

**S0501 American Chemical Society (St. Louis Chapter) (1903-)
Addenda, 1924-1982
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In 1903 chemists and those working in the growing chemicals industry in St. Louis met and founded a society to discuss their interests, increase their knowledge and "foster good friendships." It was generally considered that this new society was to be a section of the American Chemical Society (founded in 1834) but opposition to this arose, and the St. Louis Chemical Society was organized with 57 members at the first meeting on February 3, 1903.

Before the founding of the new chemical society, the Western Academy of Natural Sciences (founded in 1837) and the St. Louis Academy of Science (founded in 1856) served as forums for presentation of papers on chemical subjects.

One of the reasons for the chemists to organize themselves was the impending Louisiana Purchase Exposition which was to be held in 1904 in St. Louis at which many famous American and European chemists would have exhibits. The St. Louis Chemical Society set up information stations and aided exhibitors. At a gala banquet representatives of the local chemical industry included the American Car Foundry, Laclede Gas, Carmer Dry Plate, Sligo Furnace, Lambert Pharmaceutical, Mallinkrodt, Merck, United Zinc, and Meyer Bros., as well as representatives from St. Louis University, Washington University and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

In 1907 the St. Louis section of the American Chemical Society was organized. The territory of the section was to include a radius of 125 miles in Missouri and 25 miles in Illinois. Until 1911 the two chemical societies met together for their scientific meetings, when the St. Louis Chemical Society was disbanded.

A comprehensive history of the American Chemical Society St. Louis section has been written by Dr. Jane A. Miller, Department of Chemistry, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and may be found in Box 15, Folder 149 of Collection number 4.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The addenda to the American Chemical Society St. Louis section consists mostly of subject files. Within these subject files are correspondence, memos, lists, and anything pertaining to topics which concerned the membership and their activities. The annual reports series is fairly complete for later years with a few notable exceptions. The correspondence series is vague, but it is well complemented with the initial collection, which is number 4. The financial records contained within this collection is mostly bank books, bank statements, and cancelled checks. Expense reports and a few treasurer's reports are also included. This addenda has much helpful information, but the original collection should be viewed in order to form a clearer picture of this group and its activities.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1, Annual Reports: This series consists only of annual reports of the St. Louis Section of the American Chemical Society. Dates range from 1934 to 1977. The earlier reports have several missing editions, but the more recent reports can be found here. Folders 1 through 11.

Series 2, Correspondence: This series contains general correspondence and the Chairman's correspondence. Dates range from 1969 to 1980. Folders 12 through 17. For more correspondence, see collection S0004.

Series 3, Financial Records: This series consists of bank books, bank statements, cancelled checks, expense reports and treasurer's reports. Dates range from 1924 to 1941. Folders 18 through 33.

Series 4, Publications: This series contains copies of The Chemical Bond, the Bulletin, and various other published reports of the St. Louis Section. Dates range from 1936 to 1980. Folders 34 to 49.

Series 5, Society Business: This series contains the Society's subject files. Included are minutes, information on committees and committee activities, conferences, lists of members, information on the Board of Directors, the secretary, and the treasurer. Annual files can also be found in this series from 1970 to 1980. Dates range from 1942 to 1982. Folders 50 through 128.

Series 6, Photographs: This series includes photographs of the 1954 Winheim Award Presentation and photos of the 13th Annual Midwest Conference held in 1957. Folders 129 through 130.

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