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## Inventory of the H. M. Butterfield Papers, 1860-1970

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**Abstract:** Harry M. Butterfield served as an Agricultural Extension Specialist at the University of California (1914-1955); Garden Editor, for the *Oakland Tribune* (1955-1960); and President of the California Horticultural Society. His papers contain manuscripts, research material, and photographs on the history of horticulture in California.

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**Acquisition Information**

Acquired in 1972.

**Processing Information**

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**Biographical Narrative**

Harry Morton Butterfield was born on November 19, 1887 in Wilsonville, Nebraska, the son of William Tilton and Mary Louisa Butterfield. He received a B.S. in 1914 and an M.S. in 1916 from the University of California, Berkeley. He served as an Agricultural Extension Specialist at the University of California (1914-1955); Garden Editor, for the *Oakland Tribune* (1955-1960); and was President of the California Horticultural Society.

Butterfield conducted research on early California gardens and the history of the plants grown in the gardens. He recorded the story of those gardens and their memories in his manuscript, *California Gardens of Memory*. In 2003, Judith M. Taylor published *Tangible memories: Californians and their gardens, 1800-1950*, based on Butterfield's manuscript, *California Gardens of Memory*.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Organized into six series: 1. Biographical Materials, 2. Correspondence, 3. Manuscripts, 4. Research Material, 5. Printed Material, 6. Photographs and Memorabilia

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the collection in the Library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Butterfield, H. M. (Harry Morton), b. 1887

Gardens--California--History

Gardening--California

Horticulture--California--History

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**Physical Description:**

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Box 1:2            **List of Awards and Honors, 1920-1968**

**Physical Description:**

**Note**

Series 2 Correspondence, 1936-1966

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**Camellias, 1940-1966**

Physical Description:

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**Miscellaneous, 1936-1937**

Physical Description:

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Series 3 Manuscripts, 1913-1970

**Physical Description:**

**Note**

**Scope and Content Note**

Organized into three subseries: Contributions to *The California Farmer*, Contributions to *The Oakland Tribune*, and Other Manuscripts.

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Subseries 3.1 Contributions to *The California Farmer*, April 26, 1958-December 13, 1965

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**Scope and Content Note**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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Box 1:9                    **Some Lawn Grass Substitutes, February 14, 1959**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**  
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**Note**
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**Note**
- Box 1:21            **Vines, Annual and Perennial, August 1, 1959**  
**Physical Description:**  
**Note**

- Box 1:22            **Extending the Flowering Season in the Garden, August 15, 1959**  
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- Box 1:23            **Solving Problems in Soil Deficiencies and Excesses, August 29, 1959**  
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- Box 1:27            **Getting the Garden Ready for Winter, October 24, 1959**  
Physical Description:  
Note
- Box 1:28            **Some New and Different Woody Ornamentals for the Garden, November 7, 1959**  
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- Box 1:29            **Pruning Woody Ornamentals, November 21, 1959**  
Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
- Box 1:34            **A Planting Calendar for the Spring Months, February 18, 1963**  
**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
- Box 1:35            **Plant Propagation During the Spring Months, March 4, 1963**  
**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Note**
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**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**

Box 1:43            **Some of the Newer Shrubs for Home Garden, June 24, 1963**

Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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- Box 1:60            **Lawn Care in the Spring, March 2, 1964**  
Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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- Note
- Box 1:65            **Rotation for Flowers the Year Around, May 11, 1964**
- Physical Description:
- Note
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- Physical Description:
- Note
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- Note
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- Physical Description:
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- Physical Description:
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- Physical Description:
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- Note
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- Physical Description:
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- Box 1:74            **Control of Borers and Related Garden Insects, September 14, 1964**
- Physical Description:
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- Box 1:75            **The Use of Organic and Inorganic Materials for Garden Soils, September 28, 1964**  
Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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Box 1:93                    **Unidentified *California Farmer* article, n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Physical Description:

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**Note**
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**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
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Physical Description:  
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- Box 1:105      **Some Lawn Grass Substitutes, February 15, 1959**  
Physical Description:  
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- Box 1:106      **Getting Ahead of Weeds in the Garden, February 22, 1959**  
Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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- Box 1:115            **Some Problems in Garden Irrigation, April 26, 1959**  
Physical Description:  
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Note**
- Box 1:130            **Soil Moisture Control in the Fall Months, September 13, 1959**  
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
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**Physical Description:**  
**Note**
- Box 1:133            **Some New Flower Varieties for the Garden, February 7, 1960**  
**Physical Description:**  
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**Physical Description:**

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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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Physical Description:  
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| Box 2:3   | <b>Manual of Flower and Garden Show Judging, 1951</b><br><br>Physical Description:<br><br>Note                 |
| Box 2:4   | <b>Manual of Flower and Garden Show Judging, 1951</b><br><br>Physical Description:<br><br>Note                 |
| Box 2:5   | <b>Manual of Flower and Garden Show Judging, 1951</b><br><br>Physical Description:<br><br>Note                 |
| Box 2:6   | <b>Master List of Articles Written by H.M. Butterfield, 1958-1963</b><br><br>Physical Description:<br><br>Note |
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**Physical Description:**

**Note**

Box 2:9                    **Some Publications for the Garden Library, October 28, 1963**

**Physical Description:**

**Note**

Box 2:10-2:125, ~~Series 4~~ **Research Material, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

**Note**

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains Butterfield's notes and card files about plants (a physical description and their origin), cultivars (hybrids and some common names related to the species) and nursery personalities and nurseries.

Series 5 Printed Material, 1860-1950

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**Physical Description:**  
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**Physical Description:**  
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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Flowers, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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**Geraniums, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Physical Description:**

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**Orange Tree, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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**Prize Winning Squash, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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Box 3:3

**Spanish Pear Tree, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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Box 3:4

**Vegetables, n.d.**

**Physical Description:**

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Box 3:5

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**Physical Description:**

**Note**