
Inventory of the James Blair Kendrick Correspondence

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Creator: Kendrick, James B. (James Blair), 1893-1962

Title: James Blair Kendrick Correspondence

Date (inclusive): 1924-1932

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Abstract: James Blair Kendrick (1893-1962) served as Plant Pathologist and Professor of Plant Pathology at the Berkeley and Davis campuses of the University of California from 1927-1960. The collection contains fifty-six letters, the majority of which are written from Kendrick to Max Gardner (1890-1979). The letters discuss the early years of the Plant Pathology Department at the University of California, Davis, among other topics.

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Collection number: MC246

Language of Material: Collection materials in English.

Biography

James Blair Kendrick, Sr. was born in Clover, South Carolina on August 13, 1893. He earned a B.S. from Clemson College in 1916, and an M.S. in 1919 from Iowa State University. From 1919-1924, he served as Assistant Botanist in the Agricultural Experiment Station at Purdue University. In 1924 he returned to Iowa State University and received his Ph.D. in 1925. He then resumed his career at Purdue where he remained until July 1, 1927, when he became Associate Plant Pathologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California.

Professor Kendrick was the pioneer plant pathologist of the Davis campus. He was the first of his profession to be permanently located at Davis, and he established the first laboratory and greenhouse facilities there devoted exclusively to the study of plant diseases.

Kendrick was named Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology in 1936, Associate Professor in 1938, and Professor in 1943. In 1954 he became Chairman of the Department at Berkeley and Davis and held that position until he retired in 1960.

Kendrick passed away on May 30, 1962.

Source:

Leach, L.D., Davis, L.D., Houston, B.R., and Wilson, E.E. "James Blair Kendrick." *In Memoriam*. [Berkeley, Calif. : Academic Senate], 1963.

Scope and Content

The collection contains fifty-six letters, the majority of which are written from James Blair Kendrick to Max Gardner (1890-1979). Gardner served as Professor of Plant Pathology at the Berkeley and Davis campuses of the University of California from 1932-1957. The letters by Kendrick were written from 1924-1932 while Kendrick was at Iowa State University and the University of California and Gardner was at Purdue University. The letters discuss the early years of the Plant Pathology Department at the University of California, Davis, among other topics.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged in three series: 1. Outgoing, 2. Incoming, and 3. Third Party.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Kendrick, James B. (James Blair), 1893-1962--Correspondence

Gardner, Max William, 1890-1979

University of California, Davis--Faculty--Archives

University of California, Davis. Dept of Plant Pathology

Plant diseases--Research--California--Davis

Access

Collection is open for research.

Processing Information

Sara Gunasekara processed this collection and created and encoded this finding aid with assistance from student employee Michelle Xie.

Acquisition Information

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Series 1. Outgoing 1924-1932

Physical Description: 53 letters

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC246:1	Gardner, Max 1924 January 3
Box MC246:2	Gardner, Max 1924 August 12
Box MC246:3	Gardner, Max 1924 September 2
Box MC246:4	Gardner, Max 1924 September 7
Box MC246:5	Gardner, Max 1924 September 22
Box MC246:6	Gardner, Max 1924 September 25
Box MC246:7	Gardner, Max 1924 October 3
Box MC246:8	Gardner, Max 1924 October 26
Box MC246:9	Gardner, Max 1924 December 8
Box MC246:10	Gardner, Max 1925 January 28
Box MC246:11	Gardner, Max 1925 February 8
Box MC246:12	Gardner, Max 1925 April 5
Box MC246:13	Gardner, Max 1925 April 23
Box MC246:14	Gardner, Max 1925 May 17
Box MC246:15	Gardner, Max 1925 May 27
Box MC246:16	Gardner, Max 1925 August 26
Box MC246:17	Gardner, Max 1927 July 6
Box MC246:18	Gardner, Max 1927 July 20
Box MC246:19	Gardner, Max 1927 July 22
Box MC246:20	Gardner, Max 1927 August 4
Box MC246:21	Gardner, Max 1927 August 11
Box MC246:22	Gardner, Max 1927 September 14
Box MC246:23	Gardner, Max 1927 September 14
Box MC246:24	Gardner, Max 1927 September 23
Box MC246:25	Gardner, Max 1927 October 18
Box MC246:26	Gardner, Max 1927 Novemeber 17
Box MC246:27	Gardner, Max 1927 December 18
Box MC246:28	Gardner, Max 1927 December 30
Box MC246:29	Gardner, Max 1928 April 3
Box MC246:30	Gardner, Max 1928 June 18
Box MC246:31	Gardner, Max 1928 August 2
Box MC246:32	Gardner, Max 1928 September 28
Box MC246:33	Gardner, Max 1929 January 14
Box MC246:34	Gardner, Max 1929 April 24
Box MC246:35	Gardner, Max 1929 May 22
Box MC246:36	Gardner, Max 1929 June 29
Box MC246:37	Gardner, Max 1929 October 13
Box MC246:38	Gardner, Max 1929 October 24
Box MC246:39	Gardner, Max 1930 April 27

Box MC246:40	Gardner, Max 1930 May 27
Box MC246:41	Gardner, Max 1930 August 8
Box MC246:42	Gardner, Max 1930 October 19
Box MC246:43	Gardner, Max 1931 March
Box MC246:44	Gardner, Max 1931 April 26
Box MC246:45	Gardner, Max 1931 May 21
Box MC246:46	Gardner, Max 1931 June 12
Box MC246:47	Gardner, Max 1931 July 10
Box MC246:48	Gardner, Max 1931 October 6
Box MC246:49	Gardner, Max 1931 Novemeber 5
Box MC246:50	Gardner, Max 1931 Novemeber 24
Box MC246:51	Gardner, Max 1932 January 12
Box MC246:52	Gardner, Max 1932 January 18
Box MC246:53	Gardner, Max 1932 March 22

Series 2. **Incoming 1927-1931**

Physical Description: 2 letters

Scope and Content Note

Two letters written by Max Gardner to James Kendrick.

Box MC246:54	Gardner, Max 1927 July 15
Box MC246:55	Gardner, Max 1931 June 8

Series 3. **Third Party 1927**

Physical Description: 1 letter

Scope and Content Note

Box MC246:56	Gardner, Max to G. I. Christie 1927 March 28
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