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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. The HOLLIS # for this collection is 0009345490. This file name is ajp00041.xml.

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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 Horticulturist and remained in that position until 1976. Material reflecting the work of Robert S. Hebb (1942-) Assistant Horticulturist 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

Scrrenia chinensis

Buxus sempervirens
29 - Caragana  
30 - Carpinus  
31 - Caryya  
32 - Castanea  
33 - Catalpa  
34 - Ceanothus  
35 - Cedrela  
36 - Cedrus  
37 - Celastrus  
38 - Celtis  
39 - Cephalanthus  
40 - Cephalotaxus  
41 - Cerciciphyllum  
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  

Clethra alnifolia  

Davidia involucrata var vilmoriniana  

Exochorda giraldii
4 - Exochorda
5 - Fagus
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 - Hamamelis
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 - Koelreuteria
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
58 - Maclura
59 - x Mahoberberis

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 - Poliocytrysis sinensis
30 - Polygum
31 - Polylepis
32 - Populus
33 - Prunis
34 - Potentilla
35 - Pseudolarix
36 - Pseudotsuga
37 - Ptelea
38 - Pterostyrax
39 - Pueraria lobata
40 - Pyracantha
41 - x Pyracomeles
42 - Pyrus
43 - Quercus
Box 4

1 - Robinia
2 - Rose Species
3 - Rubus
4 - Salix
5 - Sambuccus
6 - Schizophragma
7 - Sciadopitys
8 - Securinega
9 - Sequoia
10 - Sequoiadendron
11 - Shepherdia
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