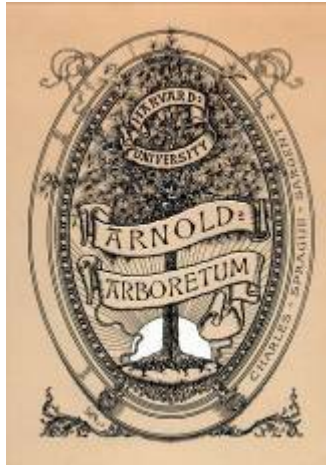


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Abstract: In April 1937, Isabel Anderson donated the major portion of her husband's bonsai collection (30 plants) to the Arnold Arboretum, along with the funds necessary to build a shade house for their display on the grounds of the Bussey Institution. In 1949, following her death, the remaining plants were donated to the Arboretum. While most of the records include photographs that document the history of individual plants and the collection, the Records of the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection also includes publications by Larz and Isabel Anderson, articles and photographs of Weld and the Bonsai Collection before it came to the Arnold Arboretum, and correspondence between Isabel Anderson and E.D. Merrill about the donation of the Bonsai Collection to the Arnold Arboretum.

Related Material: The Records of the Arnold Arboretum Bonsai Pavilion (ID-3b Series IV) collection contains project plans, correspondence, architectural plans and maps related to the 2008 Bonsai Pavillion project. See Map Database for Bonsai House construction plans, using search term "Japanese Dwarf." Digital images of the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection can be found the Asset Bank library database using the search term "bonsai." Please note that Asset Bank can only be accessed in the library. Please [contact](#) Library and Archives staff for assistance.

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Historical Note



Ambassador and Mrs. Larz Anderson
portrait by Philip de Laszlo

Larz Anderson (1866-1937) was born in Paris in 1866, while his parents were visiting Europe. In August 1888, after graduating from Harvard College in June, he embarked on a trip around the world which lasted two years and included his first exposure to Japan.

In 1897, Anderson married Isabel Weld Perkins (1876-1948) of Brookline, Massachusetts. She authored several books, including one about the Weld family entitled *Under the Black Horse Flag*. "Weld," her family home in Brookline, served as the couple's country home for many years while they made their primary residence in Washington, D.C. Located near Jamaica Pond in Brookline, the gardens at Weld were designed by Charles A. Platt. After Isabel Anderson's death, "Weld" was donated to Brookline in 1949 and is now called Larz Anderson Park. Part of the estate is now the [Larz Anderson Auto Museum](#), the oldest automobile museum in the United States.

After serving in the military and holding a variety of diplomatic posts in Europe, Larz Anderson returned to Japan in 1912 as "Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary." He resigned in March 1913 after the change of the Republican Taft Administration to the Democratic Wilson administration. This was Anderson's last official diplomatic position.



The Japanese Garden at "Weld" photographed by T.E. Marr for *House and Garden* magazine, 1909



Bonsai House interior photographed by Donald Wyman, 1938

Upon his return from Japan in 1913, Larz Anderson imported at least forty trees from the Yokohama Nursery Company. Following his death in April, 1937, Isabel Anderson donated the major portion of the collection (30 plants) to the Arnold Arboretum, along with the funds necessary to build a shade house for their display on the grounds of the [Bussey Institution](#). In 1949, following her death, the remaining plants were donated to the Arboretum.

By 1969 the collection numbered only 27 plants, down from the original 39 due in part to death from winter damage, theft, and improper care. The maintenance situation improved in 1962, with the construction of a redwood lath house for display and a concrete-block cold-storage unit for winter protection. In addition, knowledgeable curation and proper care from Connie Derderian of Watertown, Massachusetts in the years 1969-1984 helped safeguard



Connie Derderian working on *Chamaecyparis obtusa*, 1970

the remaining plants. In those years she also trained Peter Del Tredici as her replacement.



Peter Del Tredici repotting *Chamaecyparis obtusa*
'Chabo-hiba' 879-37, 1996

The theft of six plants in 1986 led to renovations of the bonsai house and a new security system. As of August 1989, fifteen plants of the original thirty-nine still remain.

