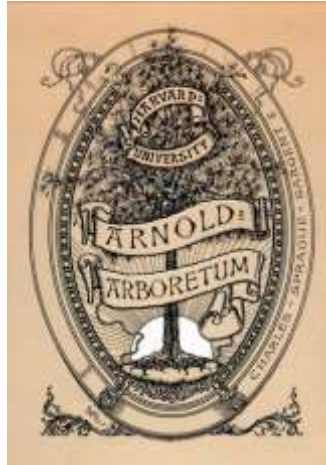


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### **Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract:** Fordham's father was the superintendent of the R & J Farquhar Company, a leading nursery and importer of rare plants that were introduced by Charles Sargent and E. H. Wilson. Following the advice of his father and E.H. Wilson, Al Fordham came directly to the Arnold Arboretum as a student trainee in 1929. He would continue his association with the Arboretum until his retirement in 1977, rising to the position of chief propagator. Known unofficially as "The Propagator's Propagator," Fordham became a nationally and internationally recognized plant propagator. Mr. Fordham continued his involvement in plant propagation research, and continued to share his knowledge through giving talks on horticultural subjects until his death in December, 2000. The Alfred J. Fordham papers reflect his contribution to horticulture and botany as a plant propagator, lecturer, teacher, and author of over 50 published papers.

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## Acquisition Information

**Provenance:** In large part the Alfred J. Fordham Papers were acquired during Mr. Fordham's tenure at the Arnold Arboretum. Some of the items were given to the Arboretum after Mr. Fordham's retirement.

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## Biographical Note



Alfred J. Fordham was born January 22, 1911, in Roslindale, Massachusetts. The second of four children, Fordham was the son of Patrick William and Sarah Ellen Fordham. His early childhood was spent in Dedham, Massachusetts and he graduated from Dedham High School in 1929. Fordham's father was the superintendent of the R & J Farquhar Company, a leading nursery and importer of rare plants

that were introduced by Charles Sargent and E. H. Wilson.

Following the advice of his father and E.H. Wilson, Al Fordham came directly to the Arnold Arboretum as a student trainee in 1929. He would continue his association with the Arboretum until his retirement in 1977, rising to the position of chief propagator. While a student trainee Al Fordham continued his education at night school and studied mathematics, science and other subjects relevant to horticulture. His talents were quickly recognized and he was appointed assistant propagator in



1930. Although Mr. Fordham never received a formal degree in horticulture, he was a productive researcher and widely published author. He also took many extension courses at Massachusetts's universities and was an exchange student at the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in England in 1936-37.

Mr. Fordham came to specialize in plant propagation. He focused on the study of dwarf and abnormal conifers, particularly seedlings raised from witches' broom seeds of various species of pines. Fordham studied barriers to germination of woody plants, seed dispersal, and techniques to speed up germination. He published more than 50 articles on plant propagation in various journals, and became a popular lecturer. Known unofficially as "The Propagator's Propagator," Fordham became a nationally and internationally recognized plant propagator. In 1971 he received the prestigious International Plant Propagators Society Award of Merit, given at irregular intervals to individuals whose work is considered especially significant. He received numerous other awards as well.



Mr. Fordham was also an accomplished clarinetist, and played in several orchestra concerts and bands. He had aspired to be a musician as a youth, before finding his calling at the Arnold Arboretum. Alfred Fordham married Mary E. Redmayne in 1939, and had one daughter. He lived in Westwood for many years, where he tended an extensive garden and well-appointed yard. Mr. Fordham continued his involvement in plant propagation research, and continued to share his knowledge through giving talks on horticultural subjects until his death in December, 2000.

In addition to his papers the Arboretum maintains a collection of his 33mm color slides. The Alfred J. Fordham Slide Collection is curated by the Living Collections Department.<sup>1234</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Figure 1: Alfred J. Fordham (on right) at Kew. Unknown photographer. n.d.

<sup>2</sup> Figure 2: Alfred J. Fordham. Unknown photographer. n.d.

<sup>3</sup> Figure 3: *Pinus sylvestris* witches' broom Kew. Ralph Shughert. August 19, 1973

<sup>4</sup> Figure 4: Alfred J. Fordham. Unknown photographer. April, 1976.

