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Summary Information

Repository:	Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation Archives
Title:	Benjamin Yoe Morrison (1891–1966) papers
ID:	HIBDARC.27
Date [inclusive]:	1915–1965, n.d.
Physical Description:	3.5 Linear Feet 10 boxes, 10 volumes, 6 oversize items
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

Benjamin Yoe Morrison (1891–1966) was chief of the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction at the United States Department of Agriculture (1934–1948) and the first director of the United States National Arboretum (1937–1951). He helped to found the American Horticultural Society. After retirement he ran a nursery in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

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Scope and Contents

The papers in this collection deal mostly with Morrison's activities after retirement (1951) when he lived and had his nursery in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The correspondence (1924–[1945–1965], boxes 1–2) concerns plant breeding and the exchange or sale of seeds and bulbs, as well as information about his work and that of fellow horticulturists, publication of his *National Horticultural Magazine* and business of the American Horticultural Society.

There are six boxes of manuscripts, reports and notes. Also found here are Morrison's libretto for *Salve Regina* (presumably copyrighted ca.1957) and certificates, letters of introduction and other personal documents (1915–1962).

Additional materials include sketchbooks and over 150 drawings in various media of Chinese and Japanese gardens and other scenes.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

This collection was digitized by G. Boardman in 2016.

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Related Materials

Other resources

The Hunt Institute Art Catalogue lists 52 works by Morrison.

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1924–1965

Title/Description	Instances	
Anthes, Mrs. Marjorie S., 1962–1963 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF1r.pdf	box 1	folder 1
Baldwin–Kent, 1946–1950	box 1	folder 2

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF2r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder contains correspondence with Mrs. Edith M. Ivie and Mr. M. O. Kent, and an article copied from papers received from Mrs. Porter Baldwin.

"Lycoris", 1957–1963 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF3r.pdf	box 1	folder 3
Cardenas–Davis, "Amaryllis", 1946–1965 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF4r.pdf	box 1	folder 4
Christensen, "Lilium", 1957–1958 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF5r.pdf	box 1	folder 5
Clint, Lee, "Zephyranthus", 1961–1963 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF6r.pdf	box 1	folder 6

Scope and Contents

This folder includes correspondence, notes, photographs and manuscripts, mostly about on Zephyranthes.

Gillespie, "Glen Dale Azaleas", 1961–1962 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF7r.pdf	box 1	folder 7
deGraaff, "Daffodils", 1962 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF8r.pdf	box 1	folder 8
Hannibal, 1945–1963 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF9r.pdf	box 1	folder 9

Scope and Contents

This file includes letters, notes, photographs and manuscripts.

Hayward, 1960–1962 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF10r.pdf	box 1	folder 10
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Scope and Contents

This file includes correspondence with Hayward and a 1962 listing from the Indian Horticultural Company with cover letter.

Livingston, "Penstemon", "American Horticultural Society", 1950, n.d.	box 1	folder 11
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF11r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This file consists mostly of correspondence with Alisa Livingston, along with photographs, manuscripts, and newsletter copies.

Pennington, 1958–1959, n.d.	box 1	folder 12
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Mayers, 1962	box 1	folder 13
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF13r.pdf

Menninger, 1960	box 1	folder 14
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx1FF14r.pdf

Miscellaneous, 1917–1965, n.d.	box 2	folder 1
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF1r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder includes letters, notes, photographs and lists regarding personal, artistic and horticultural matters.

"Azalea", "American Horticultural Society", other topics, 1949–1965, n.d.	box 2	folder 2
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF2r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder contains letters, manuscripts, lists and printed articles on various horticultural subjects, as well as Morrison's nursery notes and a 1949 article by Otto Degener (1899–1988) and Alex Drum Hawkes (1927–1977).

"Azaleas, Japanese/Satsuki", 1951–1966	box 2	folder 3
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF3r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder includes correspondence, notes and lists regarding Japanese and Satsuki azaleas, as well as manuscripts of illustrated translations of Volume III and IV of "Chosei-Karin-Sho".

"B. Y. Morrison Azalea Garden", 1954–1957, n.d. box 2 folder 4

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF4r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder contains correspondence, notes, flyers and manuscript speeches regarding the opening and dedication of the azalea gardens at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

"Narcissus", 1960–1964, n.d. box 2 folder 5

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF5r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder contains correspondence, reprints, illustrations and notes regarding Narcissus.

Ruffier-Lanche, 1962–1965 box 2 folder 6

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF6r.pdf

Scope and Contents

This folder contains correspondence with and regarding Robert Ruffier-Lanche.

Biographical / Historical

Robert Ruffier-Lanche (1912–1973) was the head gardener of the Jardin botanique alpin du Lautaret. In 1966, he established the Arboretum Robert Ruffier-Lanche, which is still in operation.

