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## David Griffiths Collection, circa 1900-1920

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	David Griffiths Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7370
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1900-1920
<b>Extent:</b>	42.82 cu. ft. (43 document boxes) (32 12x17 boxes) (21 5x8 boxes)
<b>Creator::</b>	Griffiths, David, 1867-1935
<b>Language:</b>	Language of Materials: English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 7370, David Griffiths Collection

### Access Restriction

Some negatives are broken.

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## Historical Note

David Griffiths (1867-1935), a botanist, received his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1900. He joined the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1901 as an assistant agrostologist and was promoted to agriculturist in 1907, and horticulturist in 1918. He remained with the USDA for his entire career. Griffiths was an authority on cacti, especially the genus *Opuntia*. His collection of cacti was donated to the United States National Museum in 1935.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of glass plate negatives of cacti, primarily of the genus *Opuntia*, taken in their natural habitat. Also included are a few negatives of foreign publications on cacti. A 41-page index to the negatives is available in the Archives.

## Negative and Box List

This collection has been rehoused into 4 categories by size and negative number: boxes 1 through 32, 8 x 10" negatives; Boxes 33 through 53, 5 x 7" negatives; Boxes 54 through 95, broken 8 x 10" and 5 x 7" negatives; box 96, nitrate negatives. A list found in the control file containing brief descriptions linking negative number and photograph subject has been included with this box list.

A few prints are interfiled with the negatives for negative numbers: 946, 947, 988, 989, 1089, 1184, 1460, 1478, 1494, 1520, 1528, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1709, 2061, 2068, 2070, 2250, 2251, 2260, 2261, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2269, 2304, 2319, 2320, 2980, 3052, 3164, 3165, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3850, 3851, 3852, 3854, 3948, 3949, 4104.

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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:

- Agriculturists
- Botanists
- Botany
- Cactus
- Horticulturists
- Opuntia

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Glass negatives

Names:

- Columbia University
- Griffiths, David, 1867-1935
- United States National Museum
- United States. Bureau of Plant Industry
- United States. Department of Agriculture

## Container Listing

	Box 1
Box 1 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 946 to 969
	Box 2
Box 2 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 970 to 1114
	Box 3
Box 3 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1082 to 1133
	Box 4
Box 4 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1134 to 1157
	Box 5
Box 5 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1158 to 1238
	Box 6
Box 6 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1239 to 1261
	Box 7
Box 7 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1262 to 1291
	Box 8
Box 8 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1292 to 1439
	Box 9
Box 9 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1443 to 1462
	Box 10
Box 10 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1466 to 1493
	Box 11
Box 11 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1494 to 1514
	Box 12
Box 12 of 96	8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1520 to 1541

	Box 13	
Box 13 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1542 to 1673
	Box 14	
Box 14 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1675 to 1735
	Box 15	
Box 15 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1738 to 1762
	Box 16	
Box 16 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1764 to 1880
	Box 17	
Box 17 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1881 to 1901
	Box 18	
Box 18 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1902 to 1925
	Box 19	
Box 19 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1926 to 1945
	Box 20	
Box 20 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1946 to 2075
	Box 21	
Box 21 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2076 to 2096
	Box 22	
Box 22 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2097 to 2126
	Box 23	
Box 23 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2127 to 2144 <a href="#">Image(s): Opuntia superbospina (negative no. 2139) - Cactus. 10374 DG. F. row 6, August 17, 1915. [Image no. SIA2009-0426]</a>
	Box 24	
Box 24 of 96		8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2145 to 2164

Image(s): [Opuntia \(negative no. 2150\) - Cactus. 10456 DG. F. row 10. Slightly less than 1/2 size, August 17, 1915. \[Image no. SIA2009-0423\]](#)

Box 25

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[Image\(s\): Opuntia caesia - Cactus. 10555 DG, August 18, 1915. \[Image no. SIA2009-0424\]](#)

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Box 27 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2217 to 2236

Box 28

Box 28 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2237 to 2262

Box 29

Box 29 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2263 to 2284

Box 30

Box 30 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2285 to 2323

Box 31

Box 31 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2325 to 2352

Box 32

Box 32 of 96                    8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2535 to 2361

Box 33

Box 33 of 96                    5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 894 to 2980

Box 34

Box 34 of 96                    5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 2982 to 2998

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Box 35 of 96                    5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 3829 to 3944

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Box 36 of 96                    5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 4133 to 4455