## Scope and Content

The Alfred J. Fordham papers reflect his contribution to horticulture and botany as a plant propagator, lecturer, teacher, and author of over 50 published papers. The collection covers Fordham's arrival at the Arboretum in 1929 at the age of 18 and includes correspondence from the 1960s to the 1980s, primarily concerned with plant propagation issues specific to various species. Biographical information is included, but there are few details of Fordham's personal life or early education and how he became a student at the Arnold Arboretum. The Fordham papers also include publications, newspaper clippings, letters of recommendation and a cassette tape interview.

## Arrangement

The Alfred J. Fordham collection is arranged in 4 series:

- Series I: Biographical Material
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- Series V: Photographs

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### Series I: Biographical Material

- **Box 1**
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    - Honorable discharge from Mass. State Guard, 24 Sept. 1943
    - Honorable discharge from Army of United States, 24 January 1946

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<sup>5</sup> Figure 5: Recognition of the service of Alfred J. Fordham in WWII. n.d.

- Letter of welcome to life membership of International Lilac Society, Inc. Canada, April 21, 1986
- Announcement of title "Research Horticulturist" at Arnold Arboretum, effective July 1, 1976
- Two Letters discussing Alfred J. Fordham's career after a new propagator is engaged at the Arboretum—from Nathaniel Whittier, June 14, 1975 and Ruth B., May 20, 1975
- Professional biographies, biographical data, awards, and letters of honorary memberships
- "Profile of a Plantsman: Alfred J. Fordham" by Robert L. Fincham *American Conifer Society Bulletin* 2(1): 9-14 1984 Summer
- Photograph of Alfred J. Fordham on cover of *Lilacs* 19(3) Summer 1990
- Letters of recommendation from Donald Wyman and William H. Judd, September 1943
- Correspondence includes a letter of recommendation by Gary Koller for Fordham's nomination for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Medal, July 30, 1980.
- Folder 2
  - Copies of letters received upon the occasion of his retirement from the Arnold Arboretum, 1977 (Bound copy of these letters presented to Alfred Fordham at his retirement celebration)
- Folder 3
  - Alfred J. Fordham -- Retirement Party Guest List, 1977
- Folder 4
  - Alfred J. Fordham -- Newspaper clippings
- Folder 5
  - Alfred J. Fordham -- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Education, Division of University Extension: Course in Tree Surgery and Insect Control, 8 Assignments
- Folder 6
  - One Sony Tape, 15 min. each side: Alfred J. Fordham Interview March 18, 1986
- Folder 7: Oral History Interview by Alton Straub
  - Alton Straub note to Sheila Connor
  - "Al Fordham Oral History Interview—Interview Topics," "Goals"
  - "Al Fordham Oral History Interview—Sources of Preparatory Information"
  - "United States Senate"—notes on Al Fordham
  - "Chronology of the Arnold Arboretum for Al Fordham Interview" (3 revisions)
  - "An Interview with Alfred Fordham—Conducted by Alton Straub on February 16, 1996 and February 24, 1996" (2 copies)
  - "Biographical Data - Alfred J. Fordham"

- "Propagation of some Hamamelidaceae (Witch-Hazel Family)" by Alfred J. Fordham
- Reprint. Proceedings of the International Plant Propagators' Society, Vol. 26, 1976
- One cassette tape "Alfred Fordham 2/13/96 Tape 1"
- One diskette "Arboretum-Fordham", Macintosh, MS-word.
- "Help Wanted" An advertisement for the Arnold Arboretum Director position
- Folder 8: Obituaries and related material
  - "Sad news" copy of email from Jack Alexander to Arnold Arboretum staff. December 8, 2000.
  - Alfred J. Fordham, noted arborist; 89. Obituary: Tom Long for the Boston Globe. December 9, 2000.
- Folder 9
  - 24 Photographs and 2, 33mm color slides of Alfred J. Fordham taken either on the grounds, in the library, or in the greenhouses or nurseries during his tenure at the Arboretum. Included in the collection is an image of the exchange students at the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in England in 1936-37. Mr. Fordham is second from left.
- Folder 10
  - Personnel folder

