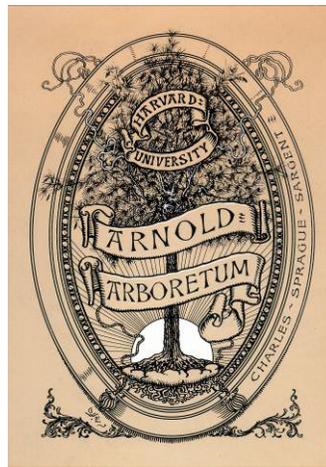


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### Descriptive Summary

**Repository:** Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

**Call No.:** VI-HF

**Location:** Archives

**Title:** Harvard Forest collection, 1935-2007: Guide

**Date(s):** 1935-2007

**Creator:** the Harvard Forest

**Quantity:** 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

**Language of material:** English

**Abstract:** This collection contains information related to Harvard Forest, which was established in Petersham, Massachusetts in 1907. Most of the collection consists of records created by the Harvard Forest and deposited in the Arnold Arboretum's archives for offsite storage for the material. In addition, there are images of the aftermath of Hurricane of 1938 at the Harvard Forest held by the Arboretum.

**Note:** Access to Finding Aid record in [HOLLIS](#).

**Preferred Citation:** Harvard Forest collection. Archives of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

### Processing Information

Processed November 2007; finding aid template applied Kayleigh Hinckley, 2011; revised Sheila Connor, 2012; revised Larissa Glasser, 2023, 2024.

### Acquisition Information

**Provenance:** Material in series I and III was compiled by the Archive staff.

Materials in Series II were placed on deposit at the Arnold Arboretum from Harvard Forest during 2001 and 2002 and are restricted.

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### Historical Note

[The Harvard Forest](#), is designated a [Long Term Ecological Research Site](#) (LTER) by the National Science Foundation and is located about 70 miles west of Harvard University, in Petersham, MA. The Forest was established in 1907 with funds from a gift from John S. Ames that created a 2,100-acre holding used as a working forest and laboratory for students in the Forestry program at Harvard until 1917. The Forest serves as a center for research and education in forest biology and conservation where scientists and students can explore the ways biological, physical, and human systems interact to change our earth.

**Scope and Content:** Collection includes publications, correspondence, clippings, VHS tape, microfilm, and compact disc.

### Arrangement

The Harvard Forest collection is arranged in 2 series:

- Series I:** Publications
- Series II:** Harvard Forest historical records on deposit at the Arnold Arboretum, Restricted Access, see Note
- Series III:** Photographs, postcards, digital images

### Container List

#### Box 1

#### Series I: Publications

#### Folder

##### 1:

- [The Harvard Forest, 1907-1934: a memorial to its first director, Richard Thornton Fisher](#). [United States?] : The Alumni, 1935. 70 pages, softcover
- [The Harvard Forest Models](#). Published by The Harvard Forest on the occasion of the Tercentenary Celebration of Harvard University. Cambridge, Mass.; Cornwall, N.Y. : Printed at the Cornwall Press, 1936. 19 pages, softcover
- [The Harvard Forest at Petersham, MA](#). Pamphlet. c1940
- [The Harvard Forest Models](#). by E.S. Stillman, Petersham: Harvard Forest, 1941. 48 pages, hardcover

- "[The History of Land Use in the Harvard Forest](#)". Hugh M. Raup and Reynold E. Carlson. Harvard Forest Bulletin #20. 1941. 64 pages + map materials.
- "Forest-Tree Breeding Work of the Cabot Foundation". *Arnoldia*, Vol. 10 No.1. March 31, 1950
- "[Fifty years of management at the Harvard Forest](#)" by Ernest M. Gould, Petersham, Mass., Harvard Forest, 1960. 29, [1] p. illus. 24 cm. (Harvard Forest. Bulletin no. 29)
- [The Harvard Forest Models: Harvard University Fisher Museum of Forestry at the Harvard Forest, Petersham, Massachusetts 01366](#). 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition, 1975. 47 pages, softcover.
- Shaler Hall and Fisher Museum of Forestry. Harvard University, Harvard Forest Petersham, Massachusetts. Color Postcard. 5 ½ x 3 ½ inches

**2:** "The Harvard Forest – A Brief History" [Hope Wise's notes, copies of articles, clippings from the Harvard Gazette and Crimson, an appeal letter to the Friends of Harvard Forest and manuscript for article in *PlantSciences* 1 (2) 1981, p. 6,7 Some material may have been added by Jo Proctor.

