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Willowwood Papers

Overview of Collection

Creator: Henry Tubbs, Robert Tubbs, Ben Blackburn, others
Title: Willowwood Papers
Date: 1880 - 1989
Quantity: 61 boxes, or 30 linear feet

Restrictions

Important Information for Users of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Willowwood Papers, Courtesy of the Morris County Park Commission.

Acquisition Information

This foundational collection of archival material of the Willowwood Papers was received at three different times. The first group of material was removed from Willowwood and brought to Fosterfields prior to 2004 by Renee Nisivoccia. The second group of material was received when intern Sara Parmigiani processed the photographic material that was brought over prior to 2004 which had not been previously processed. The third grouping of material was received in 2009. During the winter of 2008 - 2009 David Helmer notified Lynn Laffey of additional Willowwood material stored in the basement of Frelinghuysen Mansion at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum which was then serving as Park Commission Headquarters. The materials had previously been in the custody of Quentin Schlieder, the third Executive Director of the Park Commission who had received it directly from Ben Blackburn. In 2002 upon his retirement he transferred the materials to the Park Commission under the auspices of Dave Helmer. This material was removed from Frelinghuysen in February and June 2009. All material was resorted, re-housed, and inventoried from June - September 2009. Since that time additional acquisitions have been incorporated as appropriate.

Processing Information

Organized and Described by Lynn Laffey in September 2009.

Finding Aid Updated to adhere to Morris County Park Commission standards including addition of Administrative Information, Biographical Note, and Scope and Content by Katie Humphreys July 2020.

FONDS Parent Record: WW2013.2

Biographical Note

The Tubbs brothers were enthusiastic gardeners, interested in Horticulture beginning as youths at the family home in Kingston, NY. Henry, known as Hal (February 19, 1878 – July 26, 1958), was affable and gregarious, worked briefly in publishing at Charles Scribner's Sons. In July, 1908 he purchased "Paradise Farm" 135 acres of land with its huge weeping willows lining the brook, swaying toward the frame house and its cluster of outbuildings with his brother Robert (Feb 24, 1882-May 24, 1942). The brothers christened their new property "Willowwood Farm".

Hal and Robert were interested in horticulture and built a greenhouse and potting shed. Robert still worked in the city, coming home on weekends and holidays with many new plants scoured from the New York markets. He had an active interest in unusual trees and shrubs and corresponded with many of the horticulture luminaries of the time including plant explorer Ernest Henry 'Chinese' Wilson and Professor Charles Sprague Sargent, the founding director of the Arnold Arboretum. Many rare plants were added to the Willowwood Collection as a result of their friendships. In April, 1939 the New York Times reported on the brothers' horticultural efforts. Robert collected; Henry was the artist who "painted" on the garden canvas with a "careful-carelessness" which made it seem as if the garden had arranged itself. Henry was a member of the Garden Club of Somerset Hills along with their neighbor Martha Brookes Hutcheson, one of the first female landscape architects in the U.S. and former student at MIT who, with her husband William Anderson Hutcheson, had purchased the adjacent property in 1912 and named it Merchiston Farm (now known as Bamboo Brook). They shared their interest and began serious discussions about plants and garden design.

Benjamin Blackburn (May 2, 1908 - July 7, 1987), an author-lecturer-horticulturist from Ridgeway, NY, was appointed to the faculty of the College of Agriculture at Rutgers University as an instructor in Ornamental Horticulture. Introduced by Martha Brookes Hutcheson in 1936 to the Tubbs brothers he visited Willowwood and would move in permanently in 1939. In 1942, Ben enlisted in the Army, was stationed in Boston and worked on concealment plans for Boston's harbor defense. In 1945 Captain Blackburn was transferred to Japan. While there he visited many of the gardens and befriended Japanese botanist Yoshiharu Matsumura of the Nikko Botanical Garden. After World War II ended, he returned to Willowwood bringing Japanese statuary and accouterment for later garden use and sets to work with Hal to restore the gardens.

