Date Palm collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Date Palm collection

Date (inclusive): circa 1870-1970

Collection Number: MS 047

Extent: 5.75 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 flat file folder)

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Abstract: This collection contains records and research on the date palm industry and date palm farming throughout the 20th century, including photographs of date palm farms, brochures, and newspaper clippings. Additionally, the collection contains photographs, programs, correspondence, and pamphlets pertaining to the United States Department of Agriculture Date Station, and items from date palm researchers Walter T. Swingle, and Roy W. Nixon.

Languages: The collection is in English and French.

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing History

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Collection Scope and Contents

This collection contains photographs, brochures, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and other material regarding the date palm industry and research efforts related to this plant species. Materials in the collection include photographs of date palm farms in California, North Africa, and Iraq as well as photographs regarding the cultivation of palm varieties and palm diseases. Brochures and newspaper clippings documenting the date palm industry in the Coachella Valley are also included. Additionally, this collection includes items from the United States Department of Agriculture Date Station as well as researchers Walter T. Swingle, and Roy W. Nixon.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is divided into eight series. The series are arranged as follows:

Series 1. Photographs, circa 1870-1979
Series 2. Newspapers, 1912-1966
Series 3. Correspondence, 1903-1986
Series 4. Programs, 1927-1950
Series 5. Date palm informational material, 1887-2015
Series 7. Scrapbooks, 1909-1951

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Nixon, Roy W. (Roy Wesley), 1895-
Swingle, Walter T. (Walter Tennyson), 1871-1952
Agriculture -- Research
Date palm
Dates (fruit)
Genres and Forms of Materials
Brochures
Clippings (information artifacts)
Photographs

Series 1. Photographs circa 1870-1979

Series Scope and Contents
This series consists of photographs of date palm farms in the United States, Iraq, and Sudan, and types of dates, mostly taken or collected by researchers John Carpenter, Roy W. Nixon, and Walter T. Swingle.

Series Arrangement
The series is divided into four subseries as follows, mainly by the researcher who took or collected the photographs:
Sub-Series 1.1. John Carpenter, 1930-1932
Sub-Series 1.2. Roy W. Nixon, circa 1915-1980
Sub-Series 1.3. Walter T. Swingle, circa 1900-1933
Sub-Series 1.4. Photograph negatives, circa 1926-1979

Sub-Series 1.1. John Carpenter 1930-1932
Sub-Series Scope and Contents
The sub-series consists of photographs from the files of John Carpenter, the former Director of the United States Date & Citrus Station. Photographs in the sub-series depict date palm farms and farming techniques in California, Egypt and Sudan.

Sub-Series Arrangement
Materials are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Sub-Series 1.2. Roy W. Nixon circa 1915-1980
Sub-Series Scope and Contents
This sub-series contains photographs from researcher Roy W. Nixon, and consists mostly of photographs of date palm farms and trees in various locations.