## **Series II: Correspondence**

### **• Box 1**

- Folder 1: Letters to Alfred J. Fordham 1943-1988.
  - From: E.D. Merrill, 1943. Fordham's position at the Arnold Arboretum after his army service will be available.
  - P.S. Green, R.B.G. Kew 1948 - Discussion of plans for Fordham's visit to England.
  - H.F. DuPont, 1960 - Acknowledgment of arrival of *Forsythia suspensa pallida*
  - Charles J. Poth, 1963 - Variegated *ginkgo* seedlings available
  - Ellen Thorne Smith, 1964 - First visit of a member of Ames family to the Arnold Arboretum since the "controversy." Mrs. Plimpton very impressed.
  - Richard A. Howard, 1962-1975 - Letters concerning appointment and salary.
  - Carleton B. Lees (Massachusetts Horticultural Society) 1966. Citation and announcement of award to AJF of the Society's Jackson Dawson medal.
  - Edwin A. Mason (Massachusetts Audubon Society) 1966 - Congratulations upon receiving The Jackson Dawson Medal. Question concerning propagation of yellow fruited holly.
  - Harold W. Baynton (National Center for Atmospheric Research) 1966 - Problems with the decaprint unit, and the Esterline Angus recorder.

- Albert G. Johnson (University of Minnesota) 1966 - Discussion concerning pines: *P.sylvestris* and *P. densiflora*.
- Secretary of President & Fellows of Harvard College (signature illegible) 1967 - Appointment as Plant Propagator at Arnold Arboretum
- Karl Sax, 1967 (Dept. of Radiation Biology) - Receipt of *Malus sargentii* seed - production of dwarf Japanese x American chestnut resistant to chestnut blight
- Ralph Shugert, 1967 (I.P.P.S.) - Acknowledgment of AJF's participation at Mobile meetings.
- George S. Avery, 1968 (Brooklyn B.G.) - Thanks for "Dwarf conifers derived from witches brooms"
- Robert C. deWilde 1968 (Amchem Products) - Acknowledgment of AJF's paper on Amchem's rooting compounds
- L. Fowden, 1969 (University College London) - Need for seed of *Aesculus* for chemical work.
- Charles E. Hess, 1969 (Rutgers University) Courtesy letter following visit to Arnold Arboretum
- Louis B. Martin, 1970 (Brooklyn Botanical Garden) - Comments on Handbook of Conifers.
- Thomas G. Hartley, 1970 New England Botanical Club - Appointment of AJF to Programme Committee
- William H. McEvoy to Dr. Richard Howard, 1970 - Appreciation of AJF's hospitality and presentation to nurserymen at Arnold Arboretum
- Ralph Shugert, 1970 (Spring Hill Nurseries) Application of contribution to I.P.P.S. meetings
- H.B. Tukey Jr. 1971 (Cornell University) Congratulations upon receiving the Award of Merit of the Eastern Region of the I.P.P.S.
- Cliff Corliss, 1972 (Corliss Bros.) Congratulations on I.P.P.S. Award of Merit
- H.B. Tukey Jr, 1972 (New York State College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Cornell University Thanks for moderating Plant Prop. Soc. Meeting
- Anita Karg, 1973 (Hunt Botanical Library) Plea for biographical details concerning AJF
- Helen L. Johnston, 1973 (Hunt Bot. Library) Thanks for photograph and bibliographic material
- Francis Ching, 1973 (Los Angeles Arboreta and Botanic Garden) Courtesy letter following visit to Arnold Arboretum
- Robert F. Brownell, 1973 (Phillip's Exeter Academy) Reference to admission of Marriann Badger
- Kenneth A. Bradley, 1974 (University of Connecticut) Appreciation of visit to Arnold Arboretum by University of Connecticut Horticulture Club
- H.B. Tukey Jr., 1974 (Cornell University) Recommendations of Matt Barron



