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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Frank G. Dennis spent 28 years in the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University as a pomology teacher and researcher (1968-1996). He was also considered the unofficial historian of the department gathering historical records and audio recordings of prominent fruit growers and researchers.

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Scope and Contents

The Frank G. Dennis papers consist of articles and biographical information about, and awards given to Frank G. Dennis, Stanley Johnston, and Sylvan Wittwer who were members of the Horticulture Department at Michigan State University (MSU). There is also information regarding the history of horticulture at MSU.

Records include materials about Sylvan Wittwer used by Dennis to write his book and a copy of the poem "Ode to Cyclone" written by Dennis.

The collection also includes a number of interviews conducted by Frank Dennis. Those interviewed include Harold Tukey, Robert Herner, Carter Harrison, Lowell Ewart, and Walter Toenjes.

The collection also includes audio recordings of interviews of Liberty Hyde Bailey. The recordings were made 1951–1952 and the interviewer was George Lawrence. The original recordings are at Cornell University and they collaborated with the MSU Museum to make copies. There are also notes about the history of the tapes and a transcript of the interviews. These interviews are also at the Vincent Voice Library on the MSU campus. Interested researchers should contact the Vincent Voice Library first for access.

Also included is the book "Growing Up During the Great Depression and My Life Thereafter" (2009) by William Collingwood Johnston, son of Stanley Johnston. It includes chapters about the South Haven Experiment Station and Stanley Johnston, the Experiment Station's superintendent.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Horticulture
- Family histories
- Interviews
- Letters (correspondence)
- Periodicals
- Sound recordings
- Speeches
- Bailey, L. H. (Liberty Hyde), 1858-1954
- Dennis, F. G. (Frank George), 1932-
- Ewart, Lowell
- Harrison, Carter Monroe
- Herner, Robert C.
- Johnston, Stanley, 1898-1969
- Lawrence, George H. M. (George Hill Mathewson), 1910-1978
- Toenjes, Walter
- Tukey, H. B. (Harold Bradford), 1896-1971
- Wittwer, S. H. (Sylvan Harold), 1917-2012
- Hubbard family
- Michigan Farm Bureau
- Michigan State University. Horticulture Department

- Dennis, F. G. (Frank George), 1932-

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Articles on Dr. Frank G. Dennis, Jr. , 1981-1997	box 2562	folder 1
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History of Michigan State Farm Bureau , 1919-2002	box 2562	folder 4
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Correspondence of Stanley Johnston's nomination to the American Society for Horticultural Sciences "Hall of Fame" , 1996-2005	box 2562	folder 6
Stanley Johnson's nomination to the American Society for Horticultural Sciences "Hall of Fame" , 1997-2000	box 2562	folder 7
Articles of Sylvan Wittwer , 1957-2004	box 2562	folder 8
Autobiography of Sylvan H. Wittwer and short biographical history of Maurice Cotter Wittwer , 2001	box 2562	folder 9
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Sylvan H. Wittwer Correspondence , 1995-2004	box 2562	folder 11
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Sylvan H. Wittwer's nomination to the American Society for Horticultural Sciences "Hall of Fame" , 2003	box 2562	folder 13
MSU Futures Magazine Vol. 1 No.3 Winter 1982 p. 14 "Ode to a Cyclone"	box 2562	folder 14
Wax Fruit & Vegetables at MSU	box 2562	folder 15
Liberty Hyde Bailey Interview Transcript , 2004	box 2562	folder 16
Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture ceremony and speech by Frank Dennis, 2013	box 2562	folder 17
American Fruit Grower magazine article [article about the history of fruit growing includes MSU contributions], 2005		
"Growing Up in the Great Depression and My Life Thereafter" by William Collingwood Johnston, and related correspondence, 2009-2010	box 2562	folder 19

Audio

Title/Description	Instances	
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Liberty Hyde Bailey interview- cassette tapes 1 - 14	box 2563
Bailey Interview Disc 1	box 2563
L.H. Bailey Interview Disc 1,2	box 2563
L.H. Bailey Copy 1	box 2563
L.H. Bailey Copy 2	box 2563
Liberty Hyde Bailey interview- CDs 1, 4 – 9, 12 - 14	box 2563

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