Sub-Series Arrangement
Materials in the sub-series are arranged alphabetically by photograph location.
Box 1, Folder 11  Borego Valley 1926
Box 1, Folder 12  Borego Valley 1926
Box 1, Folder 13  Chicago, IL 1934
Box 1, Folder 14  Coachella Valley, CA 1921
Box 1, Folder 15  Coachella Valley, CA circa 1932
Box 1, Folder 16  Coachella Valley, CA 1953
Box 1, Folder 17  Deli, India undated
Box 1, Folder 18  Dongola undated
Box 1, Folder 19  Faras, Sudan undated
Box 1, Folder 20  Flagstaff, AZ 1930
Box 1, Folder 21  Hayden, AZ 1938
Box 1, Folder 22  Hyder, AZ 1933
Box 1, Folder 23  Honolulu, HI 1925
Box 1, Folder 24  Honolulu, HI 1929
Box 1, Folder 25  Indio, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 26  Indio, CA 1926
Box 1, Folder 27  Iraq undated
Box 1, Folder 28  Iraq 1929
Box 1, Folder 29  Karima, Sudan undated
Box 1, Folder 30  Karun River, Iraq undated
Box 1, Folder 31  Mandali, Iraq undated
Box 1, Folder 32  Mecca, CA 1916
Box 1, Folder 33  Mecca, CA 1947
Box 1, Folder 34  Mecca, CA 1948
Box 1, Folder 35  Mecca, CA 1949
Box 1, Folder 36  Mike Tobin Ranch, NV 1930
Box 1, Folder 37  Mitchell Date Orchard 1948
Box 1, Folder 38  Mohammerah, Persia undated
Box 1, Folder 39  Nuri, Sudan 1965
Box 1, Folder 40  Omderman, Sudan undated
Box 1, Folder 41  Oneco, FL undated
Box 1, Folder 42  Palm Springs, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 43  Riverside, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 44  San Francisco, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 45  Shahrabani, Iraq undated
Box 1, Folder 46  Tigris River undated
Box 1, Folder 47  Turkey 1948
Box 1, Folder 48  Unknown location undated
Box 1, Folder 49  Unknown location undated
Box 1, Folder 50  Unknown location circa 1870
Box 1, Folder 51  Unknown location circa 1880
Box 1, Folder 52  Unknown location 1923
Box 1, Folder 53  Unknown location 1925
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Box 1, Folder 55  Unknown location 1926
Box 1, Folder 56  Unknown location 1929-1930
Box 1, Folder 57  Unknown location 1930
Box 1, Folder 58  Unknown location 1931
Box 1, Folder 59  Unknown location 1936
Box 1, Folder 60  Wadi Halfa undated
Box 1, Folder 61  Wisconsin undated
Box 1, Folder 62  Wolfshill Ranch, CA 1916
Sub-Series 1.3. Walter T. Swingle circa 1900-1933

Sub-Series Scope and Contents
This sub-series contains photographs from researcher Walter T. Swingle, and consists mostly of photographs of date palm farms in California and Arizona.

Sub-Series Arrangement
Materials in the sub-series are arranged alphabetically by location.

Box 1, Folder 63 Aztec, AZ 1933
Box 1, Folder 64 Coachella Valley, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 65 Indio, CA 1907
Box 1, Folder 66 Indio, CA 1925
Box 1, Folder 67 Mecca, CA 1906
Box 1, Folder 68 Phoenix, AZ 1930
Box 1, Folder 69 Phoenix, AZ 1932
Box 1, Folder 70 Riverside, CA undated
Box 1, Folder 71 San Gorgonio, CA 1930
Box 1, Folder 72 Tempe, AZ 1900
Box 1, Folder 73 Unknown location undated
Box 1, Folder 74 Unknown location undated
Box 1, Folder 75 Unknown location undated
Box 1, Folder 76 Unknown location undated

Sub-Series 1.4. Photograph negatives circa 1926-1979

Sub-Series Scope and Contents
This sub-series consists of negatives not connected to any researcher, and depict mainly date palm farms and farming techniques.

Sub-Series Arrangement
Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Box 1, Folder 77 Date palm atomizer 1934
Box 1, Folder 78 "Fieldtrip, Bard TSRU" 1930
Box 1, Folder 79 Lowell School 1979
Box 1, Folder 80 "Negatives of Which No More Prints are Required" undated
Box 1, Folder 81 "Parker Arizona, Halawy" undated
Box 1, Folder 82 Trip to Willow Ranch, Gervian Ranch, and Tempe 1926
Box 1, Folder 83 "Unthinned Deglet Noor" 1940
Box 1, Folder 84 Untitled (Unknown) undated

Series 2. Newspapers 1912-1966

Series Scope and Contents
The series consists of newspaper clippings and larger newspapers on national and international date palm farms from 1912-1966.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by folder and publication title.

Box 1, Folder 85, News clippings 1912-1962
Box 5, Folder 1 Desert Rancher 1951-1964
Box 5, Folder 2 Los Angeles Times 1922-1930
Box 5, Folder 3 Pacific Royal Press 1936-1944
Series 3. Correspondence 1903-1986

Series Scope and Contents
This series consists of correspondence from 1903 to 1986 from researchers R. Holtby Meyers, Roy W. Nixon, and Walter T. Swingle regarding their research and date palm farming.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by the correspondents' last names.