- Harvey Gray, 1974 (Melville, N.Y.) Appreciation of talk on apical dominance in the various conifers
- Robinson J. Hindle, 1974 (University of Rhode Island) Recommendation of Case Hoogendoorn.
- John J. McGuire, 1974 (University of Rhode Island) Recommendation of Case Hoogendoorn.
- John C. Wister, 1978 (Swarthmore) Position available. Arnold Arboretum accompanying letter.
- Response by AJF, 1975 includes observations on propagating *Kalmia latifolia*
- John A. Morley, 1975 (Nova Scotia Agricultural College) Application of tour of Arnold Arboretum
- O. Keister Evans, 1975 (American Horticultural Society) Designation of AJF to receive the American Horticultural Society's Professional Citation
- Majorie Sedgwick, 1976 (Long Hill, Massachusetts) Appreciation of plants received: Labrador, Tea, Lilac, *Magnolia*
- Richard A. Howard, 1976 (Arnold Arboretum) New title of Research Horticulturist upon retirement in 1977. Details of appointment.
- Secretary of University, 1976 [Harvard University] Official acknowledgment of new title
- Albert G. Johnson, 1976 (University of Minnesota) Problems with *Pinus radiata*. Receipt of *Betula maximowicziana* from Hokkaido.
- Humphrey, 1976 (Wansdyke Nursery, Wiltshire) Problems with photographs for Humphrey's new book.
- Richard Filmore, 1976 (Durham, North Carolina) Personal letter including appreciation of AJF's kindnesses.
  - Bill Flemer, 1977 (Princeton Nurseries) Congratulations on Propagation Manual on Conifers.
- Majorie Sedgwick, 1977 (Long Hill, Massachusetts) Thanks for Arnold Arboretum visit and gift of *Franklinia*
- Michael E. Zins, 1977 (University of Minnesota) Death of Al Johnson and receipt of his personal reference files
- Fr. John L. Fiala, 1977 (Medina, Ohio) Proposal to produce a Lilac book. Praise for slides used by AJF at convention
- William E. Snyder, 1977 (I.P.P.S.) AJF to be given Honorary Membership.
- Margaret Shean Ris, 1978 (Massachusetts Horticultural Society) Teaching schedule for 1978/79.
- Max Resnick, 1978 (Canton, Massachusetts) Appreciation of article — copy of *Rosebay*
- Margaret Shean Ris, 1978 (Massachusetts Horticultural Society) Announcement of new Education Coordinator. Course evaluation enclosed.

- Carl Ferris Miller, 1979 (Chollipo Arboretum) Welcome to Jan Fontein who plans to visit Korea. Plants from Arnold Arboretum "doing fine".
- Camille C. Johnstone, 1979 (Lectern Associates) Introduction to services of Lectern Associates
- Michael A. Dirr, 1980 (University of Georgia Botanic Garden) Plans to recommend AJF to the Arthur Hoy & Scott Foundation for the Scott Medal. Reference to first publication of *Garden Notes*.
- Hugh Steavenson, 1980 (Forrest Keeling Nursery) Tree Cultivars propagated by Robert LaFara
- Hugh Steavenson, 1980 (Forrest Keeling Nursery) Reference to tree clones
- John A. Wott, 1980 (International Plant Propagators Society) Invitation to co-moderate at International Plant Propagators Society meetings
- Mark Zelonis, 1980 (Fuller Gardens New Hampshire) Request for letter of recommendation to Longwood Program
- Mark Zelonis, 1981 (Fuller Gardens New Hampshire) Announces reward of fellowship in the Longwood Program
- Harrison Flint, 1981 (Lafayette, Indiana ) Discussion of plans to visit "horticultural shrines in N.E.; Long Island regions; Dirr's decision to remain in Georgia; professional goals.
- A.M. Rosenthal, 1981 (New York Times) Appreciation of visit to Arnold Arboretum
- Cornelia McMurtrie, 1981 (Arnold Arboretum) Thanks for talks to Wednesday group and American Horticultural Society Tour
- Susan R. Frost, 1981 (Curator Dwarf Conifer Collection University D.A.) Appreciation of visit
- Larry Simpson, 1981 (Superintendent, Long Hill) Application of talk on seed dispersal & mouse control
- Catherine, 1982 (Manchester, Massachusetts) Personal letter: Thanks for work in garden
- John A. Wott, 1983 (University of Washington) Personal letter referring to recent trip together
- Bill Barnes, 1983 (Nature Bloom) Request for sources of Hamamelidaceae stock.
- Moys...(?), 1984 (University of Barcelona) Requests for reprints of papers in *Arnoldia* and *America Nurseryman*
- Francis H. Cabot, 1984 (Cold Spring, New York) Personal letter concerning *Amelanchier* & *Halesia* ("my favorite tree")
- Catherine, 1984 (Deer Isle, Maine) Personal letter; reference to Asheville conference celebrating 50th anniversary of ARGGS
- Harrison L. Flint, 1985 (Purdue University) Appreciation for books
- Katrink (?), 1985 Holiday greeting card
- Karl Flinck, 1985 Reference to conifer meetings
- Leslie May, 1985 Personal letter

