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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The bulk of the collection consists of the records of Donald Wyman (1904-1993) and Gary Koller (1945-), with some papers from Gordon P. DeWolf, Jr. (1927-) and Robert S. Hebb (1942-). This collection encompasses six decades of Arboretum work with individual plant groups.
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Processing Information

Acquisition Information
Provenance: Upon the retirement of Gary Koller in 1996 his papers were transferred to the archives and were processed in 2004. At that time it was discovered that this group of files transcended his tenure and included the records of his predecessors as well as his own additions.

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Historical Note

The Office of the Horticulturist was established in 1936 with the appointment of Donald Wyman and existed until 1996, ending with the retirement of Gary Koller. The collection encompasses six decades of Arboretum work with individual plant groups. The bulk of the collection consists of the records of Donald Wyman (1904-1993) Horticulturist of the Arnold Arboretum from 1936-1970, with additional material from Gordon P. DeWolf, Jr. (1927-) who succeeded Wyman as Horticulturalist and remained in that position until 1976. Material reflecting the work of Robert S. Hebb (1942-) Assistant Horticulturalist from 1968 until 1974 is included as is a substantial amount on material contributed to the collection by Gary Koller (1945-), who served first as the Supervisor of Living Collections and later as Managing Horticulturist until 1998.

Donald Wyman received a B.A. in Horticulture from Pennsylvania State College, and from Cornell University received an M.A. in Forestry and a Ph.D. in Horticulture in 1935.

Gordon P. DeWolf received a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, a M.S. from Tulane University and from the University of Malaya, Singapore and a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, England. Prior to coming to the Arboretum originally as a horticultural taxonomist he was at Cornell University working at the Bailey Hortorium and was a Professor of Biology at Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia.

Robert S. Hebb received a B. S. in Horticulture from the University of Rhode Island, a Kew Diploma in Horticulture from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, a three year advanced educational programme in botanical and amenity horticulture having parity to a Bachelors Degree, in September 1968, and began work at the Arboretum that same year.

Gary Koller received an AAS in Landscape Design from Temple in 1965, a B.S. in Horticulture from Penn State in 1971, and an M.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from
the University of Delaware in 1973. He served as the Curator of Living Collections at the Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania from 1973-1976. Illustrations are from the Living Collections Images of Accessed Plants.

Scope and Content
The files in this collection are arranged in alphabetical sequence by plant name, and include correspondence, photographs, diagrams, charts, and published material. The collection is maintained in the alphabetical sequence created by the horticulturists.

Arrangement
The Office of the Horticulturalist collection is arranged in 1 series:
• Series I: Plant Groups

Container List

Series I: Plant Groups
• Box 1

1 - Abelia
2 - Abies
3 - Acanthopanax
4 - Acer, Correspondence
5 - Acer, Published Material
6 - Acer -- Arboretum Material
7 - Actinidia
8 - Aesculus
9 - Ailanthus
10 - Albizia
11 - Alnus
12 - Amelanchier
13 - Amorpha
14 - Arbutus
15 - Arctostaphylos
16 - Asimina
17 - Azalea
18 - Baccharis
19 - Bamboo
20 - Barberries
21 - Betula
22 - Broad Leaved Evergreens
23 - Broussonetia
24 - Buddleia
25 - Buxus
26 - Callicarpa
27 - Calluna & Erica
28 - Camellia
29 - Caragana
30 - Carpinus
31 - Carya
32 - Castanea
33 - Catalpa
34 - Ceanothus
35 - Cedrela
36 - Cedrus
37 - Celastrus
38 - Celtis
39 - Cephalanthus
40 - Cephalotaxus
41 - Cercidiphyllum
42 - Cercis
43 - Chaenomeles
44 - Chamaecyparis
45 - Chionanthus
46 - Chrysanthemums
47 - Cladrastis
48 - Clematis
49 - Clethra
50 - Colutea
51 - Comptonia
52 - Cornus
53 - Coronilla (Crownvetch)
54 - Corylus
55 - Cotinus
56 - Cotoneaster
57 - Crataegus
58 - Cupressus
59 - x Cupressocyparis
60 - Cyrilla
61 - Cytisus
62 - Daphne
63 - Davidia
64 - Deutzia
65 - Diervilla
66 - Eleagnus
67 - Emmenopterys
68 - Enkianthus
69 - Espalier
70 - Eucalyptus
71 - Eucommia
72 - Euonymus

