

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Charles Ramsey Rinehart was born in Uniontown, New Jersey on December 31, 1875, graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1894, and then entered Lafayette College in the fall of 1894. He trained in the Civil Engineering program and upon graduation from Lafayette became a draftsman and engineer. He worked for a number of companies until he settled at the Overman Cushion Tire Company in New York City. Here he held positions as Sales Manager and then as Vice President.

After settling in Maplewood, New Jersey he became a member of many clubs and civic organizations, his favorite of which was the Masons. He also remained active as an alumnus of Lafayette College and supported both athletics and his fraternity, Delta Upsilon. Rinehart died October 30, 1930 following an operation and was survived by his wife and children.

The name "Babe" Rinehart is still familiar to devotees of Lafayette College football. A member of the great 1896 team, he was the first Lafayette player to be chosen for an All-American position and the only Lafayette player to be awarded a position on Walter Camp's All Time All-American Team.

Rinehart played the position of right guard during his four years at Lafayette College and was known as a fleet-footed lineman who possessed great strength. Because of his size he was called on to protect the Lafayette backs as they skirted the ends of the opponent, opening up the field for sizeable gains. He won national acclaim as a member of the famous 1896 team which defeated the University of Pennsylvania on Franklin Field with a score of 6-4.

In addition to being a superb football player, Rinehart was also on the Lafayette College Track and Field team. His fame and notoriety in football overshadowed his performances in track and field where he also won many collegiate contests. His forte in Track and Field was the hammer throw, a sport in which a sixteen pound ball connected to a chain was hurled. As in football, his athleticism and leadership spurred the Track and Field team on to many successful seasons.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection consists of .6 linear feet of photographs pertaining to Lafayette College and the life of Charles R. Rinehart. The collection has had severe water damage and a number of the photographs were destroyed. Many of the photographs exhibit traces of old mold growth and the images have been partially obscured.

The collection is an assemblage of photographs taken during Rinehart's years at Lafayette College and from his later contact with the college as an alumnus. He remained interested in various sports at the college and collected a number of team photographs from the 1890's

**CHARLES R. RINEHART  
PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, ca. 1890s-1930s**

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through the 1930's. These early team photographs are the most interesting in the collection of images and

fill in many of gaps in the college's historical photograph collection. They have been cross-referenced accordingly.

**INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

Folder

- 1 15 photographs of Charles R. Rinehart, most taken during his business career  
- one negative
- 2 Group photographs with Rinehart in the photo  
-Engineering Class-1890's  
-Delta Upsilon-1890's  
-Class of 1898 photo
- 3 Photographs of Lafayette College  
-Old McKeen  
-Pardee Hall  
-Hogg Hall
- 4 Class of 1898 reunion photographs (3)
- 5 Football Team photographs (15)  
-1885, 1894-1897, n.d.
- 6 Football Team photographs (6)  
-1898, 1902, 1909, 1920's, n.d.
- 7 Individual photographs of football players  
-Edgar Furry, (Stump) Spiegel  
- Mumma  
-unidentified  
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**Box 2**

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- 1     Baseball Team photographs (7)  
      -1896, 1906, 1924, 1948, n.d.
  
- 2     Team photographs  
      -Basketball 1936-37, n.d.  
      -Soccer 1921-22  
      -Wrestling (Freshman) n.d.
  
- 3     Track and Field Team photographs (6)  
      -1896, 1904, 1906, 1920's, 1940's, n.d.
  
- 4     Individual photographs  
      -Baseball 1930's  
      -Track and Field n.d.
  
- 5     Plan for a new Field House 1932

**Box 3**

Folder

- 1     Group photographs  
      -Musical Clubs 1895  
      -Class of 1904  
      -Dedication of the Lafayette Statue
  
- 2     Unidentified group photographs (4)