- Lyle E. Littlefield, 1985 (University of Maine) Personal letter; references to Dirr, Swasey, Harrison
- Larry J. Simpson, 1985 (Long Hill) Complimentary membership to Long Hill in recognition of "outstanding contributions to the Trustees of Reservations"
- John R. Harris, 1985 (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) Appreciation for delivery of illustrated talk on deciduous azaleas
- Robert D. Fitzgerald, 1985 (Northeast Regional Extension Service) Appreciation for presentation at Seminar in Marlboro
- Bjorn Alden, 1986 (Goteborg Botanic Garden) Thanks for copy of Plant Inventory of Arnold Arboretum
- H. Thurston Handley, Jr., 1987 (Horticultural Club of Boston) Reference to proposal to "Microfilm books 1-3..." of archival data
- P.S. Green, 1987 (Royal Botanic Garden, Kew) Personal letter: appreciation of hospitality in University.
- Paul Rogers, 1987 Microfilming of minutes of Horticultural Club of Boston; storage boxes for books
- H. Thurston Handley, Jr, 1987 (Horticultural Club of Boston) Cover letter for copy of proposed contract with Harvard; storage boxes for original minutes
- Robert L. Fincham, 1987 (President of American Conifer Society) Letter accompanying honorary life membership in American Conifer Society and plaque
- Paul Rogers, 1987 Copies of contract between Harvard and Horticultural Club of Boston
- Leslie, 1985 Personal letter concerning plans for sabbatical in Florida & Dundee
- Ellen, 1988 (Arnold Arboretum stationery) Thanks for donation of Colchicum and time
- William L. Giles (Mississippi State University) Request for information concerning handling of *Davidia* seedlings
- Irene, Personal letter referring to: George Taloumis, Paul Rogers, George Predi, Mrs. Homer Gage, Allen Jenkins
- Margot (Mrs. Donald G. Parrot) Reference to Long Hill Inventory
- Ann Macy Taylor (Westwood) Appreciation for gifts of plants over the years
- Hazel & Don, Thanks for "help and inspiration along the way".
- Karl Sax (date unclear) (Cranbrook Institute of Science) Congratulations upon receipt of Jackson Dawson Medal
- Harry (International Business Center of New England, Inc.) Reference to "a great party", donations to the "Fordham Fund"
- Margot (Mrs. Donald G. Parrot) Report on the produce and progress in her garden.
- Hazel, Personal letter; report on health notes on tree problems; appreciation of friendship

