

A Guide to the
Woolfolk Jr., Elkin Oscar Collection, 1912-1990
Papers 1949-1968
Fisk University Archives

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Biographical Note: A native of Tupelo, Mississippi, the son of the late Reverend and E. O. (Irene) Woolfolk, Sr., Dr. Woolfolk graduated from Talladega College with a B.A. degree. He was awarded a M.S. degree from the Ohio State University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Woolfolk's education well prepared him for his multifaceted career in research and teaching. He was a research chemist with the War Department and later with the United States Bureau of Mines. His teaching and administrative career spanned some thirty-eight years, from an instructor of chemistry at Claflin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, to Professor and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Director of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, all at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

He was named Professor Emeritus at Central State in 1973. In addition, he was formerly Director, Cooperative Academic Planning Program for the Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D.C. From 1973 to 1978 he was Dean at Fisk University.

As an eminent scholar, Dr. Woolfolk had numerous publications to his credit, including articles, monographs, and a textbook in chemistry which he co-authored. Due to these and other contributions, he was recognized through memberships in various honorary organizations, such as Phi Lambda Upsilon, Sigma Xi, and Beta Kappa Chi. His name is also found in *Who's Who In American Education*, *Chemical Who's Who*, *Leaders In American Science*, and *American Men of Sciences*.

Dr. Woolfolk, who was a firm believer in the philosophy that "one who receives is responsible for giving back to society," was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Chi Boulé), and N.A.A.C.P.

Dr. Elkin Oscar Woolfolk died on December 2, 1990.

Scope Note: The Elkin Oscar Woolfolk collection consists of three archival boxes (1.5 linear feet). The collection is small containing correspondence, research and study materials, and publications. There are also various printed materials and reports. In addition, the collection contains an abundance of organic chemistry course materials from his career at Central State University.

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Inventory

Box 1

- f. 1. Correspondence, General -- 1954-1959
- 2. Correspondence, General -- 1968
- 3. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 202
- 4. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 202
- 5. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 203
- 6. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 203
- 7. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 213
- 8. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 301
- 9. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry 301
- 10. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry Supplementary Materials
- 11. Course Materials -- Organic Chemistry Supplementary Materials
- 12. Publications -- Authored by Elkin Oscar Woolfolk, 1967

Box 2

- f. 1. Printed Materials -- Annotated Bibliography 1949-1952
- 2. Printed Materials -- Annotated Bibliography 1954-1956
- 3. Printed Materials -- 1962-1966
- 4. Printed Materials -- 1967-1968
- 5. Printed Materials -- Miscellaneous
- 6. Reports -- 1965-1966
- 7. Reports -- 1966-1967
- 8. Reports -- 1967

Box 3

- f. 1. Science Research and Study Materials -- Composition book
- 2. Science Research and Study Materials -- Composition book
- 3. Science Research and Study Materials -- Composition book
- 4. Science Research and Study Materials -- Composition book
- 5. Science Research and Study Materials -- 1967 Summer Institute for Academic Administrators