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Records of the BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY, deposited by the Trustees, 9 July 1990

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The majority of the records described in the catalogue below were included in a list prepared in 1979 by Eleanor Harfield of Birmingham University Library. This list has been used as the basis of the present catalogue, and the general arrangement of categories determined therein has been retained. Within categories, however, some renumbering has taken place to simplify the reference numbers; additional records have been added to some categories.

The history of the Birmingham Botanical and Horticultural Society and of its Botanic Garden in Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, has been written by Dr Phillida Ballard, as An oasis of delight, Duckworth, 1983 (Local Studies Dept L03.1), and the records listed below were used extensively in the composition of this work. The reader is referred to Dr Ballard's book for an account of the history of the Society.

Outline History of the Birmingham Botanical & Horticultural Society

July 17th 1829	First Minutes
Sept 23rd 1829	General meeting of shareholders at Royal Hotel
July 30th 1830	Mr Aspley offers his land
July 12th 1831	David Cameron appointed Curator
May 1831	John Claudius Loudon lays out general design of Gardens
June 11th 1832	Gardens opened to shareholders
1838	Public first admitted to Gardens
1846	Changes in the constitution to make membership less exclusive were initiated by Mr Goodman
1847	David Cameron resigns. Mr Catling appointed Curator
1850	Fountain built
1852	Building of first Tropical House to house giant water lily given to the Society by the Duke of Devonshire

- 1868 W B Latham becomes Curator
- 1869 Joseph Chamberlain made life-member  
Special mention of ferns in Annual Report
- 1870 Rebuilding of Temperate House
- 1873 Bandstand built
- 1876 Joseph Chamberlain Mayor of Birmingham and President of  
BHHS
- 1878 Agreement with the Archery Society
- 1879 Beekeepers Show at the Gardens (This led to the formation  
of Midland Beekeepers Assoc.)
- 1884 Rebuilding of Terrace Glasshouses and Exhibition Hall.  
Initiated by Walter Chamberlain and Hugh Nettlefold, it  
became the 'Westbourne Suite' in 1920
- 1885 Latham's account of Dicksonia lathami published
- 1886 Rose Show held at Gardens. Led to formation of British Rose  
Society
- 1888 Library and Reading Room opened.  
Professor Hillhouse appointed librarian
- 1895 Rock Garden built to commemorate Hugh Nettlefold
- c.1895 Ernest Henry Wilson a member of garden staff
- 1902 to 1907 Neville Chamberlain treasurer of the Society
- 1930 Winding up of original Society and formation of a new  
company limited by guarantee
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- 1962 B.B.H.S became a private limited company and a registered  
educational charity
- 1976 The 'Kenrick Education Centre' opened by the Lord Mayor of  
Birmingham
- 1980 The 'Ernest Henry Wilson Garden' set up, fulfilling a  
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1		<u>Financial Records</u> [see also section 16]	
1/1	1889- 1914	Ledgers  Contain detailed analysis of income and expenditure  1/1/1 1889-98 1/1/2 1898-1906 1/1/3 1907-14	3 vols
1/2	1912- 1970	Account books, 1912-33, 1951-70  Contain detailed analyses of expenditure  1/2/1 1912-15                      1/2/5 1929-33 1/2/2 1915-19                      1/2/6 1951-63 1/2/3 1919-23                      1/2/7 1963-70 1/2/4 1923-28	7 vols
1/3	1831- 1945	Wages books, 1831-83, 1888-1922, 1937-45  Weekly accounts, recording names of employees, days worked and amounts paid  1/3/1 1831-45                      1/3/7 1894-1901 1/3/2 1845-61                      1/3/8 1902-09 1/3/3 1861-75                      1/3/9 1909-16 1/3/4 1875-79                      1/3/10 1916-22 1/3/5 1879-83                      1/3/11 1937-41 1/3/6 1888-94                      1/3/12 1941-45	12 vols
1/4	1847- 1906	Cash books  1/4/1 1847-56                      1/4/2 1894-1906	2 vols
1/5	1938- 1942	Automatic sweet machine account book	1 vol
1/6	1961- 1962	Invoices paid  [Retained as specimen. <u>See also</u> 15/1-1779]	1 file
1/7	1918- 1934	Miscellaneous correspondence and papers concerning the finances of the Society  Includes balance sheets, 1926-29, papers concerning renewal of lease of garden site, 1928	2 bdls
1/8/1	1947- 1954	Receipts cash book sheets	1 bdl

