director of the Experiment Station. From 1906-1915 he was Dean of the School of Agriculture and Professor of Agriculture. In 1914 he was also Chairman of the Livestock Department. From 1915 to 1929 Shepperd was head of the Department of Animal Husbandry. In 1929 Shepperd was made Acting President of NDAC, and the position was made permanent in March of 1930. This was a tumultuous time on campus. The crash of 1929 resulted in reduced staff, salaries, and operating budgets. Because of differences between Shepperd and the Board of Administration, Shepperd resigned in 1937, and was made president emeritus in July of that year. He received an honorary doctorate from Iowa State College in 1928.

Shepperd was president of the Fargo Kiwanis Club for several years. He also had many interests regarding livestock. In 1910 he participated in the New Salem Breeding Circuit. In 1927 and 1929 he was Grand Champion of the International Livestock Exposition. From 1906 to 1938 he was the supervisor of the Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the International Livestock Exposition. His portrait was hung in the Chicago Saddle and Sirloin Club in 1921. He died on January 22, 1939.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of John H. Shepperd consist of three series: Professor and Agriculturalist, Dean, and General Materials. The [Professor and Agriculturalist Series](#) deals primarily with finances for Experiment Station and Agricultural Department from 1896-1900 (gaps). The vast majority of the records in the [Dean and Professor of Agriculture Series](#) consist of departmental and agricultural experiment station inventories from approximately 1909-1911. There is a correspondence file dealing with the proposed establishment of a federal experiment station at Mandan (1912-1913) and a teaching schedule for the Department of Agriculture for Fall 1913 from the Registrar. The [General Materials Series](#), includes invitations and notices of meetings spanning his time as a professor, dean, chairman, and president (1909-1930) as well as a Christmas Greeting from Mr. & Mrs. Shepperd (n.d.).

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