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Box 38 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 5081 to 5237
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Box 39 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 5238 to 5598
	Box 40	
Box 40 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 5797 to 5924
	Box 41	
Box 41 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 6341 to 6399
	Box 42	
Box 42 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 6400 to 6626
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Box 43 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 7066 to 7361
	Box 44	
Box 44 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 7362 to 7464
	Box 45	
Box 45 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 7465 to 7526
	Box 46	
Box 46 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 8139 to 8435 <a href="#">Image(s): Opuntia (negative no. 8169) - Cactus. Opuntia magnarensis. 10560 D.G. Near owens P.O., Arizona, May 3, 1912. [Image no. SIA2009-0425]</a>
	Box 47	
Box 47 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 8436 to 8999
	Box 48	
Box 48 of 96		5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 9100 to 9774



Box 49

Box 49 of 96            5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 9775 to 9788  
Image(s): [Opuntia eocarpa \(negative no. 9782\) - 10452 DG. Row 9 . An autochrome plate made of this. September 3, 1915. \[Image no. SIA2009-0428\]](#)

Box 50

Box 50 of 96            5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 9789 to 9869  
Image(s): [Opuntia intricata \(negative no. 9807\) - Cactus. 10372 DG. Row 9, September 1915. \[Image no. SIA2009-0427\]](#)

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Box 51 of 96            5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 9870 to 9957

Box 52

Box 52 of 96            5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 10023 to 10246

Box 53

Box 53 of 96            5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 10247 to 19271

Box 54

Box 54 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 943 to 989

Box 55

Box 55 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1005 to 1163

Box 56

Box 56 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1164 to 1277

Box 57

Box 57 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1278 to 1507

Box 58

Box 58 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1515 to 1655

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Box 59 of 96            Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1656 to 1667

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Box 61

Box 61 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1687 to 1706

Box 62

Box 62 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1729, 1733

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Box 64

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Box 66

Box 66 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1734, 1736, 1737, 1739, 2058

Box 67

Box 67 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2121, 2120, 2119, 2118

Box 68

Box 68 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2054, 2117, 2116, 2114

Box 69

Box 69 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1948, 1947, 2057, 2056

Box 70

Box 70 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1946, 1940, 1919, 2053

Box 71

Box 71 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 1900, 1917, 1918, 2257

Box 72

Box 72 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2188, 2189, 1793, 1789, 2268

Box 73

Box 73 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2208, 2191, 2193, 2192, 2190

Box 74

Box 74 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2249, 2248, 2246, 2242, 2240

Box 75

Box 75 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2122, 02187, 2186, 2183, 2168

Box 76

Box 76 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2330, 2333, 2167, 2133C, 2123

Box 77

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Box 78

Box 78 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2308, 2315, 2314, 2313, 2312

Box 79

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Box 80

Box 80 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2295, 2294, 2289, 2307, 2306

Box 81

Box 81 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers "pp.114-115," "pp. 108-109," "pp. 102-103," "pp. 146-147," 2300, 2301

Box 82

Box 82 of 96 Broken 8 x 10" negatives, negative numbers 2350, 2342, 2335 and broken 5 x 7" negatives 5118, 2944

Box 83

Box 83 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 4750, 4802, 4461, 4557, 2338, 2945

Box 84

Box 84 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 4556, 4457, 4447, 4453, 3943, 4440, 4907, 4915

Box 85

Box 85 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 3050, 3056, 3058, 3862, 3899, 3842, 3854 1/2, 3835, 3840

Box 86

Box 86 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 6408, 1810, 6401, 6403, 3819, 3821, 3061, 3810, 3820

Box 87

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Box 88

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Box 89

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Box 90 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 7486, 7514, 5128, 5129, 5204, 5265, 5540

Box 91

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Box 92

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Box 93 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 7099, 7082, 8137, 6619, 6620, 6617, 6618, 6601, 6616, 6414, 6423, 9884, 9931, 9843, 9849, 9811, 9839

Box 94

Box 94 of 96 Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 9791, 9800, 9767, 9788, 9106, 9703, 8995, 9105, 8977, 8978, 8970, 8972, 8474

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Broken 5 x 7" negatives, negative numbers 8962, 8969, 8172, 8493, 8168, 8171, 7655, 8153, 7520, 7526, 10112, 10269, 9900, 9949, 10087

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Nitrate negatives, negative number 3164 to 10132