"Narcissus orders", 1960–1961 box 2 folder 7

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF7r.pdf

Stapleton, 1958–1961 box 2 folder 8

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF8r.pdf

Stoke, "Tree peonies", 1961 box 2 folder 9

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF9r.pdf

Silver Bay Nurseries, "Azalea", 1957–1958, n.d.	box 2	folder 10
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF10r.pdf

Stryker, 1958–1961, n.d.	box 2	folder 11
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF11r.pdf

Johnsen, 1963	box 2	folder 12
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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx2FF12r.pdf

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Untitled Azalea manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances	
Handwritten and typewritten, about growing azaleas, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF1r.pdf	box 3	folder 1
Typewritten, about Japanese azaleas, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF2r.pdf	box 3	folder 2

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Horticultural notes and flower sketches, 1945–1966, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF3r.pdf	box 3	folder 3
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Scope and Contents

This folder contains:

1 letter dated 29 June 1951 from Frederic P. Lee

Handwritten notes regarding azaleas and quince

Flower sketches for azaleas, Tazetta and magnolia

Certificates and documents, 1915–1962 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF4r.pdf	box 3	folder 4
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Satsuki azaleas

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes and sketches, 1960–1965 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF5r.pdf	box 3	folder 5
Scope and Contents		
This folder contains horticultural notes, lists of varieties and flower sketches.		
Flower sketches, 1960-1965 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx3FF6r.pdf	box 3	folder 6

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Glenn Dale azaleas

Title/Description	Instances	
Horticultural notes, hand- and typewritten, 1939–1949 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx4FF1r.pdf	box 4	folder 1
Check list with descriptions, 1951 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx4FF2r.pdf	box 4	folder 2
Unfinished manuscript on cultivation, typed with handwritten notes, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx4FF3r.pdf	box 4	folder 3
Horticultural photographs, 1947–1949, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx4FF4r.pdf	box 4	folder 4

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"The Enemies of Azaleas", typed manuscript, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx5FF2r.pdf	box 5	folder 2
Translation by Morrison - excerpts of "Les Azalees" (1895) by Leon Duval, typed and handwritten, 1950 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx5FF3r.pdf	box 5	folder 3
Azalea notes and history, typed and handwritten, 1946–1947, n.d.	box 5	folder 4

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx5FF4r.pdf

Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances	
Bulb gardening part 1, notes and sketches, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx5FF5r.pdf	box 5	folder 5
Bulb gardening part 2, notes and sketches, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx5FF6r.pdf	box 5	folder 6
"Cactus Circular for Beginners" Typed with handwritten notes, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF1r.pdf	box 6	folder 1
Japanese gardens, typed translation, with sketches, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF2r.pdf	box 6	folder 2
Japanese gardens, handwritten (translation?), n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF3r.pdf	box 6	folder 3
Daffodils, typed and handwritten, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF4r.pdf	box 6	folder 4
Daffodils, draft, notes and correspondence, 1962, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF5r.pdf	box 6	folder 5
"Daffodils at Hermitage Gardens, 1946", typed and handwritten, 1946 Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF6r.pdf	box 6	folder 6
Author attribution "Edwin C. Powell, Maryland"		
Ornaments, typed, with photographs, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx6FF7r.pdf	box 6	folder 7
"Achimenes", typed, n.d. Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF1r.pdf	box 7	folder 1
Various articles, typed, with correspondence, 1964–1965, n.d.		

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF2r.pdf

box 7

folder 2

Scope and Contents

This folder contains 6 typed article manuscripts, 3 letters, and two plant/flower sketches.

Translation and transcription of two articles published in France in 1929, typed, n.d.

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folder 3

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF3r.pdf

Translation/transcription of Iris article by Walter Siehe, published in 1905, n.d.

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folder 4

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF4r.pdf

"United States National Arboretum", carbon copy, n.d.

box 7

folder 5

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF5r.pdf

Report of horticultural trip to England, France, Germany and Holland, carbon copy, 1931

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folder 6

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF6r.pdf

Material dating

No year is given in the report. However, the report mentions the Chelsea Flower Show and the specific dates of May 20-22; these were the dates of the 1931 show. Earlier in the report Morrison mentions making arrangements to receive some plants "in 1932"; thus this report was most likely written in 1931 for a trip that certainly occurred that year. - nlj

"Report on Agricultural Survey of Peru", 1941

box 7

folder 7

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF7r.pdf

Material dating

This undated report mentions events in 1939 and crop prices of 1940 and 1941. Agriculture in the Americas, Vol. 1, No. 8, p. 15, mentions a trip by Dr. Thurber to Peru to meet Morrison and Robinson, all of whom are mentioned in this report. - nlj

Report on a trip to Colombia, 1943-1944

box 7

folder 8

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF8r.pdf

Libretto "Salve Regina", copyright, correspondence, notes and revisions, 1955–1957

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folder 9

Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF9r.pdf

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Azalea notes and sketches, handwritten, 1949–1952, n.d.

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Digital Object: http://huntbot.org/hibdarc/collections/27/27_Morrison_Bx7FF10.pdf