



## Guide to the Horticulture Department Photographs, 1900-1980

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### Title

Horticulture Department Photographs (P 090)

### Dates

1900-1980 (inclusive)  
1900-1930 (bulk)

### Creator

Oregon State University. Dept. of Horticulture.

### Summary

The Horticulture Department Photographs consist of images taken and assembled by horticulture faculty for teaching and research and depict a variety of horticultural topics as well as the Oregon Agricultural College campus. The Department of Horticulture and Botany was established in 1888; a separate Horticulture Department formed in 1909.

### Quantity

4 cubic feet, including 3900 photographs (34 boxes, including 3 oversize boxes)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

Classes in horticulture were taught at Oregon State University as early as 1874 by B.J. Hawthorne. The Department of Horticulture and Botany was established in 1888. By 1909, the Horticulture Department had been formalized as part of the School of Agriculture.

## Content Description

The Horticulture Department Photographs document the teaching and research activities in horticulture from the early 1900s. The collection includes images of orchards, fields, vineyards, greenhouses, irrigation and spraying equipment and procedures; canneries and packing houses; fruit, vegetable, and nut varieties; plant diseases and the effects of pests; and grafting techniques. While some of the images are of Washington and Idaho, the bulk of the photographs were taken in Oregon, many on the Oregon Agricultural College campus. The campus photographs depict campus buildings and the College farm and orchard as well as views of Corvallis, Oregon. The collection includes images taken in Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, and several other locations in Jackson County.

About 120 lantern slides depict various types of camouflage, especially in Portland, and may have been taken or assembled by horticulture faculty doing camouflage research during World War II. A group of about 150 glass negatives document research on tree fruits, primarily apples and pears, by Edward Maris Harvey from 1918 to 1926 and have detailed descriptions. The collection includes photographs of Horticulture Department faculty, staff, and students as well as other prominent horticulturists.

Four photograph albums include cyanotype and silver gelatin prints made in about 1905 through 1915 and include Oregon Agricultural College campus views and buildings; Corvallis, Oregon, street scenes; farm scenes and orchards; greenhouses and agricultural equipment; packing houses and canneries; and many varieties of fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Some of the images in the albums are also found in the numbered images component of the collection.

Many formats are represented in the collection including cyanotype and silver gelatin prints, lantern slides, glass negatives, film negatives, and nitrate negatives. Many of the numbered images are available only as negatives with no accompanying prints.

## Preferred Citation

Horticulture Department Photographs (P 090), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

Acquired in several accessions and transfers through 1993.

## Future Additions

Additions to the collection are expected.

## Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

## Additional Reference Guides

[Preliminary item-level container list](#) available online.

## Related Material

Additional materials pertaining to horticulture teaching and research are available in the Horticulture Department Records (RG 187) and the [Oregon State Horticultural Society Records \(RG 151\)](#) and Photographs (P 054). The Archives holdings include the papers of several horticulture faculty: [James R. Baggett](#), [Arthur G.B. Bouquet](#), William A. "Tex" Frazier, and [Melvin N. Westwood](#).

**Subjects**

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

**Organizations**

Oregon Agricultural College--Buildings.

**Topics**

Agricultural machinery--Oregon.  
Camouflage (Military science)  
College buildings--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Crops--Oregon.  
Fruit--Research--Oregon.  
Fruit-culture--Oregon.  
Greenhouses--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Horticulture--Oregon.  
Horticulturists--Oregon.  
World War, 1939-1945--War work--Oregon--Schools.

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Cyanotypes.  
Film negatives.  
Glass negatives.  
Lantern slides.  
Nitrate negatives.  
Photograph albums.  
Photographic prints.

**Other Creators**

Harvey, Edward Maris, b. 1888.  
Oregon Agricultural College. Dept. of Horticulture.  
Oregon State College. Dept. of Horticulture.