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## Sydney Fay Blake Papers, 1909-1960

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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>Creator:</b>	Blake, S. F. (Sidney Fay), 1892-1959
<b>Title:</b>	Sydney Fay Blake Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1909-1960
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.5 cu. ft. (1 document box)

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

Sydney Fay Blake (1892-1959) was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts. He studied systematic botany at Harvard, receiving his B.A. in 1912, his M.A. in 1913, and his Ph.D. in Botany in 1917. He began work as a Botanist at the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1917 and worked there until his death. He published a number of botanical works and was writing the second volume of his *Flora of the World* at the time of his death.

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## Introduction

This finding aid was digitized with funds generously provided by the Smithsonian Institution Women's Committee.

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection contains some of Blake's professional and personal correspondence. He corresponded with many botanists and herbarists concerning the identification, naming, and exchange of specimens. The collection also contains administrative correspondence concerning Blake's position at USDA and substantial correspondence with family and friends. Additional materials include Blake's salutatory address at Stoughton (Mass.) High School; the 1912 Harvard University Commencement Program; newspaper clippings; an account of Blake's trip to London during World War I; and photographs of Blake, his wife Doris Holmes Blake, and family and colleagues.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Botany

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Blake, S. F. (Sidney Fay), 1892-1959  
Harvard University  
United States. Bureau of Plant Industry  
United States. Department of Agriculture

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Folder 1 A

Folder 2 B

Folder 3 C

Folder 4 D

Folder 5 E

Folder 6 F

Folder 7 G

Folder 8 H

Folder 9 J

Folder 10 L

Folder 11 M

Folder 12 P

Folder 13 S

Folder 14 W

Folder 15 Miscellaneous Correspondence, Clippings, and Genealogical Information

Folder 16 Salutatory Address, 1909

Folder 17 Harvard Graduation Program, 1912

Folder 18 Newspaper Clippings

Folder 19 Photographs

Folder 20 Calendar Pictures of Massachusetts

Folder 21 Account of Trip to England