Mr. Blackburn got his Ph.D. from Rutgers University and became a professor at Drew University and wrote prolifically for a number of gardening periodicals and authored three books: *Your Garden This Week*, *Keys to the Woody Plants of New Jersey*, and *Trees and Shrubs in Eastern North America* (1952). He and Hal traveled in the U.S. and to Italy - always continuing to amass new plants and Ben carefully cataloged each accession in an effort to build a first-rate curated arboretum. He and Hal entertained many important horticulture visitors but he spent most of his time in the gardens as Henry, aging, handed most of the garden duties to him. Henry Tubbs saw Dr. Blackburn as the protector of Willowwood's future and in late 1949 legally adopted him as his son. He would remain at Willowwood and shepherd its future as protected land.

Scope and Content Note

The Willowwood Papers are comprised of the personal papers of Henry Tubbs, his brother Robert Tubbs, and Benjamin Blackburn. The papers include correspondence, plant records, and landscape planning documents.

The Tubbs and Dr. Blackburn were extremely active in the horticulture and preservation movements of the early 20th century and turned Willowwood into a first-class arboretum during their combined tenures. The history of these men, their home, and their extended networks allow researchers to grasp a larger understanding of the interconnectedness of the horticulture world and the genesis of the site as an Arboretum and its residents' participation in local organizations as well as international correspondence.

The Willowwood Papers contain the personal and business records of Henry Tubbs as well as papers concerning the larger Tubbs family. A significant portion of the Collection is comprised of the papers of Dr. Blackburn, ranging from his time in the military, to his correspondence with horticulturalists from all over the world, to his time at university both as a student and a professor, in addition to his records surrounding the horticultural history of Willowwood Arboretum. Additionally, materials surrounding the personal lives of further residents of the Tubbs House at Willowwood Arboretum, specifically Russell Myers, are included as appropriate.

Associated Image Collection

[Willowwood Image Collection](#)

Over 7,000 images spanning from black and white photography to color slides, and negatives compromise the Willowwood Image Collection. The images represent the growth and development of Willowwood Arboretum from Paradise Farm, the Tubbs and Blackburn families, travel, garden design, and Ben Blackburn's time serving in the military.

Arrangement

This collection contains the personal papers of Henry Tubbs, Robert Tubbs, and Benjamin Blackburn. The collection is stored in 61 boxes within the Fosterfields Archives Room. The collection is divided into the following 8 series (WW2009.13.1-7).

1. Henry Tubbs
2. Ben Blackburn - Personal
3. Ben Blackburn - Correspondence
4. Ben Blackburn - Military
5. Ben Blackburn - School/Work
6. Ben Blackburn - Horticulture
7. Tubbs Family

Container List

Series 1: *Henry Tubbs*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
1	1	Legal Documents relating to Henry Tubbs
	2	Legal Documents relating to Ben Blackburn

- 3 Adoption paperwork for Ben Blackburn
- 4 Russell Myers Paperwork
- 5 History of Willowwood
- 6 No Hunting Sign
- 7 Property Deeds/Title
- 8 Death of Ben Blackburn
- 9 Correspondence: Death of Ben Blackburn
- 10 Map "Willowwood Farm"

Map Case Drawer 3 – Willowwood Maps and Plans

- 2**
 - 1 Bank
 - 2 Expense Ledger
 - 3 Invoice Pad
 - 4 Automobile
 - 5 Henry Mercer/Tile
 - 6 Property Tax
 - 7 Correspondence with Davis & Hall (Investment Managers)
 - 8 Building and Landscape Material
 - 9 Plumbing
 - 10 Willowwood Tags
 - 11 Painting
 - 12 Bills – Decorative Arts

- 3**
 - 1 Articles
 - 2 Poetry & Prose
 - 3 Astronomy
 - 4 Horticulture notes
 - 5 Recipes
 - 6 Address book
 - 7 Passport
 - 8 Christmas cards
 - 9 Tubbs Genealogy
 - 10 Voter Registration
 - 11: Correspondence (to Henry Tubbs)
 - 12: Empty Envelopes
 - 13: Maps
 - 14a-f: Correspondence (with Elizabeth White)

- 4**
 - 1 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, 1940
 - 2 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, 1942
 - 3 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, January 1943
 - 4 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, February 1943
 - 5 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, March 1943
 - 6 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, April 1943
 - 7 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, June 1943
 - 8 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, July 1943
 - 9 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, August 1943

- 10 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, September 1953
- 11 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, November 1943
- 12 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, December 1943

