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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 222, United States National Museum. Division of Plants, Correspondence

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## Historical Note

These records document the professional, scientific, and administrative activities of Charles Louis Pollard as Assistant Curator, 1894-1903. Consequently the following biographical sketch of Pollard has been included, rather than an administrative history of the organizations of which he was a part.

Charles Louis Pollard (1872-1945), botanist, was born in New York, New York, and died in Arlington, Vermont. He attended Columbia College where he received the A.B. in 1893 and the A.M. in 1894. He was employed as Assistant Curator of the Division of Botany, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), from 1894 to 1895, and the Division of Plants, United States National Museum (USNM) from 1895 to 1903. On occasion, in the absence of the Honorary Curator, Frederick Vernon Coville, Pollard served as the Acting Curator of the divisions. Pollard's interests were centered on genetics and on the entomology and botany of North America. While working for the USDA and the USNM he specialized in the examination and identification of botanical specimens, especially the various species of the genus *Viola* (violets).

Pollard served as editor of *Plant World*, 1899-1907, and contributed botanical terms for the Supplement of Webster's International Dictionary, 1900, Century Dictionary, 1903, and Webster's New International Dictionary, 1903-1906. He also served as consulting botanist for the G. and C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1903-1906; Curator-in-Chief of the public museum, Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences, 1907-1913; and private tutor, 1913-1916. Pollard was an honorary member of the Philadelphia Botanical Club and the Washington Biologists' Field Club.

## Introduction

In 1971, the National Museum of Natural History, Department of Botany, transferred its official records and collections of personal papers relating to the early history of the Department to the Hunt Botanical Library at the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. The official correspondence files generated by Charles Louis Pollard during his tenure as Assistant Curator of the Division of Botany, United States Department of Agriculture, 1894-1895, and the Division of Plants, United States National Museum, 1895-1903, were included in the transfer. In December 1977, the Department of Botany records were returned to the custody of the Smithsonian Institution to be maintained in the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

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## Descriptive Entry

This record unit consists of the official files of Charles Louis Pollard as Assistant Curator of the Division of Botany, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1894-1895, and the Division of Plants, United States National Museum (USNM), 1895-1903. These records document the activities of both divisions, as well as Pollard's scientific and administrative activities from 1894 to 1903.

The records of both divisions have been maintained together and contain incoming and outgoing correspondence with botanists; entomologists; horticulturists; USDA and USNM administrative staff; foresters and colleagues; seed laboratories; the Torrey Botanical Club, the Wildflower Club, the Biological Society of Washington, and other natural history and scientific societies. The correspondence chiefly concerns the examination, identification, collection, and exchange of botanical specimens especially violets, mosses, grasses, ferns, fern-like plants, food plants, herbs, shrubs, and trees. The correspondence also includes accession lists, annual reports, requests and approvals for field work, nomenclatorial work for the Botanical Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and routine correspondence in reference to the publication of *Plant World* and other publications concerning botanical specimens. Also included are some of Pollard's manuscripts: "New American Species of *Chamaecrista*," "A New Violet from New Jersey," "The Genus *Oxytrria* of Rafinesque," and "The Two Violets."

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Botanists  
Botany

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Pollard, Charles Louis, 1872-1945  
United States National Herbarium  
United States. Department of Agriculture

Preferred Titles:

*Plant World*

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: INCOMING AND OCCASIONAL OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE, 1894-1903.

