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**Abstract**

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Box 1

A Brief History of Chemistry at Hope College, Brink and Williams, 1989
Chemistry at Hope College, 1975, n.d.
Grant, “Analysis for Polychlorinated Biphenyls in Lake Macatawa Bottom Sediments, 1975-1977” (2 folders)
Inter-Office Memoranda, 1969, 1976, 1978

Box 2

Newspaper Clippings, 1866-2010
News Releases, 1967-1994
Reports
“A Determination of Variations in the Agal Populations of Lake Macatawa, Holland, Michigan,” by Donna March
“Investigations Pertaining to Highway Saltings of Lake Macatawa Area, To October 1973”
“A Preliminary Study of Pollution Abatement Benefits and Costs for Lake Macatawa,” by John Conatser and Melvin Harju, 1973
REU Symposium, Chemistry Departments of Hope College and the University of Michigan, July 21, 2005
Self-Study, 1986
Summary Report, Department Review, 1986
Summer Institute, 1968-1969
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Undergraduate Research, Participation Report, 1967
Photographs
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Chemistry Alumni Day, 1993 (11 images)
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