Extracted from: Del Tredici, Peter.
"[The Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection](#)." *Arnoldia* 49(3): 2-36.
Summer 1989.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

The Larz Anderson Bonsai collection is arranged in 3 series:

Series I: Biographical Material and the Bonsai Collection

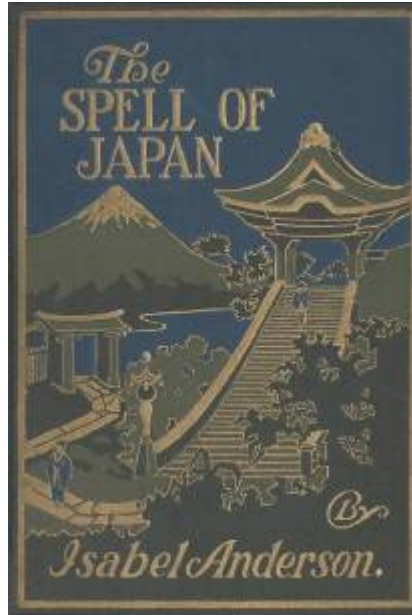
Series II: Photographs

Series III: Individual Portraits

Container List

Series I: Biographical Material and the Bonsai Collection

Box 1



Isabel Anderson's *The Spell of Japan*. 1914

Books

- Anderson, Isabel. [*The Spell of Japan*](#). Page Company Publishing, 1914.
- Anderson, Isabel, ed. [*Larz Anderson: Letters and Journals of a Diplomat*](#). New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1940.
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 - "The Japanese Dwarf Trees at "the Weld" Estate.
 - "The Life of Japanese Dwarf Trees" prepared by Rainosuke Awano.
 - "How to take care of Japanese Dwarf Trees." From the Archives of the Hon. Larz Anderson.

Folder

1. *Portrait of Larz and Isabel Anderson by Philip de Laszlo*

- Photograph of painting (2 copies)

2. *Weld, the Anderson estate, articles*

- "The Ancient Art of Bonsai" *House Beautiful*, June 1933.
- "The Gardens at Weld" *Town and Country*, 59(1) March 12, 1904.
- "A Japanese Garden in America" by Isabel Anderson *House & Garden* 16:90-91, plus a double page photograph of the garden 1909.
1 mounted print, 2 negatives of the garden photographed by T.E. Marr, October 5, 1908.

3. *Correspondence between Isabel Anderson and E.D. Merrill, Director of the Arnold Arboretum, including a letter of transmittal of the Larz Anderson Collection*

- Isabel Anderson to E.D. Merrill confirming her gift of bonsai plants to the Arboretum, to be called The Larz Anderson Collection. June 11, 1937
- 5 letters from Merrill about arrangements to take the Larz Anderson Collection and in thanks for financial support. Copies. June 1937-May 1938

4. Articles about the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection

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- Dietz, Jean. "Giant interest in dwarf trees makes her an Arboretum curator." *The Boston Globe*, June 14, 1987.
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 - Del Tredici, Peter. "[From Temple to Terrace: The Remarkable Journey of the Oldest Bonsai in America.](#)"
 - Del Tredici, Peter. "[Portrait Gallery of the Larz Anderson Collection: 1913-2005](#)"
 - Lewis, Colin. "[Rejuvenating and Reshaping the Larz Anderson 'Chabo-hibas'](#)"



Peter Del Tredici's *Early American Bonsai*. 1989

- Del Tredici, Peter. *Early American Bonsai*. Reprint of the 1989 *Arnoldia* article, renamed "[The Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection](#)." Includes 1 8x10 color photographic print "Early American Bonsai" cover. The print was reproduced from the S.M. Japanese Nursery Co. catalogue that is cited below.
- Del Tredici, Peter. "A Camellia Grows in Boston." *The New York Times*, November 26, 2002, p. A27.
- "Botanical Links to Asia cultivated by Arboretum." *Harvard University Gazette*, September 29, 1989.
- Valavanis, W.N. "Early American Bonsai: Larz Anderson Collection of the Arnold Arboretum, a review." *International Bonsai* 1990. number 1, p. 21.
- Hightower, Marvin. "The Beauty of Bonsai." *Harvard Gazette* July 23, 1993. p. 9, 13. Incomplete.
- Gewertz, Ken. "Stress Adds Years to Life!: But Don't Try This at Home Unless You're a Dwarf Bonsai Tree." *Harvard University Gazette*. October 31, 2002, p. 16-17.
- "An Exhibition of Photographs of Bonsai Available on Loan." n.d.
- "Training." Typed manuscript for *Arnoldia* article on training Bonsai. n.d.
- Brochure: "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Bonsai at the Arnold Arboretum." Undated.