Box 2
1 - Eurya
2 - Evergreens
3 - Euodia
4 - Exochorda
5 - Fagus

Clethra alnifolia
Davidia involucrata var vilmoriniana
Exochorda giralldii
6 - Forsythia, Correspondence
7 - Forsythia
8 - Fothergilla
9 - Fraxinus
10 - Fuchsia
11 - Gaylussacia
12 - Genista
13 - Ginkgo
14 - Gleditsia
15 - Gordonia
16 - Grasses
17 - Gymnocladus
18 - Halesia
19 - Halimodendron
20 - Hammamelis
21 - Hedera
22 - Helwingia
23 - Hemerocallis
24 - Heptacodium
25 - Hibiscus
26 - Holodiscus
27 - Hosta
28 - Hosta
29 - Hosta
30 - Hovenia dulcis
31 - Hydrangea
32 - Hypericum
33 - Idesia olycarpa
34 - Ilex, Correspondence
35 - Ilex
36 - Indigofera
37 - Iris
38 - Itea
39 - Juglans
40 - Juniperus
41 - Kalmia
42 - Kalopanax
43 - Koeleria
44 - Laburnum
45 - x Laburnocytisus
46 - Lagerstroemia
47 - Larix
48 - Lavandula
49 - Lespedeza
50 - Leucothoe
51 - Leycesteria
52 - Ligustrum
53 - Lindera
54 - Liquidambar
55 - Liriodendron
56 - Lonicera
57 - Maackia
Box 3

1 - Mahonia
2 - Magnolia
3 - Malus, Crabapples for America, 1955
4 - Malus, Published Materials
5 - Malus, Correspondence, 1940-1964
6 - Malus, Correspondence, 1965-1991
7 - Malus, Arboretum Materials
8 - Malus, Arboretum Materials
9 - Malus, Disease Resistance
10 - Microbiota
11 - Morus
12 - Moss
13 - Narcissus
14 - Neillia
15 - Nothofagus
16 - Ostrya
17 - Pachysandra
18 - Paeonia
19 - Palm
20 - Parthenocissus
21 - Paulownia
22 - Phellodendron
23 - Philadelphus
24 - Physocarpus
25 - Picea
26 - Pieris
27 - Pinus
28 - Platanus
29 - Poliophyris sinensis
30 - Polygomen
31 - Polylepis
32 - Populus
33 - Prunus
34 - Potentilla
35 - Pseudolarix
36 - Pseudotsuga
37 - Ptelea
38 - Pterostyrax
39 - Pueraria lobata
40 - Pyracantha
41 - x Pyracomeles
42 - Pyrus
43 - Quercus

58 - Maclura
59 - x Mahoberberis

Malus 'David'

Pinus armandii

Robinia pseudoacacia 'Burgundy'
Box 4

1 - Robinia
2 - Rose Species
3 - Rubus
4 - Salix
5 - Sambucus
6 - Schizophragma
7 - Sciadopitys
8 - Securinega
9 - Sequoia
10 - Sequoiadendron
11 - Shepherda
12 - Sinocalycanthus
13 - Sophora
14 - Sorbaria
15 - Sorbus
16 - Spiraea
17 - Stewartias
18 - Styrax
19 - Symphoricarpos
20 - Taxodium
21 - Taxus
22 - Thuja
23 - Tilia
24 - Torreya
25 - Tripterygium regelii
26 - Tsuga
27 - Ulmus, Correspondence
28 - Ulmus
29 - Vaccinium
30 - Viburnum
31 - Vinca Problem
32 - Weigela
33 - Wisteria
34 - Zanthoxylum
35 - Zelkova
36 - Zenobia