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Sources and Abbreviations

At the time of his retirement in 1953, Dean Potter left the bulk of his official papers and correspondence to be stored at Purdue. An unfortunate accident destroyed most of these papers. What remained were kept in his office and were made available for this biography.

In 1969 an interview with Dean Potter was recorded on tape. A typescript was prepared and then edited by the Dean, who added some documents and comments to the copy now in the Purdue University Archives. Direct quotations and information based on this interview are cited as follows: Purdue University Archives (hereinafter referred to as P.U. Arch.). Oral History Program. Interviews with Andrey A. Potter, June and July 1969 (hereinafter referred to as Interview).

The papers of Andrey A. Potter will be referred to as (Potter) Papers, the Kansas State University Archives as K.S. Arch., and the letters and memoranda to George Hawkins and Robert B. Eckles concerning Dean Potter which were collected for this biography as Biog. Notes.

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