5. Curators of the Bonsai Collection, Connie Derderian and Peter Del Tredici

- "Constance Derderian, bonsai expert, dies." Obituary.
- "Derderian" *The Boston Globe*, September 23, 1988. Obituary.



Constance Derderian maintaining *Chamaecyparis obtusa* (left);
Peter Del Tredici photographed by Racz & Debreczy. 1989 (right)

- 2 photographs of Connie Derderian, 1 by P. Bruns. n.d.
- 2 photographs of Connie Derderian teaching a bonsai class in the greenhouse by P. Bruns. n.d.
- 4 photographs of Peter Del Tredici, 2 by Racz & Debreczy, 1989.
- 1 contact sheet and negatives with images of Peter Del Tredici and Connie Derderian, n.d

6. List of bonsai plants in collection on January 1, 1954, by Donald Wyman

- List of bonsai plants in collection. Compiled by Donald Wyman. January 1, 1954

7. Data on bonsai trees in Arnold Arboretum collection. October 1961

- "Data on Bonsai Trees in Arn. Arb. Collection October 1961."
Handwritten table including catalog number, name, age, condition, height, width, pot size, and remarks. October 1961.

Cat. #	Name	Age	Condition	Overall Height	Width	Pot Diameter	Pot Height	Pot Condition	Remarks
877-37	Cham. obtusa	1962 age 225 197 0	0	56"	60"	23"	18"	0	
878-37	Cham. obtusa	175 167 0	0	18"	60"	21"	12"	P	Pot cracked, chipped and wired - strong. O. F. 
892-49	Cham. obtusa	175 167 0	0	60"	60"	30"	17"	0	

Excerpt from "Data on Bonsai Trees in Arnold Arboretum Collection October 1961."

8. Data on bonsai trees in Arnold Arboretum collection. October 1961 (Annotated with 1962 Information)

- "Data on Bonsai Trees in Arnold Arboretum Collection October 1961."
Typed table including catalog number, name, age, condition, height, width, pot size, and remarks. October 1961. Annotated with data from 1962.

9. List of Plants as of 1961

- List of plants as of 1961, made from accession cards. Probably compiled in 1970. 2 copies.

10. Bonsai Theft Reports from Private Investigators, 1970

- "Special Report" on August 18, 1970, theft of six bonsai plants from the Arboretum. Boston Operative C-192. September 4-16, 1970
- "Special Report" on the August 18, 1970, theft, describing leads. Boston Operative C-192. September 18-20, 1970
- "Special Report" on the August 18, 1970, theft, describing the investigation and recovery of two plants. Boston Operative W-113. September 18, 1970

11. Celebration of Remodeling of Bonsai House in Honor of Constance Derderian. May 24, 1987

- "Kudos to Derderian and the Bonsai Collection." *Arnoldia* 47:2. Summer, 1987
- 3 sheets of photographic proofs from the remodeling celebration. May 24, 1987

12. "The Unbroken Chain: Repotting Bonsai at the Arnold Arboretum" with Peter Del Tredici

- 4 photographs of Peter Del Tredici taken during the filming of "The Unbroken Chain: Repotting Bonsai at the Arnold Arboretum", a video commissioned for the exhibit "Science in the Pleasure Ground." 1996
- DVD copy of original video. (Also available as a digital file.)

13. Report on the Lars Anderson Collection

- Lewis, Colin S. "Report on the Lars Anderson Collection." November 1999

14. List of Plants as of November 1, 2011

- Spreadsheet listing 35 living plants. November 1, 2011
- Spreadsheet listing 10 dead plants. November 1, 2011

15. Slides by Connie Derderian

- 100 Bonsai images photographed mostly by Connie Derderian. "Bonsai slides extras (Connie Der.)" 1976-78. Slides dated, but not labeled.

16. Slides by Al Fordham

- 24 Bonsai House images photographed by Al Fordham and C.K.E. Includes 4 images of Connie Derderian caring for trees. 1962-86.