#### Box 1

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| Box 1 of 4 | Folder 16 Britton, Nathaniel Lord, 1894-1902. Includes correspondence concerning Pollard's work on the Nomenclature Committee of the Botanical Club, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Decoration Day, and O. F. Cook's Puerto Rican collection |
| Box 1 of 4 | Folder 17 Brown, Addison, 1895-1896  |
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- Box 1 of 4 Folder 20 Burgess, Edward S., 1896-1897, 1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 21 Burgess, T. J. W., 1895-1896. Includes correspondence referring to Pollard's paper "Violets of the Atlantic Coast"
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 22 Burnham, Stewart H., 1899-1900
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 23 Bush B. F., 1895, 1899-1900
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 24 Canby, William M., 1896, 1898-1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 25 Chittenden, F. H., 1903
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 26 Clute, Willard Nelson, 1896-1899. Includes correspondence concerning acquisition of "Hill's British Herbal" and Pollard's paper "Families of Flowering Plants"
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 27 Cockerell, Theodore D. A., 1900-1902
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 28 Collins, J. Franklin, 1898-1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 29 Comstock, F. M., 1895, 1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 30 Coulter, John Merle, 1894-1896, 1898-1901. Includes correspondence referring to Pollard's paper "The Genus Achillea in North America"
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 31 Coville, Frederick Vernon, 1897-1899, 1902, undated
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 32 Crawford, Joseph D., 1897-1900, undated
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 33 Curtiss, A. H., 1895, 1900. Includes correspondence concerning publication of *Helianthus*
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 34 Davis, William T., 1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 35 Deane, Walter, 1895-1899
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 36 Dewey, Lyster H., 1897, 1899-1901
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- Box 1 of 4 Folder 41 Eastwood, Alice, 1895-1896, 1899, 1901, undated
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- Box 1 of 4 Folder 44 Fernald, Merritt Lyndon, 1899-1901. Includes correspondence concerning Helianthus as published by A. H. Curtiss
- Box 1 of 4 Folder 45 Ferris, James H., 1901
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 2 Glatfelter, N. M., 1895-1899. Includes correspondence referring to Pollard's papers "Acaulescent Violets" and "Two New Violets" and brochure "Stemless Violets of the Atlantic Coast"
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 3 Graves, Charles B., 1898, 1900-1901
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 5 Grinnell, George H., 1895-1896
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 6 Harper, Roland M., 1900-1903. Includes correspondence concerning Plant World in reference to remarks on Elliottia
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 7 Heller, Amos Arthur, 1896-1901, 1903
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 8 Hitchcock, Albert Spear, 1898-1899, 1902
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 10 Hunter, William, 1897, 1901
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 11 Jepson, Willis Linn, 1895-1896, 1899
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 12 Jones, L. R., 1898, 1899. Includes postcard concerning State Botanical Club meeting
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 13 Jones, Marcus E., 1895-1899. Includes correspondence concerning Jones' opinions on nomenclature
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 14 Kearney, Thomas Henry, Jr., 1897-1898, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 15 Knowlton, F. H., 1896, 1898, 1903, undated
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 17 Lamson-Scribner, Frank, 1896-1897, undated. Includes a list of grasses from Aven Nelson
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 18 Langley, Samuel Pierpont, 1901
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 19 MacDougal, Daniel Trembly, 1898-1900
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 20 MacElwee, Alexander, 1899-1900. Includes an invoice of violets for the Smithsonian Institution collected by MacElwee
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 21 MacMillan, Conway, 1896, 1899-1900
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 23 Maxon, William Ralph, 1897-1899. Includes correspondence from William Cox, Chief Clerk, USNM in response to Maxon's request for a leave of absence
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 24 Mearns, Edgar A., 1895. Concerns information on plant gathering in the San Luis Mountains area
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 25 Meehan, Thomas (and sons), 1897, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 26 Merrill, Elmer Drew, 1900
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 27 Millspaugh, Charles Frederick, 1897-1900, 1902-1903, undated. Includes a list of plants returned to Pollard
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 28 Mohr, Charles Theodore, 1896-1898, 1900, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 29 Morris, E. L., 1896-1898, 1902
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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 31 Nash, George V., 1896-1897, 1899-1900
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 32 Nelson, Aven, 1897, 1899, 1902, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 33 Norton, J. B. S., 1899
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 34 Olds, Henry W., 1895-1899
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 35 Osterhout, George E., 1899
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 36 Painter, Joseph H., 1903
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 37 Parish, Samuel B., 1894, 1899, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 38 Parsons, Isaac D., 1901
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 39 Pollard, Charles Louis, 1895, 1897-1903. Correspondence from the administrative staff of the Smithsonian Institution, USNM. Includes salary

statements; grants for leave; notices of election as a member to scientific societies; receipt for plants added to the herbarium; travel information; a letter of introduction; and a deed of gift

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- Box 2 of 4 Folder 42 Reynolds, Elmer Robert, 1898-1900, 1902
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 43 Robinson, Benjamin Lincoln, 1895-1900, 1902
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 44 Rose, Joseph Nelson, 1896-1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, undated
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 45 Rose, L. S., 1897, 1899, 1901, undated. Correspondence concerns Joseph Nelson Rose
- Box 2 of 4 Folder 46 Rowlee, Willard W., 1898-1899, 1902
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- Box 3 of 4 Folder 6 Saunders, W. E. and Co., 1899
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- Box 3 of 4 Folder 8 Shear, C. L., 1899, 1901
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- Box 3 of 4 Folder 10 Sheldon, Edmund P., 1896
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- Box 3 of 4 Folder 12 Smith, Jared G., 1895, 1898, 1899
- Box 3 of 4 Folder 13 Steele, Edward S., 1900, 1903
- Box 3 of 4 Folder 14 Stone, Witmer, 1901-1903
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- Box 4 of 4                      Folder 2 Volume II, 1894-1896. Includes specimen lists; a list of plants collected by Pollard in Mississippi, 1896; the "Report of the Assistant Curator," 1896-1897; the "Annual Report of the Department of Botany," 1896-1897; an article by Pollard: "The Genus *Oxytria* of Rafinesque;" a paper: "Two New Violets;" a species list of *viola*; and details of a new record system for herbarium accessions
- Box 4 of 4                      Folder 3 Volume III, 1899-1901. Includes "Report(s) of the Accounts of the Department of Botany;" "Annual Report of the Division of Plants," 1899; Manuscripts: "Descriptions of New Species, *Chamaecrista* Complex" and "*Chamaecrista Millespaughii*;" a list of plants collected by A. H. Curtiss in Florida in 1900; specimen report; and annual report, 1901
- Box 4 of 4                      Folder 4 Volume IV, 1901-1903. Includes manuscripts by Pollard: "New American Species of *Chamaecrista*" and "A New Violet from New Jersey" and a list of plants collected in Arizona by Frederick Vernon Coville

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