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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Archie F. Wilson (1903-1960) was a wood enthusiast who assembled the foremost private wood collection in the United States. Although for most of his life he held managerial positions in the manufacturing industry, he devoted most of his free time to his avocation. During the 1950s he was a Research Associate in woods at the Chicago Natural History Museum (now the Field Museum of Natural History) and at various times between 1949 and 1960 he served as Editor, Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the International Wood Collectors Society (IWCS).

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist primarily of correspondence, 1949-1961, which documents Wilson's activities in the IWCS, the growth of his collection, and his range of contacts with botanists, foresters, and other wood collectors around the world. Topics include collecting trips, specimens, and identifications, as well as IWCS business. Of special interest is Wilson's correspondence with William L. Stern, who became Curator of the Division of Woods at the Smithsonian in 1960. The long association of the two men resulted in Wilson's gift to the Institution, at his death in 1960, of his extensive wood collection. Also included are the constitution and by-laws of the IWCS, much taxonomic data, and specimen lists.

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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

Wood

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Manuscripts

Names:

Chicago Natural History Museum  
Field Museum of Natural History  
International Wood Collectors Society  
Stern, William Louis, 1926-  
Wilson, Archie F., 1903-1960

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1949-1961. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

Note: This series consists of correspondence between Archie F. Wilson and officers of the IWCS, contacts in botany and forestry departments, and other fellow wood collectors.

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Box 1 of 10	Folder 2 Paul H. Allen, 1958.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 3 Todd E. Binford, 1949-1951, 1953-1954. Includes photographs.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 4 (New York) Botanical Garden, 1958-1959.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 5 L. Austin Brasell, 1951-1956, 1958, 1960.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 6 Dennis Brett, 1953-1954, 1959.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 7 Robley M. Broderick, 1949, 1951, 1953-1954, 1958, 1960.
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Box 1 of 10	Folder 9 Erwin W. Carls, 1949-1951, 1956.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 10 Arcadio Cavazos, 1951-1955, 1957, 1959. Includes identification of specimens collected by Wilson on a trip to Mexico in 1954.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 11 Ceylon, 1951-1954, 1957-1958. Includes correspondence with Dr. C.H. Holmes regarding wood specimens.
Box 1 of 10	Folder 12 Claude C. Clevenger, 1949-1952. President of the IWCS.
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Box 2 of 10	Folder 2 Edward F. Dival, 1949, 1951-1952.
Box 2 of 10	Folder 3 Charles H. Doherty, 1949-1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern written after Archie F. Wilson's death.
Box 2 of 10	Folder 4 G. Wade Earle, 1950-1954, 1956-1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern.
Box 2 of 10	Folder 5 C. Wesley Ferguson, 1959.
Box 2 of 10	Folder 6 D.J. Ferreira, 1949-1954.
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Box 5 of 10	Folder 3 Malaya, 1949-1952, 1957, 1960. Includes list of Malayan woods.
Box 5 of 10	Folder 4 Wolfgang Mautz, 1952-1957.
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Box 5 of 10	Folder 9 Claude R. Mowry, 1951-1954, 1958-1960.

Box 5 of 10 Folder 10 O.L. Nel, 1952-1956, 1957-1960.

Box 5 of 10 Folder 11 Nigeria, 1949-1951.

Box 5 of 10 Folder 12 Harold Nogle, 1953-1957.

Box 5 of 10 Folder 13 Harold Nogle, 1958.

#### Box 6

Box 6 of 10 Folder 1 Harold Nogle, 1959-1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 2 North Borneo, 1949-1953, 1955, 1957. Includes lists of North Borneo woods.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 3 Orville A. Oaks, 1949-1953.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 4 Orville A. Oaks, 1954-1960. Includes booklet on the "Principal Woods of Formosa."

Box 6 of 10 Folder 5 Wilbur F. Opdyke, 1949-1953.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 6 George A. Peacock, 1949-1955.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 7 C.E. Pilcher, 1949-1955, 1957-1958, 1960.

Box 6 of 10 Folder 8 William F. Pond, 1949-1957, 1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern.

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Box 7 of 10 Folder 1 Puerto Rico, 1955-1956, 1961.

Box 7 of 10 Folder 2 William A. Rainford, 1952-1954, 1959.

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Box 7 of 10 Folder 4 Robert L. Robacker, 1950-1953, 1958-1959.

Box 7 of 10 Folder 5 Sarawak, 1957.

Box 7 of 10 Folder 6 Jose Schiffino, 1949-1950.

Box 7 of 10 Folder 7 Felix O. Schmidt, 1949-1951.

Box 7 of 10 Folder 8 Milton Scott, 1949-1953, 1955, 1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern.



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Box 7 of 10	Folder 12 Jack H. Standen, 1949-1952, 1961. Includes correspondence of William L. Stern.
Box 7 of 10	Folder 13 Joseph L. Stearns, 1949-1951, 1955-1957.
Box 7 of 10	Folder 14 William L. Stern, 1951-1960. Includes correspondence documenting the friendship of Stern and Archie F. Wilson.
Box 7 of 10	Folder 15 Florencio Tamesis, 1949-1951, 1956-1957.
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Box 8 of 10	Folder 6 Edith M. Vincent, 1955-1960.
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## Series 2: MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, 1949-1961. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

Note: This series consists of correspondence similar to that in Series 1 but with Wilson's more casual contacts. Also included is correspondence with botanists and forestry departments.

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## Series 4: TAXONOMIC DATA AND SPECIMEN LISTS.

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Box 10 of 10                      Folders 2-5 Notes on taxonomy.

Box 10 of 10                      Folders 6-10 Lists. Includes lists kept by Wilson of specimens desired, specimens for sale or exchange, specimens from collecting trips, and lists of woods of various countries.

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## Series 5: CARD FILE OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTIONS.

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