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## **Inventory of the W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery Records D-595**

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**Title:** W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery Records

**Creator:** W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery

**Identifier/Call Number:** D-595

**Physical Description:** 1 linear ft.

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1920-1950

**Abstract:** Personal plant breeding and record file of W.B. Clarke, founder and owner of W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery in San Jose, California. The collection also includes a set of the nursery's catalogs spanning the years 1934-1949.

Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

**History**

The W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery (1920s-1950s) was based in San Jose, California. The founder and owner, Walter Bosworth Clarke, was an important breeder, selector, and producer of shade trees and landscape shrubs. He was best known for his lilacs, which bloomed well in coastal California's mild climate, flowering quinces, and flowering apricot. Many of the plants Clarke developed are still in commercial production.

Source: Warren G. Roberts, UC Davis Arboretum

**Content Description**

The collection includes the personal plant breeding and record file of Walter Bosworth Clarke, founder and owner of W.B. Clarke & Co. Nursery in San Jose, California. Also present is a set of the nursery's catalogs spanning the years 1934-1949.

**Access**

Collection is open for research.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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