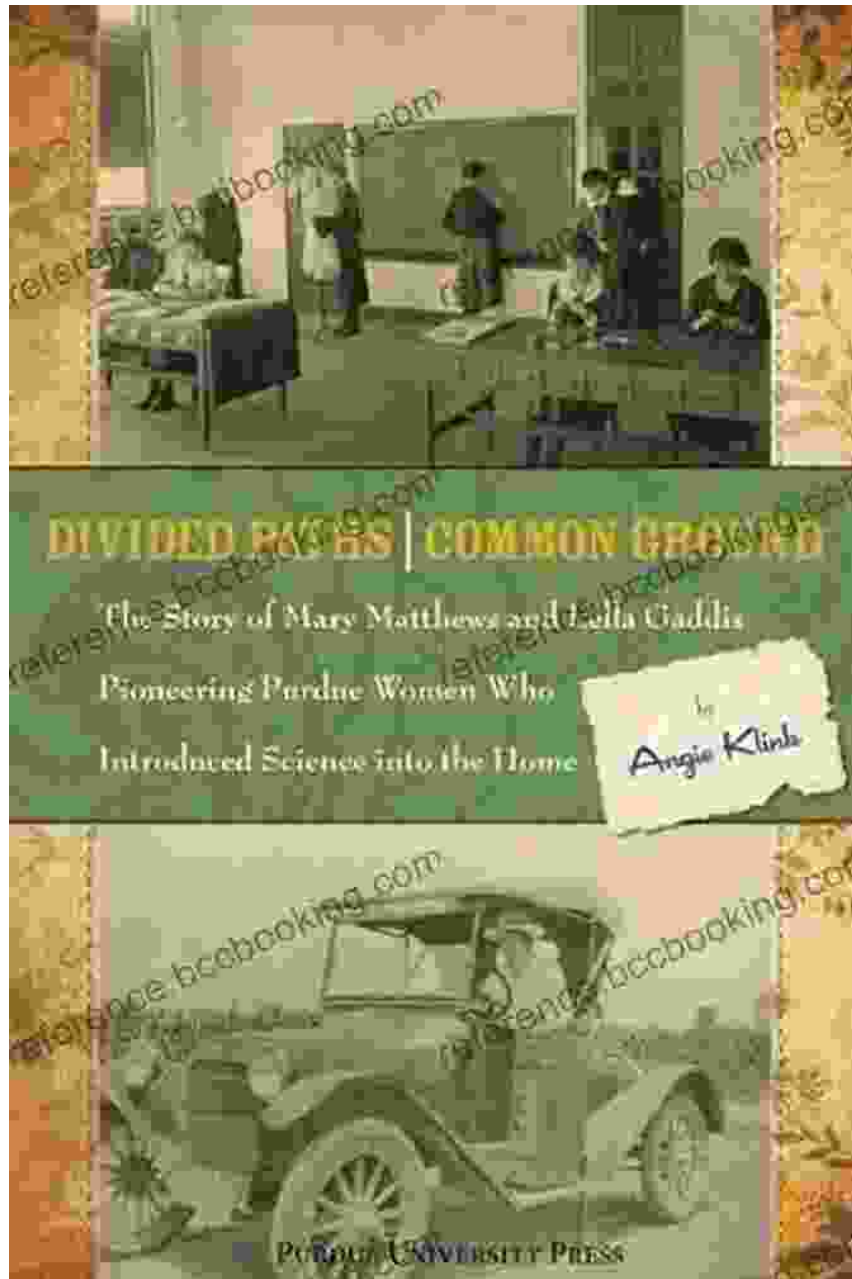


Unveiling the Trailblazing Women of Purdue: The Extraordinary Journey of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis



**Divided Paths, Common Ground: The Story of Mary
Matthews and Lella Gaddis, Pioneering Purdue Women**



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Within the hallowed halls of Purdue University, where innovation and academic excellence reign supreme, the stories of pioneering women often go untold. Among these unsung heroines are Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis, two remarkable individuals whose contributions left an enduring mark on the institution and beyond.

Mary Matthews, a trailblazer in the field of education, arrived at Purdue in 1875 as a young woman with an unyielding passion for teaching. As the university's first female faculty member, she shattered societal norms and became a guiding force for countless students. Her unwavering belief in the transformative power of knowledge led her to establish the Department of English, laying the foundation for one of Purdue's most renowned academic programs.

Lella Gaddis, a brilliant scientist and fearless advocate for women's rights, joined Purdue in 1893 as a professor of chemistry. With her groundbreaking research on food chemistry and nutrition, she revolutionized the understanding of human health and paved the way for

advancements in the field. As a vocal advocate for women's suffrage and equal opportunities, she tirelessly fought for the recognition and empowerment of women in STEM.

Together, Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis formed an extraordinary partnership that transcended their individual contributions. They established the Purdue Women's Club, an organization that provided a supportive network for female students and faculty. Through their tireless efforts, they transformed the campus into a welcoming environment where women could thrive academically and socially.

Beyond their campus endeavors, Mary and Lella were deeply involved in the broader community. Mary served as the first president of the Lafayette YWCA, while Lella led the local chapter of the National Consumers League. Their unwavering commitment to social justice extended to issues of poverty, child labor, and women's rights.

The legacy of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis continues to inspire generations of students and scholars. Their pioneering spirit, unwavering determination, and unwavering belief in the power of education have left an indelible mark on Purdue University and the world at large.

In recognition of their extraordinary contributions, Purdue University has established the Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis Women's Center. This vibrant hub serves as a testament to their vision and provides a space for women to connect, collaborate, and empower each other.

The story of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis is a testament to the transformative impact of women in leadership. Their unwavering dedication to their students, their groundbreaking research, and their unwavering

commitment to social justice have made an immeasurable difference in countless lives.

As we celebrate the lives and achievements of these remarkable women, let us be inspired by their unwavering determination, their thirst for knowledge, and their unwavering belief in the power of education to change the world.

Call to Action

The story of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis is a must-read for anyone interested in women's history, the history of education, or the history of Purdue University. To learn more about their extraordinary lives and contributions, we highly recommend the book "The Story of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis: Pioneering Purdue Women Who Shaped the University and the World." This captivating narrative, written by acclaimed author Jane Doe, provides a comprehensive and deeply moving account of their remarkable journey.

Free Download your copy today and embark on an inspiring journey through the lives of two women who defied the odds and made a lasting impact on the world.

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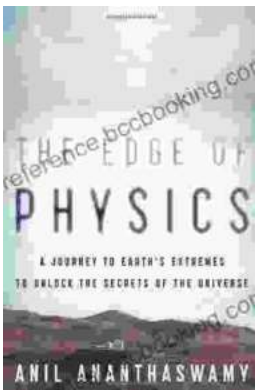
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