17. Slides by Peter Del Tredici

- 10 images of Bonsai plants including 3 images with Connie Derderian. November 1986

18. Certificates and Awards

- Certificate of Bonsai Exhibition for Compact Hinoki Cypress. September 13-14, 2014
- Boston Globe, People's Choice Award for Most Popular Spring Exhibit. March 13, 1997.



Connie Derderian training a *Chamaecyparis obtusa* by wrapping it in paper and a view of the greenhouse. 1976

Series II: Photographs

1. The Larz Anderson Bonsai collection, pre-1937: Booklet of 9 unbound pages, mounted photographs with numbered prints, given to the Arnold Arboretum with the Bonsai Collection in 1937.

Page	Print number	Name	Age
1	1	<i>Prunus mume.</i>	130 years
	2	<i>Prunus mume.</i>	60 years
2	3	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	80 years
	4	<i>Prunus mume</i>	130 years
3	5	<i>Punica zraratam</i>	75 years
	6	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	60 years
4	7	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	100 years
	31	<i>Zelkova acuminta</i>	50 years
5	8	<i>Punica zraratam</i>	30 years
	9	<i>Pinus pentalphylla</i>	60 years
	32	<i>Zelkova acuminta</i>	25 years



Prunus mume and *Juniperus communis*. Pre-1937

6	10	<i>Prunus mume.</i>	50 years
	11	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	50 years
	12	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	60 years
	13	<i>Pourthiaea villosa</i>	30 years
7	14	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	40 years
	15	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	30 years
	16	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	80 years
8	17	<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	80 years
	18	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	60 years
9	19	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	200 years
	20	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	20 years
10	21	<i>Spirea thunbergi</i>	25 years
	22	<i>Punica zraratam</i>	40 years
	23	<i>Spirea japonica</i>	10 years
	24	<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	35 years
	25	<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	25 years
	26	<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	25 years
11	27	<i>Prunus miqueliana</i>	50 years
	28	<i>Punica zraratam</i>	25 years
	29	<i>Punica zraratam</i>	20 years

Box 2**1. Photographs: Bonsai Houses.** Bonsai House: adjacent to Bussey Institute

Original Bonsai House on Bussey Institute grounds. Photographed by Donald Wyman, 1938

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
sign of house	1	D. Wyman	1938
exterior	1	D. Wyman	1938
interior	1, (2 copies)	D. Wyman	1938
interior	1, (2 copies)	D. Wyman	1938
interior	1, (2 copies)	D. Wyman	1938
	1 negative		



Bonsai House photographed by Al Fordham, circa 1962

2a. Bonsai House: adjacent to the Dana Greenhouses				
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	exterior view	1, (2 copies)	A. Fordham	
2b.				
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	interior views	6 prints, (2 copies of 2)	H. Howard	1962
2c.				
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	exterior views	5 prints, (2 copies of 5)	H. Howard	1962
	finished construction			
2d.				
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	exterior views	1 print, (3 copies)	P. Bruns	1970s



Bonsai House (left), Dwarf Conifer Collection (center), and Hedge Collection (background right), photographed by Al Fordham. 1972

2e.	<i>Subject</i> exterior aerial view centennial	<i>Number</i> 4 prints	<i>Photographer</i> A. Fordham	<i>Date</i> May 1972
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Peter Del Tredici, Connie Derderian, and Director Peter Ashton at Bonsai House rededication ceremony. May 24, 1987

2f.	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	Rededication			
	exterior	1 print	anonymous	May 24, 1987
	ceremony	6 prints	anonymous	May 24, 1987
	clipping from: <i>News from the Arnold Arboretum</i> No. 1, Summer 1987			
2g.	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	renovation	24	anonymous	1989
	renovation	1	P. Del Tredici	1989
	renovation	1	Racz & Deb.	6/27/89
2h.	<i>Miscellaneous photographs</i>			
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date</i>
	interior	1 negative	H. Howard	May 27, 1966
		1 color 8x10		
	interior	1 contact sheet	Olenek	
	interior	1 print	anonymous	1989
	interior	1 print	anonymous	
	interior	1 print, mounted	anonymous	
	interior	1 color slide	anonymous	June, 1962
	exterior	1 color slide	anonymous	June, 1962
	exterior	1 print	P. Bruns	
	exterior	1 print	P. Bruns	May, 1973
	exterior	1 print (2 copies)	anonymous	
	exterior	1 prints	A. Fordham	
	interior/exterior	7 color slides	Peter del Tredici	1987

*See Box 3 for oversized mounted prints of interior and exterior.