- John O'Connor, Progress report on I.P.P.S. in Britain
- Folder 2: Correspondence from A.J. Fordham, 1966-1986
  - To: Radcliffe, B. Pike, 1966 University of New Hampshire— Concerning request for Mulberry information.
  - Doctor Howard, 1966 — Problems with the “Decaprint”; trouble with the wind direction totalizers, lock to West Peak Road broken; mailbox problems, cuttings of cassava being mailed to AJF.
  - Doctor Howard, 1966 — Discussion of mailbox problems; all equipment now functioning.
  - Doctor Howard, 1967 — Recommendations for hardening off *Podocarpus*.
  - Prof. L. Fowden, 1967 (Botany Department University London) — Concerning seeds and fruit of *Aesculus*
  - Prof. L. Fowden, 1968 (University College London)—Seed of *Aesculus* have been mailed.
  - Charles E. Hess, 1968 — Possibility of publishing an article on the IPPS in Plant Propagation
  - Charles E. Hess, 1969 — Follow up letter on previous letter, Response to AJ Fordham informing him of publication of article
  - John O'Connor, 1969 (Dartington, Devon England)—Comments on the progress of the plan to organize a British branch of the IPPS
  - Description of March storms in Boston “I have never known a damage to be so severe” at the Arnold Arboretum
  - Dr. L. Fowdan, 1969 (University Col. London) — Seed of *Aesculus* has been mailed
  - Dr. F. Irreverre, 1969 (Public Health Service Bethesda) — Mailing of *Aesculus*
  - Dr. Richard W. Lighty, 1972 (Longwood Program in Ornamental Horticulture) — Letter of recommendation for Miss Leslie J. Spraker
  - Gordon A. Brandes, 1976 (University of Pennsylvania) — Letter of recommendation for Miss Leslie Spraker
  - Benjamin Blackburn, 1974 (Rutgers State University) — Donald & Hazel Smith: careers, awards, publications and plant introductions by them
  - George Pride, 1974 (Massachusetts Horticultural Society) — Consideration of Hugh Steaverson for Horticultural Society Award; resume of his accomplishments accompanying citation
  - Mrs. Julian Underwood, 1975 — Letter accompanying account of plant material distributed by the Arnold Arboretum
  - Dr. Walter Larmie, 1975 (University of Rhode Island) — Letter of recommendation of Dr. Robinson Hindle
  - Dr. Walter Larmie, 1975 (University of Rhode Island) — Letter of recommendation for Dr. John J. McGuire
  - Mrs. A. Lyon Crammond, 1977 — Letter of recommendation for Mrs. Bertha Barnes Stone

- Mr. Walter Eichorst, 1977 — Letter of appreciation upon retirement
- Dr. Neil P. Campbell, 1978 — Observations on abortion of inflorescences in *Cornus Kousa*
- Dr. Robert Ornduff (University of California) — Letter of recommendation for Mr. James Burrows
- Robert Fincham, 1983 — Cover letter providing revisions on Statement of Purpose, By-Laws and Constitution for the American Conifer Society
- Robert S. Holbrook, 1986 (University of Michigan) — Letter of recommendation for Ms. Viki Ferreniea

### Series III: Publications

- **Box 2**

- Folder 1

- "[Seed Dispersal by Birds & Animals in the Arnold Arboretum](#)" *Arnoldia* Vol. 27:10-11 December 8, 1967
- "Acer griseum and its Propagation" *IPPS (Combined Proceedings International Plant Propagator's Society)* Vol. 19, 1969.
- "[Elliottia racemosa and its Propagation](#)" *Arnoldia* Vol. 29 #3 April 11, 1969
- "Late Summer Injury of Korean Rhododendron" *Journal of the American Horticulturist* 1971
- No title (Subject: Seed Dispersal) *Arnoldia* 1972
- "Variations in Canadian Hemlock" *American Nurseryman*. January 15, 1973.
- "A Simple Frame for Softwood Propagation" *Bonsai* Spring, 1973.
- "Why Some Conifers Deviate from Normal" *IPPS* 1974.
- "Propagation of Some Hamamelidacea" (Witch Hazel Family) *IPPS* 1976 (2 copies)
- "Propagation of *Kalmia latifolia* by Cuttings" (2 copies) *IPPS* Vol. 27, 1977.
- "*Pieris floribunda* and its Propagation" *IPPS* Vol. 27, 1977.
- "*Cornus kousa* and its Propagation" *IPPS* Vol. 34, 1984.
- "*Myrica*: Seed Dispersal and Seed Treatment of three Species" *Arnoldia*.
- "*Cedrus deodara* 'Kashmir and its Propagation by Cuttings" *IPPS*, Toronto, Canada (no date).
- "Canadian Hemlock Variants and their Propagation" *IPPS* (?) (no date)
- "*Davidia involucreta* var. *vilmoriniana* - Dove Tree and its Propagation by Seeds" Lecture to IPPS, Eastern Region Chicago, ILL 1987.
- "*Aesculus parviflora*, Bottle Brush Buckeye Lecture to IPPS, Eastern Region, Chicago, ILL 1987
- "Seed Dispersal as it Concerns the Propagator" *IPPS* Vol. 34, 1984.