### **Series II: Harvard Forest historical records on deposit at the Arnold Arboretum**

Collection includes correspondence, VHS tape, microfilm, compact disk, and a binder. Material relates to historical stand records for the main Harvard Forest properties, with detailed maps and accounts of forest types, planting, natural and human disturbance and other information from 1907 to the present. Other information includes data sheets from vegetation inventories and surveys, historical information about the 1938 hurricane and subsequent salvage operations, records from other Harvard Forest properties including the Pisgah Tract, and files on old Harvard Forest plantations.

**Note: Access Restricted** For access to these records see [Harvard Forest Document Archive](#)

### **Material on Deposit**

#### **Folder**

##### **1: Correspondence**

- Summary of Harvard Forest historical records at the Arnold Arboretum, John S. Burk, Harvard Forest Researcher/Archivist, August 3, 2001.
- Correspondence between John Burk, Harvard Forest and Sheila Connor, Arnold Arboretum Archivist regarding off-site storage of Harvard Forest material at the Arnold Arboretum, 2002

##### **2: Material on Deposit**

- Petersham Proprietor Records, 1733-1823, photocopies
- "John F. O'Keefe Fisher Museum, Harvard Forest Petersham, MA," on label, VHS

#### **Box 2**

### **Material on Deposit**

- Harvard Forest website, 2001, compact disc
- Rolls #1-5 contain the historical stand records for the main Harvard Forest properties, containing detailed maps and accounts of forest types, planting,

natural and human disturbance and other information from 1907 to the present.  
Five cases of microfilm

### Box 3

#### Material on Deposit

- Rolls #6-18 include data sheets from vegetation inventories and surveys, historical information about the 1938 hurricane and subsequent salvage operations, records from other Harvard Forest properties including the Pisgah Tract, and files on old Harvard Forest plantations. Thirteen cases of microfilm

### Box 4

#### Material on Deposit

- Harvard Forest Advisory Committee. Contains information on Harvard Forest history, staffing, education, research, land protection, facilities, and finances. January 2007. Three ring binder

### Series III Photographs, postcards, digital images [filed in Box1]

#### Folder

#### 1. Photographs, postcards



Harvard Forest models. Information from verso: "Photographs of historical models of forest growth made for the Harvard Forest. Photos. From E.G. Stillman, Aug. 1934," seven, 3"x4½" b&w images mounted on two boards



- Information from verso: Harvard Forest, Mass., Petersham. Students transplanting pine seedlings. Photo. Gift of Dr. Edgar Anderson, 1933, 3½"x4¾" b&w image mounted on board



- Information from verso: "Harvard Forest, Mass., Petersham. Saw mill in operation Photo. Gift of Dr. Edgar Anderson, 1933," 3½"x4¾, b&w image mounted on board



- Information from verso: "Harvard Forest, Mass., Petersham. Thinning in a White Pine stand, sixty years old. Photo. Gift of Dr. Edgar Anderson, 1933," 4"x5" b&w image mounted on board



- Information from verso: "Harvard Forest, Mass., Petersham. A new crop of pine from natural see, the result of regulation cutting. Photo. Gift of Dr. Edgar Anderson, 1933," 3½"x5¾" b&w image mounted on board



- “The Controlled Environmental facilities at the Harvard Forest. Photo by H. Wise” caption from publication. (*on left*). Black Gum Trail at the Harvard Forest? (*on right*). Two, 5”x7” b&w prints of the three images taken by Hope Wise in February 1981 and used in *PlantSciences* 1 (2) 1981, p. 6,7 (3d print used in the article missing)

### Postcards

- Three, 3½x5” colored postcards
  - Historical Series 1740
  - Historical Series 1910
  - Silviculture Series: “on favorable sites the quality of the hardwood stands can be increased by cutting poorly-formed trees. Later thinnings like this yield sawlogs”

### Digital Images

- Images of the aftermath and destruction caused by the Hurricane of 1938 at the Harvard Forest