3. Photographs: Bonsai trees- various unaccessioned trees



Pinus halepensis. P. Chvany, undated

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>
Malpighia puniceifolia	1 8x10 print (2 copies)	P. Chvany*
Malpighia coccigera bark	1 print	P. Chvany*
Ficus neriifolia regularis	1 print	P. Chvany *
Pinus halepensis	1 print	P. Chvany*
Malpighia coccigera	1 print	P. Chvany*
Ficus benjamina	1 print	P. Chvany*
Jacquinia keyensis	1 print	Debrah Thompson*
portrait	1 print	P. Bruns
portraits	10 5x7 prints (2 copies of 1 print, 3 copies of 1 print)	anonymous
still life	1 8x10 print	anonymous
portrait	negative	anonymous
scene	negative	anonymous

*Appeared in [Arnoldia 36:1](#)

4. Photographs: Education classes



Connie Derderian teaching a Bonsai class, 1970

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
classes	1 print (5 copies), 1 negative	H. Howard	Aug.3, 1966
classes	1 print (2 copies) 1 negative	H. Howard	Aug.3, 1966
classes	1 print (2 copies) 1 negative	H. Howard	Aug.3, 1966
classes	Contact sheet, negatives	P. Burns	1970
classes	1 print, negative	P. Burns	1970
classes	1 print	P. Burns	1970
classes	1 print	anonymous	
classes	3 prints, negative	anonymous	

5. Maintenance

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
maintenance	4 prints (2 copies of 2, 3 copies of 2) (with notes from C. Derderian)	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969
maintenance	5 prints	P. Bruns	1969
maintenance	negatives	P. Bruns	1969
maintenance	2 contact sheets	anonymous	

maintenance

1 color slide

anonymous

6. Exhibitions

6a. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.

- A-2847. 1 print (3 copies), 1 print (2 copies).

6b. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.

- A-2871. 3 prints (2 copies each), 1 print (3 copies), 1 color slide. See Box 4 for an oversized mounted copy.

6c. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.



The Arboretum's Bonsai display at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Spring Flower Show. March, 1954

- A-2872. 1 print (4 copies).

6d. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.

- A-2873. 1 print (5 copies), 2 prints.

6e. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.

- A-2875. 1 print (5 copies). 1 color slide.

6f. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, March 20, 1954.

- Not catalogued. 2 prints.

6g. "A Section of Bonsai Garden." at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, Spring, 1959.

- A-2974. 1 print (4 copies). See Box 4 for an oversized mounted copy. 1 slide.

6h. "A Section of Bonsai Garden." at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, Spring, 1959.

- A-2975. 1 print (6 copies), 1 print (2 copies). See Box 4 for an oversized mounted copy.

6i. Arnold Arboretum Bonsai exhibit at the flower show in Detroit, Michigan, 1961.

- CW-642. 1 print (3 copies). See Box 4 for an oversized mounted copy.

6j. Arnold Arboretum Bonsai exhibit at the flower show at the Horticultural Society of New York, 1962.

- 2 prints by W. Sevecke.

6k. Bonsai at the Mass. Horticultural Society Spring Show, 1997.

- 1 print by Photography unlimited.

7. Negatives and Proofs

- 5 contact sheets and 4 sheets of negatives for portraits of individual trees.

8. Photographs: Yokohama Nursery- 8 x 10 photos and description by E.H.Wilson



Chamaecyparis obtusa var. *nana* at Yokohama Nursery, Japan. Photographed by E.H. Wilson, 1918.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
Tsuga diversifolia	1 print, 1 mounted	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918
Chamaecyparis obtusa var. nana	1 print (2 copies), 1 mounted	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918
Chamaecyparis obtusa var. nana	1 print, 1 mounted	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918
Pinus parviflora	1 print	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918
Picea jezoensis	1 print	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918
Chamaecyparis Obtuse var. nana	1 print mounted	E.H. Wilson	June 7, 1918

9. Photographs: Winter protection

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
Storage	1 print, negative	H. Howard	November 10, 1961
	1	H. Howard	March, 1965
Storage	2 color slides	anonymous	1961

* See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print of winter storage.