Box 1, Folder 86 R. Holtby Meyers 1903-1932
Box 1, Folder 87 Roy W. Nixon 1947-1951
Box 1, Folders 1-2, Box 2, Folders 1-2 Walter T. Swingle 1904-1986
Box 2, Folder 3 West India Gardens offshore purchases 1913

Series 4. Programs 1927-1950

Series Scope and Contents
This series is made up of the Date Grower's Institute meeting invitations and programs.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject.

Box 2, Folder 4 Date Grove Institute 1927-1950

Series 5. Date palm informational material 1887-1967

Series Scope and Contents
This series consists of historical information, newspaper clippings, Department of Agriculture correspondence and information, general correspondence, photographs, and a DVD regarding date palm farms and research ranging from 1887 to 2015.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically using the original folder titles.

Box 2, Folder 5 California Cultivator 1930
Box 2, Folder 6 Date blossom tie 1927
Box 2, Folder 7 Date: History and Development of the Date. How to Grow Dates. by Prof. D.W. Albert, University of Arizona 1930
Box 2, Folder 8 Date industry 1887-1949
Box 2, Folder 9 Date industry March 1950-1957
Box 2, Folder 10 Dates: Artificial Ripening, etc. by Paul B. Popence, Queensland Agr'l. Journal. 1913
Box 2, Folder 11 Dates: Arizona: The date prospers in, by Ethel W. Musgrave 1925
Box 2, Folder 12 Dates: Balancing Device. Invention of an Arizona Nurseryman which is attracting attention of nursery world 1915
Box 2, Folder 13 Dates: Baluchistan. Description of Panjgur date region, by Capt. Severn I.A. Williams 1913
Box 2, Folder 14 Dates: Best on Earth, by Cully A. Cobb 1929
Box 2, Folder 15 Dates: Brazil Memo. re date culture in the State of Bahia, Brazil. by W.T. Swingle. 1925
Box 2, Folder 16 Dates: Bruce Drummond's Interesting Work, Resignation, etc. 1923
Box 2, Folder 17 Dates: Date Growing in Sunny California. By Jane Wilwyn. In Money Making 1924
Box 2, Folder 18 Dates: Date Palms and Dates. By A.A. Wheeler. In Pacific Rural Press, p. 21 1897
Box 2, Folder 19 Dates: Death Valley. The Hottest Spot in the United States, A hellish, hopeless Desert. By Mary E. Walker 1924
Box 2, Folder 20 Dates: Deglet Noor strains. By W.T. Swingle 1912
Box 3, Folder 21 Dates: Expedition to Oasis of Siwa, Report on. By H.A. Rankin 1905
Box 2, Folder 22 Dates (Florida). Growing dates in Florida. Photostat copy of illustrations 1920-1929
Box 2, Folder 23 Dates: Flower Characters. Diversity of Flower Characters in the Cultivated Varieties of Phoenix dactylifera L. 1932
Box 2, Folder 24 Dates: History (short) of the date industry of America. By W.L. Paul 1922
Box 2, Folder 25 Dates: Illustrations (photographs of date palms used in Yearbook Sep.949) 1926
Box 2, Folder 26 Date (code) Imported Date Packing Industry 1933
Series 5. Date palm informational material 1887-1967

