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Descriptive Summary
Title: Alfred Carl Hottes Papers,
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Biography / Administrative History
Horticulturalist. Born in Ithaca, N.Y., March 16, 1891. Instructor at Cornell University (floriculture, 1914-1916) and Ohio State University (floriculture and ornamental horticulture, 1916-1929). Garden editor of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, 1929-1942. Moved to La Jolla, Calif., where he continued to edit garden pages for several national magazines, write and revise books, give lectures on horticultural topics, collect succulents, and sketch and paint ornamental trees and shrubs. Died in La Jolla on February 28, 1955.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of photographic portraits; correspondence; newspaper and magazine tear-sheets and clippings, some in scrapbooks; newletters; publication contracts and agreements; collected chromolithographs and colored engravings (many by Mary E. Eaton); and watercolor, oil color, and scratchboard illustrations by Hottes, which form the bulk of the collection. Many of the illustrations by Hottes were for a book on California plants which he never published, because of the prohibitive cost of color printing at the time.

Organization and Arrangement
Plant and flower illustrations by Hottes are arranged in alphabetical order by scientific (genus-species) name.

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

Subjects
Hottes, Alfred Carl, 1891-1955.
Horticulturalists--United States--Archives.
Botanical illustration.
Botany.
Horticulture.
Floriculture.
Gardening.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Eaton, Mary E.
Better homes and gardens.

Box 1,
Folders 1-17

Box 2,
Folders 18-31

Box 3,
Folders 32-44

Box 4,
Folders 45-59

Box 5,
Folders 60-77

Box 6,
Folders 78-95

Box 7,
Folders 96-109

Box 8,
Folders 108-131

Box 9,
Folders 132-155

Box 10,
Folder 156-183

Box 11,
Folders 184-215
Box 12, Folders 216-245
Notocactus leninghausi - Pailownia empresstree

Box 13, Folders 246-276
Pedilanthus - Rhoe discolor

Box 14, Folder 277-296
Rhombophyllum rhomboideum - Senecio mikanoides

Box 15, Folders 297-313
Senecio pendula - Stapelia pulvinata

Box 16, Folders 314-332
Stapelia variegata - Trichosporum pulchrum

Box 17, Folders 333-342
Tropaeolum peregrinum - various scratchboards of flowers

Box 18
Scrapbooks: (1) Publicity in Better Homes and Gardens; (2) Newspaper columns by Hottes (1926-1928)

Box 19
Flower picture and prints (M.E. Evans et al), mounted on boards

Box 20
M.E. Eaton prints; photographs of Hottes et al; biographical material

Box 21
Pencil & ink drawings; figure captions/legends; clippings; MSS. notes and correspondence; illustrated pamphlet dummy; Hottes personal history; Cabbages and Things (newsletter by Plantsmaith; 1949-1955)

Box 22
Scratchboards: original box listings and boards A - D, #1-85
Note
(except #3, removed to oversize box)

Box 23
Scratchboards E - L, #86-174
Note
(except #104, 154, removed to oversize box)

Box 24
Scratchboards M - Z, #175-275
Note
(except #178, removed to oversize box)

Box 25
Scratchboards: non-botanical subjects

Box 26
Watercolors: miscellaneous

Box 27
Watercolors: A - C

Box 28
Scratchboards; watercolors; clippings; photographs; collected engravings

Box 29
Book advertisements; Burpee seed catalog (1944); TS., color-illustrated lecture notes; TS. collected poems (1948, 1952) and letter by Carroll Dewilton Scott