10. Negatives: Bonsai within Asian Art

- 5 images used within the Charles R. Long's article "[An Informal History of Bonsai](#)" in *Arnoldia*, 31(5), September 1971.

Series III: Individual Portraits of the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection

Portraits are filed in numeric order according to accession number. Most are black and white prints except for 2 color prints and many color slides. Prints and negatives come in various sizes.

Box 3

1. 101-69 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo hiba' (child)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo hiba' (child) photographed by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
101-69			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	Feb. 9, 1969	3 copies, 1 negative
'Chabo hiba' (child)			description by C. Derderian of the separation from (mother)
	P. Bruns		2 copies, negative used in <i>Arnoldia</i> , 31, Nov. 1971
	Racz & Debreczy IV B-2 LAB	1989	1 print

Racz & Debreczy

1989 1 print

2. 456-89 *Ginkgo biloba* (Shanghai)



Ginkgo biloba (Shanghai) photographed by
Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
456-89			
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> (Shanghai)	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print

3. 491-60 *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Vilmoriniana'



Cryptomeria japonica 'Vilmoriniana' photographed by Heman Howard, 1963

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
491-60			
<i>Cryptomeria</i>	anonymous	March 1, 1965	1 mounted print
<i>japonica</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, 1 color slide
'Vilmoriniana'	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1969	1 print
*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.			

4. 762-86 *Juniperus procumbens* (Day bonsai)

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
762-86			
<i>Juniperus</i>	Racz&Debreczy	1989-1990	1 picture in
<i>procumbens</i>			"Programs&Events"
			Fall/Winter

5. 870-37 *Acer buergerianum*



Acer buergerianum photographed by Dave Henderson, 2005

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
870-37			
<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	Heman Howard	4/30/1954	1 negative, 1 print (3 copies and 1 mounted), 1 1989 copy by Racz & Debreczy)
	anonymous	6/1933	1 xerox from "House Beautiful", 1 slide
	Heman Howard	9/10/1963	1 5x7 print, (2 copies)
	Heman Howard	9/10/1963	1 5x7 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Dave Henderson	2005	1 mounted color print

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

6. 871-37 *Acer palmatum*

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
871-37			
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1963, 1976, 1987	9 color slides

7. 872-37 *Acer palmatum*



Acer palmatum photographed by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
872-37			
<i>Acer</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2 copies), negative
<i>palmatum</i>	anonymous		1 color postcard, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1954, '63, '76, '87	5 color slides

8. 873-37A *Acer palmatum*



Acer palmatum. Unknown photographer, 1954

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
873-37A			
<i>Acer</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2 copies), negative
<i>palmatum</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 large mounted, 1
		small print	
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

9. 874-37 *Acer palmatum*



Acer palmatum photographed by Heman Howard, 1963

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
874-37			
<i>Acer</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
<i>palmatum</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print

10. 875-37 *Acer palmatum*



Acer palmatum photographed by Heman Howard, 1963

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
875-37			
<i>Acer</i>	anonymous	Jul. 22, 1963	1 color transparency and 1 color slide
<i>palmatum</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Anonymous	July, 1976	1 color slide

11. 877-37 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Straight arm)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba' (Straight arm) photographed by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
877-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	Aug. 6, 1963	1 mounted print
'Chabo-hiba'	anonymous	April 10, 1954	1 print,(5 copies), negative
(Straight arm)	H. Howard	Aug. 6, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (2 copies)
	Anonymous	1954, 1976	3 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

12. 878-37 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Octopus)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba' (Octopus)
photographed by Dave Henderson, 2005

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
878-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous		1 large print
'Chabo-hiba'	anonymous		1 large print
(Octopus)	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, negative
	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	2 prints, negative
	H. Howard	Aug. 5, 1963	1 transparency, 1 color slide
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (2 copies), negative with note by C. Derderian
	D. Wyman	May 10, 1938	1 print, (2 copies)
	D. Wyman		1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (2 copies) with clipping from <i>Arnoldia</i> , Spring, 1993
	anonymous	1954,'76,'86	4 color slides

*See Box 5 for 2 oversized mounted prints.