- "Hydrangea anomala petiolaris and its Propagation" IPPS Vol. 30 1980.
  - Folder 2
    - Propagator's Report 1971-72
    - Project Report "Methods of Hastening the Germination of Woody Plant seeds", July 19,1973
  - Folder 3: Alfred J. Fordham Bibliography of Published Writings
- 1959 "[Propagation and care of lilacs.](#)" *Arnoldia* 19: 36-45.
- 1960 "[Metasequoia glyptostroboides](#) (dawn redwood) and its propagation." *Plant Propagator* 6(4): 7, 8.
- 1960 "Propagation of *Parrotia persica* from cuttings." *Plant Propagator* 6(4): 8,9.
- 1960 "[Propagation of woody plants by seed.](#)" *Arnoldia* 20: 33-40, pl. 9.
- 1960 "Germination of double-dormant seeds." [Combined Proc. Plant Propagator's Soc.](#) 1960: 206-210.
- 1961 "Germination of *Albizia julibrissin rosea* seeds." *Rhode Island Nurseryman's Newsletter* 5: 6.
- 1961 "Germination of double-dormant seeds." *Plant Propagator* 7(1): 4, 6.
- 1961 "[Propagation of Liquidambar styraciflua.](#)" *Arnoldia* 21: 66
- 1962 "Four Fathers of the Sargent hemlock." *Am. Nurseryman* 116(12): 9, 89, 90.
- 1962 "Methods of treating seeds at the Arnold Arboretum." *Proc. Int. Plant Propagators Society, Combined Proc* : 157-162.
- 1962 "Winter survival of some difficult cuttings." *Proc. Int. Plant Propagators Society. Combined Proc.* 124-125.
- 1963 "*Albizia Julibrissin rosea* and its propagation." *Am. Nurseryman* 117(10) 7, 79, 80.
- 1963 "[Tsuga canadensis and its multitude of variants.](#)" *Arnoldia* 23: 100-102. 1963.
- 1964 "Germination of woody plant seeds." *Horticulture* 42(9): 18-20, 38.
- 1964 "[Propagation of Prunus tomentosa.](#)" *Arnoldia* 24: 86,87
- 1964 "Abnormal conifers from native populations in Massachusetts." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 14: 115,116.
- 1964 "White pine witches' broom seedlings." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 14: 116-118.
- 1965 "How dwarf conifers were developed." 94th New England Spring Flower Show Program: 33, 53.
- 1965 "Questions and answers on chemical weed control." *Am. Nurseryman* 121(8): 58-60.
- 1965 "An unusual witches'-broom on *Pinus strobus*." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 13: 117-119.
- 1965 "[Germination of woody legume seeds with impermeable seed coats.](#)" *Arnoldia* 25: 1-8.
- 1966 "Dwarf white pines from witches' brooms." *Am. Nurs.* 123(1): 14, 15, 85.
- 1966 "Weather as it concerns the practice of cutting selection." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 15: 235-237.
- 1967 "[Dwarf conifers from witches'-brooms.](#)" *Arnoldia* 27: 29-52.
- 1967 "[Seed dispersal by birds and animals in the Arnold Arboretum.](#)" *Arnoldia* 27: 73-84.
- 1967 "Woody plants difficult to root." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 16: 190-193.

- 1967 "Hastening germination of some woody plant seeds with impermeable seed coats." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 17: 223-227.
- 1968 "Dwarf conifers derived from witches'-brooms." *Plants and Gardens* 23: 22-25.
- 1968 "[Propagation of \*Albizia julibrissin\*](#)." *Arnoldia* 28: 36-40.
- 1968 "Germination of woody legume seeds with impermeable seed coats." *The British Association of Seed Analysts - Bulletin* 8: 10-16.
- 1968 "Vegetative propagation of *Albizia*." *Am. Nurseryman* 128:7, 63.
- 1968 "Dwarf conifers from witches'-brooms, I." *Bonsai Bulletin*. 6: 6-11 Fall
- 1968 "Germination of woody legume seeds with impermeable seed coats." [Australian Plants](#) 4: 294-295, 327.
- 1968 "*Cedrus deodara* 'Kashmir' and its propagation by cuttings." *Int. Pl. Prop. Soc. Comb. Proc.* 18: 319-321.
- 1968 "Dwarf conifers from witches'-brooms, II" *Bonsai Bull.* 6: 9-14.
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