Box 2, Folder 27  Dates: India. Typewritten paper by A.C. Hartless, Saharanpur, India 1907
Box 2, Folder 28  Dates: Insect infestations. Various memoranda 1917-1919
Box 2, Folder 29  Dates: Mexico, Date tree pollination. Consular Report 1909
Box 2, Folder 31  Dates: Pollen, Visibility of. 1924 A.B. Stout 1923
Box 2, Folder 32  Dates: Report for Sudan Government. By S. C. Mason 1924-1925
Box 2, Folder 34  Dates: Selling Dates to Sportsmen. By Walter T. Swingle 1934
Box 2, Folder 35  Dates: Spraying Solutions, use, etc. 1915
Box 2, Folder 36  Dates: Seteroptican Views, List of. By W.T. Swingle. (Saraha Desert) 1921
Box 2, Folder 37  Dates: Varieties. Braim. (Consular Report, Baghdad, Iraq, June 8, 1933) 1933
Box 2, Folder 38  Dates: Varieties. Rain-Resistant. W.T. Swingle 1930
Box 2, Folder 39  Dates: Varieties. Saidy Date. Notes &c. 1921
Box 2, Folder 40  Dates: Varieties. Saidy Date. Notes &c. 1921
Box 2, Folder 41  Dates: Transplanting seedling date palms. Bruce Drummord 1914
Box 2, Folder 42  Dates: Varieties. Braim. (Consular Report, Baghdad, Iraq, June 8, 1933) 1933
Box 2, Folder 43  Dates: Varieties. Rain-Resistant. W.T. Swingle 1930
Box 2, Folder 44  Dates: Varieties. Saidy Date of Egypt. U.S.D.A. Bul. 1125 1922-1933
Box 2, Folder 45  Dates: Varieties. Saidy Date. Notes &c. 1921
Box 2, Folder 46  Department of Agriculture 1900-1950
Box 2, Folder 47  Department of Agriculture 1952-1967
Box 2, Folder 48  DVD Collection of Date Palm Reference Material 2015
Box 2, Folder 49  Farm and Orchard Page 1927
Box 2, Folder 50  Iraq: Hammurabi's Code By C.H. Pease - Hidalgo County (Texas) Independent 1933
Box 2, Folder 51  Los Angeles Sunday Times 1921
Box 2, Folder 52  Reports & Bulletins 1914-1962


Series Scope and Contents
The collection consists of pamphlets and brochures from various date farms in Baja California, Arizona, California, and Florida from circa 1914-1968.
Series Arrangement
The series is arranged alphabetically by location.

Box 2, Folder 53  Baja California undated
Box 2, Folder 54  Coachella Valley circa 1924-1963
Box 2, Folder 55  Date Gardens, AZ circa 1946
Box 2, Folders 56-59  Date Gardens, CA circa 1914-1964
Box 3, Folder 1  Date Gardens, FL undated
Box 3, Folder 2  Desert Hot Springs undated
Box 3, Folder 3  General circa 1931
Box 3, Folder 4  Los Angeles undated
Box 3, Folder 5  Middle East undated
Box 3, Folder 6  Palo Verde Valley circa 1954
Box 3, Folder 7  Recipes circa 1968
Box 3, Folder 8  Riverside County 1938-1965
Box 3, Folder 9  San Diego County undated

Series 7. Scrapbooks circa 1909-1951

Series Scope and Contents
This series consists of eight scrapbooks depicting date palms and date palm farm research from the early to middle 1900's. Most of the photographs within the scrapbooks contain captions describing each image.
Series Arrangement
The series is arranged by the original scrapbook number.
Series 7. Scrapbooks circa 1909-1951

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Date Palms undated


Series Scope and Contents

The series is made up of maps depicting the boundaries of Arizona, India, Riverside County, and the Coachella Valley. There are maps of the Coachella Valley that focus on Native American land, canal building, and attractions. Included are two maps of the topography of California.

Series Arrangement

The series consists of 17 maps arranged by size.

| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 1 | Visit the Scenic Spots in Coachella Valley - Valerie Jean Date Shop undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 2 | Proposed Coachella Valley Unit of All American Canal - Coachella Valley County Water District undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 3 | Map Showing Roads to Points of Interest in and Around the Coachella Valley - Geo. H. Schisler, Realtor undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Items 4-5 | Central Coachella Valley Real Estate - Richard O. (Dick) Davis 1952 |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 6 | Map of Coachella Valley - Coachella Valley Board of Realtors circa 1958 |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Items 7-9 | India and Ceylon - Gazetteer Index undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 10 | Automobile Road Map of Lower (Baja) California - Automobile Club of Southern California undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Items 11-12 | New Renié Admap of Indio and Coachella undated |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 13 | Map of the Coachella Valley - The France Investment Company 1914 |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 14 | Southwestern San Bernardino and Riverside County - Blackburn’s Map of Southern California 1930 |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 15 | Kaibab National Forest, Arizona - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service 1930 |
| Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 16 | Soil Map, California Coachella Valley Sheet - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Soils 1923 |