13. 879-37 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba'



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba' (mother) with (child).
Unknown photographer, 1954

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
879-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	3 copies, negative,
'Chabo-hiba'			1 color slide
	anonymous		1 print with (child)
	anonymous		1 color postcard,
			(2 copies)
	H. Howard	Aug. 5, 1963	1 transparency
	H. Howard	Aug. 6, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	Racz&Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1954-1987	11 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

14. 880-37 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Boat)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba' (Boat) photographed
by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
880-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i> 'Chabo-hiba' (Boat)	anonymous	April 30, 1954	1 print, (2 copies), 1 negative
	D. Wyman	Nov. 1964	1 print, (4 copies)
	D. Wyman	Nov. 1964	1 print
	H. Howard	Jul. 22, 1963	1 transparency, 2 color slides
	H. Howard	Mar. 1, 1965	1 print, (3 copies), 1 negative
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (3 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1976 and 1987	3 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

15. 881-37 *Cham. obtusa*



Chamaecyparis obtusa photographed by Dave Henderson, 2005

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
881-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
	anonymous		1 print
	H. Howard	Aug. 5, 1963	1 transparency
	H. Howard	Aug. 6, 1963	1 print, (3 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print,(2 copies)
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (3), 2 negatives
			maintenance, with note by C. Derderian
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (3), negative
			maintenance, with note by C. Derderian
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (2), negative
			maintenance, with note by C. Derderian
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (3), negative
			maintenance, with note by C. Derderian
	Anonymous	1963, '76, '87	5 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

16. 882-37 *Cham. obtusa*



Chamaecyparis obtusa. Unknown photographer, 1954

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
882-37			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	April 30, 1954	1 print, (2 copies), 1 negative
	H. Howard	Jul. 22, 1963	1 transparency
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print (2 copies)
	Anonymous	July 22, 1963	2 color slide

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

17. 886-49 *Acer palmatum*



Acer palmatum photographed by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
886-49			
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Multiple	1962, '63, '79. '87	5 color slides

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18. 888-49 *Acer palmatum* (Red Leaf)



Acer palmatum (Red Leaf) photographed by Dave Henderson, 2005

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
888-49			
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
(Red Leaf)	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Jul. 22, 1963	1 transparency
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Multiple	1954, '63, '87	5 color slides

19. 889-37 *Prunus subhirtella*



Prunus subhirtella. Photographed by Racz & Debreczy, 1989

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
889-37			
<i>Prunus subhirtella</i>	anonymous	pre-1937	1 22x16 print (see Box 1, folder 4)
	H. Howard	Sept 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Mar. 1, 1965	1 print, 1 large copy, negative
	H. Howard	Sept 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1963, '76, '87	5 color slides
	Dave Henderson	2005	1 mounted color print

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

20. 889-49 *Acer palmatum* (Tuning Fork)



Acer palmatum (Tuning Fork) photographed
by Heman Howard, 1965

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
889-49			
<i>Acer palmatum</i> (Tuning Fork)	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2), 1 transparency
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Mar. 1, 1965	1 print, negative
	H. Howard	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (3 copies), negative, 1 mounted print
	Racz&Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1963, '76, '87	5 color slides

*See Box 5 for 2 oversized mounted prints.

21. 879 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Split rock)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba'
(Split rock). Unknown photographer, 1954

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
890-49			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous		1 print
'Chabo-hiba'	anonymous	Mar. 1, 1965	1 mounted print
(Split rock)	anonymous	April 30, 1954	1 print, (3 copies), 1 negative
	anonymous		1 8x10 color copy
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies), transparency
	H. Howard	Aug. 6, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Feb. 19, 1969	1 print (3 copies), 1 negative with note by C. Derderian
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (2 copies)
	Anonymous	1954, '63, '76, '87	5 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

22. 892-49 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Bertha)



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Chabo-hiba' (Bertha). Unknown photographer, 1962

