



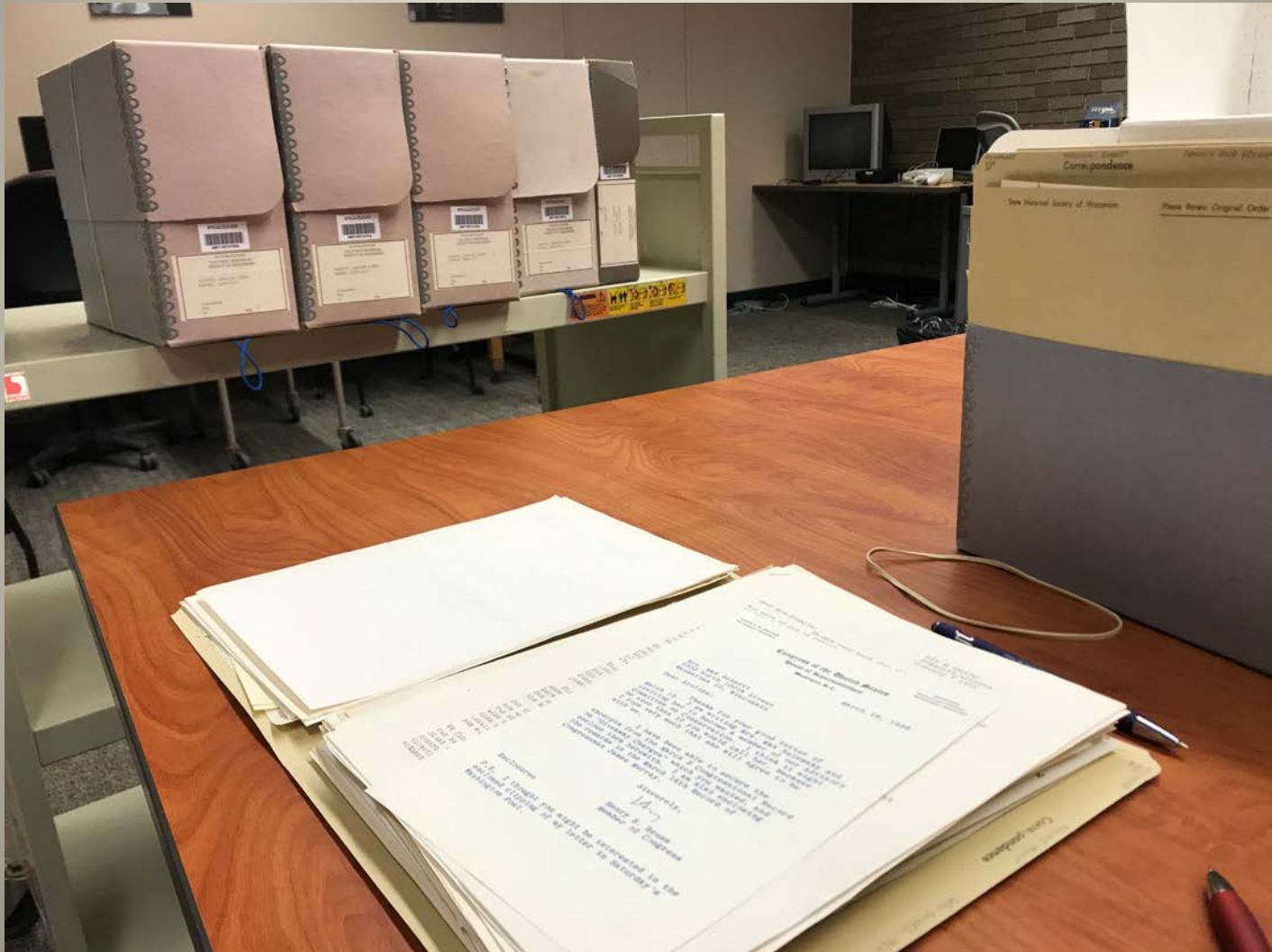
# Aroline Schmitt

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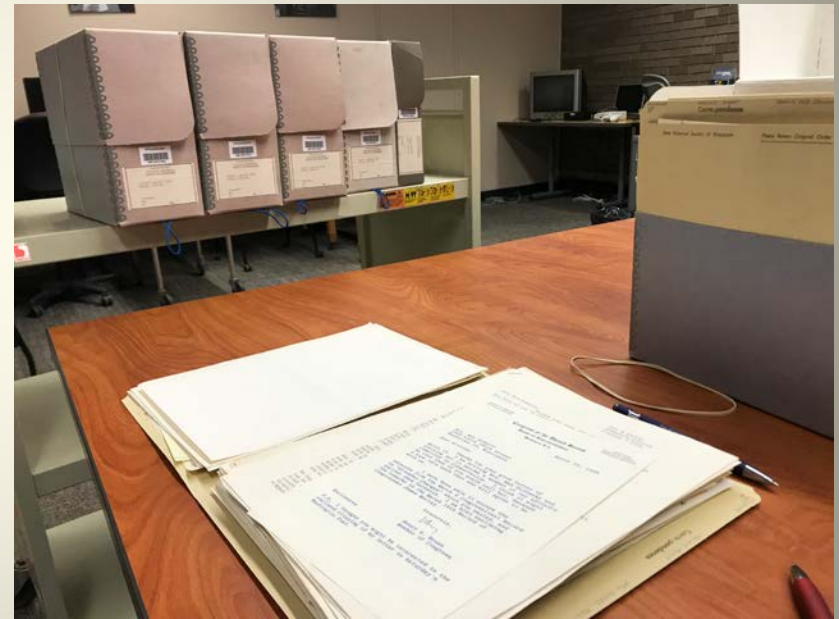
- Aroline Hines, Jamestown, NY
- Mother a botanist; “Extensive forests of Maine became her study halls”
- Family likely connected to Gifford Pinchot
- Grandfather a Wisconsin lumberman
- *Comes to Wisconsin in 1920s*
- Pinchot asks her to cruise timber, '41
  - Troop trains, wrong side of shotgun
- Continued with USFS, also Michigan Extension
- Taught sustainable forestry to Koreans, Chinese

# One life...citizen activist

- Full-speed ahead: “Conservation activist,” 1930s through 1970s
- Junior Garden Clubs, Garden Club Federation
- Milwaukee County Conservation Alliance
- Founder of “Forests”
- Friends of the Land
- Citizens Committee for the Menominee
- Founder, Citizens Natural Resources Association

# One life...her files

- Thousands of pieces of correspondence
  - Sometimes ghost wrote for others
  - Famous and normal folks
- Home was her office
  - Typewriter, phone, files
- Tireless citizen activist
  - Persistent
  - Demanding
  - Fearless
  - Respected





# One life...her causes

- Sustainable forestry
- Saving remaining virgin timber, battling lumbermen
- Rhinelander research station
- Conservation camp in Eagle River
- Flambeau wilderness
- Terry Andrae State Park

# One life...her causes

- Restoring funds for Aldo Leopold's position
- Impacts of civilization on wildlife
- National Refuge System
- Menominee tribal termination