- 5**
 - 1 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, 1944
 - 2 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, February 17, 1945 to June 5, 1945
 - 3 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, June 7, 1945 to October 15, 1945
 - 4 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, October 17, 1945 to December 26, 1945
 - 5 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, January 1, 1946 to November 28, 1946
 - 6 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, 1948
 - 7 Henry Tubbs Letters to B. Blackburn, Unknown Year

- 44**
 - 1 Botanical Prints
 - 2 Misc. Prints
 - 3 Perry Pictures
 - 4 French Art Prints
 - 5 Hubbard Payne Print
 - 6 Prints
 - 7 Drawings
 - 8 Stencil Patterns
 - 9 Stencils & Paper
 - 10 Persian & Indian Textiles

- 50** Henry Tubbs Scrapbook of Selected Prose

- 51** Henry Tubbs Scrapbook

Map Case Drawer 3 – Botanical Art (WW2022.1.1-3)

Series 2: *Ben Blackburn - Personal*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
6	1	Apt. Lease to R. Myers
	2	Insurance
	3	Building Landscape Material
	4	Electric
	5	Taxes
	6	Misc. Notebooks
7	1	Misc. Bills
	2	Address book
	3	Student visa
	4	Rutgers paystubs
	5	Donations
	6	Sears Roebuck
	7	IRS tax receipts
	8	Antiques & Art correspondence

- 9 Investments
- 10 Automobile
- 11 Composition Book/Paleontology 103-104
- 12 Bank
- 13 Business and Calling Cards
- 14 Honors & Awards
- 15 Government Issued IDs (Passports and War Department ID)
- 16 The New Testament Bible
- 17 Travel
 - Framed Resolution from Chester Township

- 8**
 - 1 Day Book, 1937 & 1941
 - 2 Day Book, 1942
 - 3 Day Books, 1949 Henry Tubbs/Ben Blackburn
 - 4 Day Books, 1950 and 1951
 - 5 Day Books, 1952 and 1953
 - 6 Day Books, 1954 and 1955
 - 7 Day Books, 1956 and 1957
 - 8 Day Books, 1958 and 1959
 - 9 Day Books, 1960 and 1961

- 9**
 - 1 Day Books, 1962 and 1963
 - 2 Day Books, 1964 and 1965
 - 3 Day Books, 1966 and 1967
 - 4 Day Books, 1968 and 1969
 - 5 Day Books, 1970 and 1971
 - 6 Day Books, 1972 and 1973
 - 7 Day Books, 1974 and 1975
 - 8 Day Books, 1976 and 1977

- 10**
 - 1 Day Books, 1978 and 1979
 - 2 Day Books, 1980 and 1981
 - 3 Day Books, 1982, 1984 and 1985
 - 4 Calendar Monthly, 1983 & 1987

- 23**
 - 1 B. Blackburn Passport
 - 2 Misc. Travel
 - 3 Travel Expenses
 - 4 Maps
 - 5 Travel Correspondence
 - 6 Guatemala
 - 7 New Jersey brochures, maps, etc.
 - 8 Washington, D.C. & Virginia travel documents
 - 9 International Dendrological Society Tour of Japan, 1980
 - 10 Philippines
 - 11 Japan

- 24**
 - 1 Greece/Yugoslavia, 1967

- 2 Spain/Portugal, 1968
- 3 Italy
- 4 France
- 5 International Dendrological Society tour of Czechoslovakia, 19850
- 6 Royal Horticultural Society, Conifer Conference – 1970 (London/Scotland)
- 7 Royal Horticultural Society, Conifer Conference – 1970 (London/Scotland)
- 8 Germany

- 28** 1 Willowwood Furniture Inventory
- 2 Rutgers & MCPC
- 3 Willowwood Activities
- 4 Willowwood Misc.
- 5 MCPC Worksheets
- 6 Walking Tours
- 7 B. Blackburn Memorial Fund
- 8 Willowwood Bookplates
- 9 Willowwood Calendar, 1943
- 10 Plant Lists
- 11 Certificates
- 12 Rotarian Magazine
- 13 Ruth Myers Correspondence
- 14 Badges & Business Cards
- 15 To Russell Myers Correspondence
- 16 From Russell Myers Correspondence
- 17 Willowwood Arboretum letters from B. Blackburn
- 18 Quentin Schlieder Correspondence