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
892-49			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous		1 print
'Chabo-hiba'	anonymous	Aug. 6, 1963	1 small print, 1
(Bertha)			mounted copy
	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2 copies) 1
			negative
	anonymous	Aug. 28, 1952	1 print, (2 copies), 1
			negative
	anonymous	May, 1962	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Aug. 5, 1963	1 transparency
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print, (3 copies)
	Anonymous	1954, '63, '76, '87	4 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

23. 893-49 *Pinus parviflora*



Pinus parviflora photographed by Dave Henderson, 2005

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
893-49			
<i>Pinus parviflora</i>	anonymous	Aug. 28, 1952	1 print, 1 small,
large, 3			
1 negative	anonymous	Mar. 1, 1965	1 mounted print, 1 1 negative
	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, negative
	D. Wyman	Nov. 1964	1 print, (2 copies)
	D. Wyman	Nov. 1964	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Aug. 6, 1963	1 print, (3 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Aug. 5, 1963	1 transparency
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1954, '63, '64, '87	7 color slides

*See Box 5 for an oversized mounted print.

24. 899-37 *Cham. pisifera* 'Squarrosa'



Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Squarrosa'. Unknown photographer, 1954

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
899-37			
<i>Cham. pisifera</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print (2 copies), 1 negative
'Squarrosa'	A. Fordham	May, 1972	1 large print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 transparency
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
	Anonymous	1954, '63, '76, '87	9 color slides

25. 1100-71 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' (Cutting)

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
1100-71			
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
'Chabo-hiba'	Racz & Debreczy	1989	1 print
(Cutting)	Peter Del Tredici	July 1987	1 color slide

26. 871-37A *Acer palmatum*

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
871-37A	DEAD		
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)

27. 882-37 *Cham. obtusa* 'Chabo-hiba' *MISSING*

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
882-37	DEAD		
<i>Cham. obtusa</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
'Chabo-hiba'	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)

28. 887-37 *Larix leptoleptis*

Accession number/name	Photographer	Date	Description
887-37	DEAD		
<i>Larix</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
<i>leptoleptis</i>	anonymous	Apr. 30, 1954	1 print, (2), negative
	H. Howard	Sept. 10, 1963	1 transparency
	H. Howard	Sept. 3, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	H. Howard	Sept. 3, 1963	1 print, (2 copies)
	Anonymous	May 1947	1 color slide

29. Correspondence between Connie Derderian and H. Howard regarding his photographs of individual bonsai.

- Typed list from Connie Derderian describing and labeling Howard's individual bonsai photographs. Includes personal hand written note at bottom. February 19, 1969.

Box 5

1. 16.5 x 7 black and white framed picture of an exhibit at the November, 1933; Japan Society
2. 26 20 x 16 matted b/w photographs, likely on display once

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
▪ Bonsai House	May 16, 1962	exterior of Bonsai House
	May 19, 1962	exterior of Bonsai House
	May 19, 1962	interior of Bonsai House
	May 19, 1962	interior of Bonsai House
▪ Winter storage	March 1, 1965	Bonsai in winter storage
▪ Bonsai Exhibits	Spring, 1961	Bonsai exhibit in the Detroit 1961 Flower Show
	March, 1954	Exhibit at Mass. Spring Flower and Garden Show
	March, 1959	Exhibit at Mass. Spring Flower and Garden Show
	March, 1959	Exhibit at Mass. Spring Flower and Garden Show

Portraits

491-60	March 1, 1965	portrait, 10 years old
870-37	April 30, 1954	portrait, 102 years old

873-37	April 30, 1954	portrait, 57 years old
877-37	August 6, 1963	portrait, 225 years old
878-37	April 30, 1954	portrait, 167 years old
878-37	August 6, 1963	portrait, 175 years old
879-37	August 6, 1963	portrait, 160 years old
880-37	March 1, 1965	portrait, 130 years old
881-37	March 1, 1965	portrait, 100 years old
882-37	April 30, 1954	portrait, 67 years old
889-37	March 1, 1965	portrait, 110 years
889-49	April 30, 1954	portrait, 57 years old
889-49	March 1, 1965	portrait, 65 years old
890-49	March 1, 1965	portrait, 130 years old
892-49	August 6, 1963	portrait, 175 years old
893-49	March 1, 1965	portrait, 75 years
not an AA plant	March 1, 1965	portrait

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Hagan Cherry, undated



Bonsai House photographed by Jack Alexander, 2008