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Transferred to the University Archives in 1986 and 2000.

AGENCY HISTORY

The Botanical Society of Pennsylvania was founded at the University of Pennsylvania in October 1897. Its aim was to foster the natural love and sympathy of each one for plants. It sponsored popular meetings and scientific meetings on a fortnightly basis. At the popular meeting, papers were presented and short lectures and demonstrations were given on topics related to the study of plants. To arouse the popular interest various exhibits were organized from greenhouses around Philadelphia. The scientific meetings were to provide a forum for those who wanted to discuss their investigations. In spring and summer, the Society also arranged field excursions.

The Society had its final meeting on February 15, 1958. The reason for its closure is not clear.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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This small collection includes meeting records of the Society--announcement/agenda material as well as minutes--from 1897 to 1958, Transactions and Proceedings published from 1897-1909, a scrapbook containing photographs and clippings concerning an Easter excursion in 1926, lists of members, and a financial day book dating from 1909 to 1942.

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INVENTORY

INVENTORY	Box	Folder
Meeting Announcements and Programs, in Scrapbook, Vol. 1 1897-1907	1	1
Meeting Announcements and Programs, in Scrapbook, Vol. 2 1908-1927	1	2
Minute Book 1897-1907	1	3
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Minute Book 1932-1951	2	1
Minute Book 1952-1958	2	2
Transactions and Proceedings (Vol. 1, No. 1), 2 copies 1897-1898	2	3
Transactions and Proceedings 1899-1900	2	4
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Scrapbook, Easter Excursion of the Botanical Society of Pennsylvania, Geographical Society of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Chapter Wild Flower Preservation Society, photographs by Auto-Busses, postcards, newspaper clippings, etc. 1926 March 30th to April 3rd	2	7
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