- 30** 1 Misc. Clippings sent by Judy Davison - 1941
- 2 Rutgers
- 3 mention B. Blackburn
- 4 Non-Newspaper Clippings
- 5 scrapbook of clippings
- 6 NY Times article
- 7 Miscellaneous Obituaries
- 8 Plants
- 9 Morris County Park Commission
- 10 mention Willowwood
- 11 Miscellaneous Clippings
- 12 Wedding Announcements
- 13 Japan or Military related clippings
- 14 Flood in Wilkes-Barre
- 15 Wilkes-Barre Record

- 46** 1 Wayside Gardens Catalog
- 2 Various Pamphlets
- 3 The World Was My Garden
- 4 The American Magazine of Art
- 5 Asia: The American Magazine of the Orient

	6	Various Auction Catalogs
	7	Bernard Quaritch Catalogs
	8	"We Woman" pamphlets
	9	Metropolitan Opera House
	10	Lila Tyng Short Stories
	11	Miscellaneous Magazines
48	1	Bank Briefs
	2	Samuel Scoville Jr. writings
	3	Dr. Walcott Gibbs
	4	Ann Dorrance Correspondence
	5	Elizabeth French Babbott
	6	Oliver Baker Receipt
	7	Typed Information Sheets
	8	Miscellaneous Correspondence

Series 3: *Ben Blackburn - Correspondence*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
11	1	To Ben Blackburn, from Barbara Blackburn
	2	To Ben Blackburn, from Fern Blackburn
	3	To Ben Blackburn, from George Blackburn
	4	To Ben Blackburn, from Grandma Blackburn
	5	From Ben Blackburn, to Grandma Blackburn, 1944
	6	From Ben Blackburn, to Grandma Blackburn, 1945
	7	From Ben Blackburn, to Grandma Blackburn, 1946
	8	To Ben Blackburn, from Jay E. Blackburn (father)
	9	To Ben Blackburn, from Lynne Blackburn
	10	To Ben Blackburn, from Margaret Blackburn
	11	To Ben Blackburn, from his mother, 1929-1935
	12	To Ben Blackburn, from his mother, 1936 -1939
	13	To Ben Blackburn, from his mother, 1940s
	14	To Ben Blackburn, from Paul Blackburn
	15	To Ben Blackburn, from Will Blackburn
	16	Genealogy
12	1	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1928
	2	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1929
	3	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1930
	4	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1931
	5	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1934
	6	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1935
	7	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1936
	8	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1937
	9	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1938
	10	To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1939

- 11 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1940
 - 12 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1941
 - 13 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1942
 - 14 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1943
 - 15 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1946
 - 16 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, 1947
 - 17 To Ben Blackburn from Charles Doney, undated
- 13**
- 1 from Molly Adams
 - 2 from Fred Aldrich
 - 3 from Caroline Allinson
 - 4 from Armstrong Tree Service
 - 5 from Ralph Bailey
 - 6 from Lake Barnes
 - 7 from Laura Barnes
 - 8 from L.J. Bertamin
 - 9 from Marie Bignon
 - 10 from Birch Farm Nursery
 - 11 Misc. letters from Ben Blackburn
 - 12 from Carol (Mackie) Brett
 - 13 from Bernice Brilmayer
 - 14 from Anne Brooks
 - 15 from Mary Brown
 - 16 from Pedro Calderon
 - 17 from P. Campo
 - 18 from Mel Carriker
 - 19 from M. Chrysler
 - 20 from W. Chora
 - 21 from Martin Cohen
 - 22 Laura Craft
 - 23 To Laura Craft
 - 24 from Hugh Creighton
 - 25 from Judy Davison
 - 26 from Grant Day
 - 27 from P. Pablo Diez
 - 28 from Sidney Dillon
 - 29 from Geraldine Dodge
 - 30 from Larry Dodge
 - 31 from M. Hartley Dodge
 - 32 from Molly Doney
 - 33 from Anne & Frances Dorrance
 - 34 from Bishop DuMoulin
 - 35 from Mary Dwight
 - 36 from Gordon Emerson
 - 37 from Bill Enking
 - 38 from E. Farrington
 - 39 from Louisa Ford
 - 40 from Charles Gilbert

