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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Henry Townsend Darlington was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania on June 23, 1875. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and engineering. He graduated from Harvard University with a Master of Science in 1911 and while there, he was an assistant at the Gray Herbarium and worked with Professor Oakes Ames in his botanical garden. In 1923, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Darlington's long career at MSU began in 1914 when he was appointed Assistant Professor of Botany, Director of the Beal Botanical Garden, and Curator of the Herbarium. His duties were split between teaching, the Botanical Garden, and the Herbarium. Darlington received the status of Associate Professor in Botany in 1938. He served as the Director of the Beal Botanical Garden until 1929 and remained head of the Herbarium until he retired in 1945.

During his time at MSU, Darlington oversaw Dr. Beal's seed viability experiment for 45 years. He also participated in "weed train" trips to consult with Michigan farmers about weed issues.

His interest in moss led to his book, *The Mosses of Michigan* being the first book written on Michigan mosses.

Darlington married his wife, Beulah Clarke, in 1912. Together, they had four children. Darlington died on October 23, 1964 and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains twenty small notebooks that are filled with Darlington's handwritten notes. All of the notebooks relate back to Darlington's expeditions, interests, publication notes, Michigan history, and Botany 314 class. Included are notes related to Dr. Beal's seed viability experiment from 1930 and 1940.

One notebook is restricted until 2055, because it contains student grades.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Notebooks
- Botanical gardens
- W.J. Beal Botanical Garden
- Michigan State University. Beal-Darlington Herbarium

Collection Inventory

Notebooks		
Title/Description	Instances	
A.A.A.S. - Columbus, Ohio; Sketch of plots; Colorado and California plants in Botanical garden, 1926, 1939, undated	Box 7069	folder 1
Course notes for landscape class; Things seen; List of trees, shrubs, and herbs, 1913, undated	Box 7069	folder 2
A daily reminder of appointments and other important matters, 1944	Box 7069	folder 3
Ecological surveying; Reprint distribution lists, 1924, undated	Box 7069	folder 4
Economic plants seen - Bot. garden, September 28, 1921	Box 7069	folder 5
Expenses for trip to Newfoundland; Lists of plants collected for student herbarium; List of plants to collect for identification in herbarium, 1911, 1912, undated	Box 7069	folder 6
German vocabulary, undated	Box 7069	folder 7
H.T. Darlington calendar; Little Bay Lake; Observations in Porcupine Mountains, 1922-1923	Box 7069	folder 8
History of mathematics; Diary of trip to Norfolk; A department of conservation; Dr. Beal's seed viability experiment, 1940, undated	Box 7069	folder 9

Italian and French vocabulary, undated	Box 7069	folder 10
Jesses R. Reeves; Speech at MSU; Vegetation of Mackinac Island; Biological station - Clear Lake, 1940, undated	Box 7069	folder 11
Mathematics and religion notes, undated	Box 7069	folder 12
Notes on history of Michigan botany; Notes on Cooper's study of Isle Royale, 1921, undated	Box 7069	folder 13
Notes on systematics; Birds seen; Library book call numbers; Botanical garden information, undated	Box 7069	folder 14
Plant and animal observations in Traverse City, East Lansing, Glen Lake, Porcupine Mountains, College woods, and Ingham County, 1922, 1924, 1925, 1934, undated	Box 7069	folder 15
Trip to Boston; Trip to Pittsburgh A.A.A.S.; Meeting notes, 1922, 1934, undated	Box 7069	folder 16
Trip to Washington; Dr. Beal's seed viability experiment , 1924, 1930	Box 7069	folder 17
True and compass bearing calculations; Sketches of plots off of Albert Ave. and Gunson Ave.; Wild flower conservation notes, undated	Box 7069	folder 18
Weed train observations; Botany 314 notes at Kellogg farm, 1930, 1934	Box 7069	folder 19
Restricted		
German vocabulary; References to flowers; Dr. Bessey discussion of evolution; Botany nature study course - Kellogg farm; Student grades (Restricted), 1934-1939	Box 7069	folder 20

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