- Trees on Highway 30
- DDT ban
- Olympic Peninsula, Washington,
- A single chestnut tree in Whitewater

# One life...her words

To Friends of Flambeau, 1952:

“The pressures of modern living, like eroding soil, are creeping with alarming results, into every natural area of land in the state.”

To Milwaukee newspaper:

“What’s a little fog among friends? DDT fog, that is...The answer is becoming all too obvious”



# One life...her words

To Lester Voight, director Wisconsin Conservation Department, 1960:

“I have been shocked by the proposal to place the mourning dove on the game bird list...Has the Wisconsin conservation program been such a failure in providing habitat and controlling bird kill that you must now stoop to this level.”

To DC Everest, lumberman, 1942:

“Some friends of mine are very much upset over the cutting of some hemlock near Little Moose Lake.”

# One life...Those she knew, wrote to

- Sen. Hubert Humphrey
- Sen. Alexander Wiley
- US Rep. Henry Reuss
- Gov. Gaylord Nelson
- U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt

# One life...she wasn't alone



Hall of Famers she worked with:

- Aldo Leopold
- Wilhelmine LaBudde
- Curly Radtke
- Haskell Noyes
- William J.P. Aberg
- E.M. Dahlberg
- Gordon McQuarrie
- Robert McCabe
- Pearl Pohl
- Walter Scott
- Wallace Grange
- Owen Gromme
- Gaylord Nelson
- Chuck Stoddard



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*Family recollections*

















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