- 41 John Glasser
 42 from Elizabeth Gordon
 43 from George Graves
 44 from Walter Gregory
- 14** 1 from Harriette Halloway
 2 from Bernard & Mabel Harkness
 3 from A. Dodenpyl
 4 from Mrs. J. Norman Henry
 5 from Martha Brookes Hutchson
 6 from Elizabeth Jabrisku
 7 from Mrs. G.C. Jeffrey
 8 from H. Jeffery
 9 from Gordon Jones
 10 from William Jordan
 11 from Alfred Kay
 12 from J. Bayard Kemble
 13 from Gus Krossa
 14 from Stuart Longmuir
 15 from Maplewood Nursery
 16 from Eleanor Marguard
 17 from Mrs. J.E. McConnell
 18 from H.K. Morse
 19 from Emma Mortimer
 20 from Amy Murray
- 15** 1 from Audrey O'Connor
 2 from Joe Portella
 3 from John Potter
 4 from Margaret (Sparrow) Pulsifer
 5 from Marjorie Quinn
 6 from John Rebhan
 7 from Ethel Richardson
 8 from Ruth Robinson
 9 from Herta Rosenblatt
 10 from Stephen Sabine
 11 from Sigurd Saxosen
 12 from Dwight Scoville
 13 Sealed Envelopes
 14 from Roger Smith
 15 from Virginia Statesman
 16 from Stauber Family
 17 from Fletcher Steele
 18 from Helen Stewart
 19 from Helen Stockman
 20 from Frank Stoll
 21 from Arthur Stout
 22 from Robert Talley, Jr.

- 23 from Harvey Templeton Jr.
- 24a-g: from June Vail
- 25 from Peter Vermillin
- 26 from Charles Webster
- 27 from Lewis Weld
- 28 from Howard White
- 29 from Jeanne Wight
- 30 from Mrs. Francis Williams
- 31 from Mrs. Alfred (Mabel) Wise
- 32 from John Wister
- 33 from H. Witt

- 16**
 - 1 unidentified, no year
 - 2 unidentified, 1929
 - 3 unidentified, 1930s
 - 4 unidentified, 1940s
 - 5 unidentified, 1960s
 - 6 unidentified, 1980s
 - 7 from Mrs. F
 - 8 from A.P.M
 - 9 from Anne F.
 - 10 from Betty
 - 11 from Blanca
 - 12 from Carl
 - 13 from David
 - 14 from John
 - 15 from Laura L.
 - 16 from Mac
 - 17 from Marion
 - 18 from Martha
 - 19 from Mary & Thomas
 - 20 from Maxine
 - 21 from Mildred
 - 22 from Nae
 - 23 from Peggy
 - 24 from Pete
 - 25 from Ruth
 - 26 from Sallie
 - 27 from Tony
 - 28 from Stuart

- 17**
 - 1 Empty Envelopes
 - 2 Invitations
 - 3 Stamps
 - 3b Stamps
 - 4 to Ben Blackburn, re: Death of Henry Tubbs
 - 5 to Ben Blackburn, re: Death of Henry Tubbs
 - 6 to Ben Blackburn, re: Death of Henry Tubbs

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| 18 | 1 | Valentine's Day Cards |
| | 2 | B. Blackburn Christmas Card Lists |
| | 3 | B. Blackburn gift subscription postcard acknowledgements |
| | 4 | from MCPC people/sites |
| | 5 | from Japan |
| | 6 | from family |
| | 7 | from B. Blackburn |
| | 8 | blank Christmas Cards |
| | 9 | to Ben Blackburn, received in 1930s |
| | 10 | to Ben Blackburn, received in 1940s |
| | 11 | to Ben Blackburn, received in 1950s |
| | 12 | to Ben Blackburn, received in 1960s- 1970s |
| | 13 | to Ben Blackburn, received in 1980s |
| | 14 | various Christmas Cards, undated |
| | 15 | various Christmas Cards, undated |
| | 16 | various Christmas Cards, undated |
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| 19 | 1 | from Atsushi |
| | 2 | from Rilma Buckman |
| | 3 | from Chugai Nursery |
| | 4 | from R. Delpino |
| | 5 | from J. Fukuda |
| | 6 | from S. Hatusima |
| | 7 | from Taro Hayashi |
| | 8 | from C. Kageyama |
| | 9 | from Y. Matsumara |
| | 10 | from H. Mori |
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| 20 | 1 | from Yoshio Ohta |
| | 2 | from K. Sawasaki |
| | 3 | from T. Umemoto |
| | 4 | unidentified |
| | 5 | from M. Wakuda, 1940s |
| | 6 | from M. Wakuda, 1950s |
| | 7 | from M. Wakuda, 1960s |
| | 8 | from M. Wakuda, 1970s & no date |
| | 9 | from K. Yashiroda |
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| 53 | | Postcards |
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| 54 | | Postcards |
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| 55 | | Stamp Collection (WW2019.2) |

