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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Blake, S. F. (Sidney Fay), 1892-1959
Title: Sydney Fay Blake Papers
Dates: 1909-1960
Quantity: 0.5 cu. ft. (1 document box)

Administrative Information

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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.

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

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