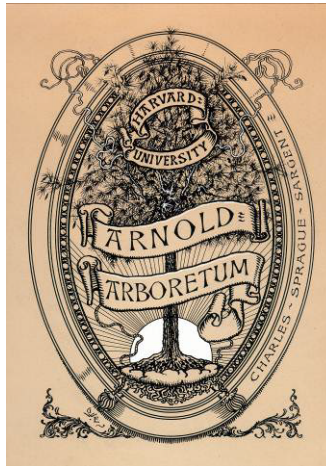


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### Descriptive Summary

**Repository:** Archives of the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA

**Call No.:** IV A-3

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**Title:** Office of the Horticulturist records, 1938-1996.

**Date(s):** 1938-1996

**Creator:** Office of the Horticulturist

**Quantity:** 5.6 linear ft., 4 boxes

**Language of material:** English

**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.

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

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### Processing Information

February 2004, Mary Flatley, revised 2011 Sheila Connor. Finding aid template applied March 2011, Kayleigh Hinckley. Revised 2023, 2024 Larissa Glasser.

### 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*



*Abelia chinensis*



*Buxus sempervirens*

- 31 - *Carya*
- 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 - *Crateagus*
- 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*



*Clethra alnifolia*



*Davidia involuocrata* var *vilmoriniana*



*Exochorda giraldii*

## Box 2

- 1 - *Eurya*
- 2 - Evergreens
- 3 - *Euodia*
- 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 - 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 oleyarpa**
- 34 - Ilex, Correspondence**
- 35 - Ilex**
- 36 - Indigofera**
- 37 - Iris**
- 38 - Itea**
- 39 - Juglans**
- 40 - Juniperus**
- 41 - Kalmia**
- 42 - Kalopanax**
- 43 - Koeleruteria**
- 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**



*Hamamelis vernalis*



*Kalmia cuneata*



*Liquidambar styraciflua*



- 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 - *Poliothyrsis sinensis*  
 30 - *Polygonum*  
 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*



*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 - *Shepherdia*
- 12 - *Sinocalycanthus*
- 13 - *Sophora*
- 14 - *Sorbaria*
- 15 - *Sorbus*
- 16 - *Spiraea*
- 17 - *Stewartia*
- 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*



*Tsuga sieboldii*



*Zelkova sinica*