Series 4: *Ben Blackburn - Military*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
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| 21 | 1 | Veterans Administration |
| | 2 | Military |
| | 3 | US Military Camouflage Course |
| | 4 | US Military Camouflage |
| | 5 | Army Corps of Engineers |
| | 6 | Military Papers, Correspondence |
| | 7 | Telephone Exchange |

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| 22 | 1 | Ohta Thermometer |
| | 2 | Print of Geisha |
| | 3 | Nippon Magazine |
| | 4 | Fuji San Photo Album |
| | 5 | Japanese Phrase Book |
| | 6 | Greetings |
| | 7 | Seed Correspondence |
| | 8 | Unidentified, in Japanese |
| | 9 | Miscellaneous |

Series 5: *Ben Blackburn - School/Work*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
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| 31 | 1 | English, 1926; Cornell |
| | 2 | Taxonomy, 1929; Cornell |
| | 3 | Floriculture 2, 1927; Cornell |
| | 4 | Floriculture 6, 1926; Cornell |
| | 5 | Floriculture 8, 1927; Cornell |
| | 6 | Floriculture 31, 1927; Cornell |
| | 7 | Floriculture 51; Cornell |
| | 8 | Botany I; Cornell |
| | 9 | Miscellaneous Class Notes; Cornell |
| | 10 | Correspondence; Cornell |
| | 11 | Sigma Pi Fraternity; Cornell |

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| 32 | 1 | Rutgers Thesis, "Keys to the Woody Plants of New Jersey Exclusive of Conifers" |
| | 2 | Rutgers Thesis, "Keys to the Woody Plants of New Jersey Exclusive of Conifers" (bound) |
| | 3 | Rutgers Thesis, "Keys to the Woody Plants of New Jersey Exclusive of Conifers" (unbound) |

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| 33 | 1 | Thesis, various sections |
| | 2 | Thesis, various sections |
| | 3 | Thesis, with handwritten notes |
| | 4 | Thesis, botanical lists |

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| 34 | 1 | Employment, Rutgers |
| | 2 | NJ Agricultural Experiment Station |
| | 3 | Acquiring Willowood |

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| | 4 | Staff Directory |
| | 5 | Correspondence |
| | 6 | Miscellaneous Rutgers Information |
| | 7 | Plant Physiology Lecture Notes |
| | 8 | Plant Geography Lecture Notes |
| | 9 | Notebook |
| | 10 | Lecture Notes - 1940 |
| | 11 | Grade Book/Lesson Plans |
| | 12 | Press Releases |
| 35 | 1 | Correspondence, Drew University |
| | 2 | Drew Property |
| | 3 | Miscellaneous Drew Information |
| | 4 | Willowwood/Drew University |
| | 5 | Commencement |
| | 6 | Lecture Notes |
| | 7 | Histology Lecture Notes |
| | 8 | Intro to Conifers Lecture Notes |
| | 9 | Botanical Lecture Notes |
| 36 | 1 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts – 1936 |
| | 2 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts – 1937 |
| | 3 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts – 1938 |
| | 4 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts – 1939 |
| 37 | 1 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: Jan – Apr, 1940 |
| | 2 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: May – Aug, 1940 |
| | 3 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: Sept – Dec, 1940 |
| 38 | 1 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: January 1941 |
| | 2 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: February 1941 |
| | 3 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: March – April 1941 |
| | 4 | Rutgers WOR Radio Garden Club transcripts: May – June 1941 |

Series 6: *Ben Blackburn - Horticulture*

Box	Folder	Folder Description
25		Societies and Organizations A – F
	1	Agriculture Experiment Stations
	2	American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboretums
	3	American Horticultural Society
	4	American Museum of Natural History
	5	American Rhododendron Society
	6	Arnold Arboretum
	7	Blaksley Botanic Garden
	8	Blue Ribbon Gardens
	9	Bound Brook Garden Club

- 10 California Garden Club, 1976
- 11 California Garden Club, 1977
- 12 California Garden Club, 1978
- 13 Catholic Church
- 14 Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg Garden Symposium
- 15 East Brunswick Garden Club
- 16 Fanwood Garden Club
- 17 Federated Garden Club of NY

- 26 Societies and Organizations G – J**
 - 1 Garden Club of America
 - 2 Garden Club of Englewood, NJ
 - 3 Garden Club of Madison, NJ
 - 4 Garden Club of Morristown, NJ
 - 5 Garden Club of Mountain Lakes, NJ
 - 6 Garden Club of New Jersey
 - 7 Hanover Garden Club
 - 8 Holly Society of America
 - 9 Horticultural Society of New York (Folder 1)
 - 10 Horticultural Society of New York (Folder 2)
 - 11 International Dendrology Society
 - 12 John J. Tyler Arboretum
 - 13: 1943 Calendar Garden Club of New Jersey of Willowwood Farm

- 27 Societies and Organizations K – Z**
 - 1 Les Grandes Bruyeres
 - 2 Locust Valley
 - 3 Maplewood Garden Club
 - 4 Massachusetts Horticulture Society
 - 5 Matinecock Garden Club
 - 6 Mendham Garden Club
 - 7 Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - 8 Mettler's Woods
 - 9 Mt. Vernon's Ladies Association
 - 10 NJ Historical Society
 - 11 New York Botanical Gardens
 - 12 NY Herald Tribune Yard & Garden Competition
 - 13 North Carolina Garden Club
 - 14 North Suffolk Garden Club
 - 15 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
 - 16 Plainfield Garden Club
 - 17 Radio Garden Club
 - 18 Royal Horticultural Society
 - 19 Rumson Garden Club
 - 20 Short Hills Garden Club
 - 21 Smoke Rise Garden Club
 - 22 South Orange Garden Club
 - 23 Staten Island Garden Club

- 24 Summit Garden Club
 - 25 Torrey Botanical Club
 - 26 United Horticulture of New Jersey
 - 27 US Department of Agriculture
 - 28 W.C. Paul Arboretum
 - 29 Warren Garden Club
 - 30 Watnong Garden Club
 - 31 Women's Club of Chatham
 - 32 Women's Club of Springfield Garden Club
- 29 Ben Blackburn Articles**
- 1 "Flowering Plants and How to Identify Them"
 - 2 "A Question About Shidekobushi" Japanese publication
 - 3 Popular Gardening Magazine Correspondence
 - 4 Gardener's Chronicle of America articles
 - 5 American Nurseryman articles
 - 6 The Seed Pot, "Life in Your Garden – Gardening is Fun" article
 - 7 The Garden Journal of the New York Botanical Garden articles
 - 8 Flower Grower Magazine articles
 - 9 Popular Gardening Magazine, The Plant in the Picture Series articles (typed drafts)
 - 10 Popular Gardening Magazine, The Plant in the Picture Series articles (photocopies of articles)
- 39 Horticulture: History/Geography**
- 1 Botany History & Botanists
 - 2 Asian Botany
 - 3 Geology of New Jersey
 - 4 History of New Jersey
- 40 Horticulture: Plant Keys and Drawings**
- 1 Key to Botanical Leaves
 - 2 Key to Botanical Specimens
 - 3 Key to Botanical Tree Leaves
 - 4 Key to Woody Plants
 - 5 Pencil Drawings
 - 6 Botanical Pencil Drawings
- 41 Horticulture: General**
- 1 Botanical Notes on Trees
 - 2 File Cards & Notebook Pages
 - 3 Trees of NJ
 - 4 Botanical Notes: Various
 - 5 Research: Various
 - 6 Misc. Notes & Sketches
 - 7 Correspondence: Fruit & Vegetables
 - 8 Horticulture Correspondence: 1930s – 1940s
 - 9 Horticulture Correspondence: 1950s
 - 10 Horticulture Correspondence: 1960s

- 11 Horticulture Correspondence: 1970s
- 42** Horticulture: Plant Lists
- 1 Botanical Lists: Color Charts
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