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1/8/2	1954-1959	Receipts cash book sheets	1 bdl
1/8/3	1947-1959	Payments cash book sheets	1 bdl
1/9	1955-1957	Draft annual accounts, 1954/55	3
1/10	1956	Budget document, 1956/7	1
2		<u>Committee minutes and reports etc</u>	
		<u>See also</u> MS 1520/26/1-4	
2/1/1	1829-1969	General Committee minutes	11 vols, 14 files
		Volumes 3-7, 11 contain many insertions, some loose	
		2/1/1/1 17 July 1829 - 20 June 1836	
		2/1/1/2 1 August 1836 - 15 July 1846	
		2/1/1/3 18 August 1846 - 4 December 1857	
		2/1/1/4 4 February 1858 - 6 September 1871	
		* 2/1/1/5 1 November 1871 - 5 March 1891	
		2/1/1/6 7 May 1891 - 21 May 1900	
		2/1/1/7 9 July 1900 - 15 May 1911	
		2/1/1/8 19 June 1911 - 15 July 1918	
		* 2/1/1/9 14 October 1918 - 21 July 1925	
		2/1/1/10 12 October 1925 - 10 July 1930	
		2/1/1/11 29 July 1930 - 10 March 1936	
		2/1/1/12 14 January 1936 - 25 July 1939	
		2/1/1/13 19 September 1939 - 15 September 1942	
		2/1/1/14 20 October 1942 - 16 March 1948	
		2/1/1/15 20 April 1948 - 15 December 1953	
		2/1/1/16 19 January 1954 - 15 January 1957	
		2/1/1/17 19 February 1957 - 15 December 1959	
		2/1/1/18 26 January 1960 - 18 October 1960	
		2/1/1/19 15 November 1960 - 19 September 1961	
		2/1/1/20 17 October 1961 - 23 October 1962	
		2/1/1/21 12 July 1962 - 20 March 1964	
		[unsigned set; see also 2/1/3 below]	
		2/1/1/22 21 April 1964 - 19 November 1969	
		[unsigned set]	
		2/1/1/23 23 September 1964 - 20 September 1966	
		2/1/1/24 21 September 1966 - 9 September 1968	
		2/1/1/25 19 September 1968 - 16 September 1969	
2/1/2	1905-1954	General Committee attendance books	3 vols (1 bdl)
		2/1/2/1 1905-18	
		2/1/2/2 1918-32	
		2/1/2/3 1932-54	
2/1/3	1962-1964	General Committee reports	1 file
		These are missing from the unsigned set of minutes for this period [2/1/1/21 above]	
		* Unfit for production until repaired	

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2/2/1	1902-1960	Finance Sub-Committee minutes	5 vols
		2/2/1/1 1902-08      2/2/1/4 1928-44	
		2/2/1/2 1908-14      2/2/1/5 1944-60	
		2/2/1/3 1914-28	
2/2/2	1933-1957	Monthly Report Books	2 vols
		2/2/2/1 1933-35	
		2/2/2/2 1945-57	
2/3/1	1831-1963	Gardens Committee minutes	7 vols 3 files 1 bdl
		2/3/1/1 1831-39      2/3/1/7 1930-42	
		2/3/1/2 1839-86      2/3/1/8 1942-52	
		2/3/1/3 1902-09      2/3/1/9 1952-59	
		2/3/1/4 1909-14      2/3/1/10 1959-61	
		2/3/1/5 1914-20      2/3/1/11 1962-63	
		2/3/1/6 1920-30	
2/3/2	1902-1966	Curator's reports to Garden Committee	6 vols 6 bdls
		2/3/2/1 1902-08      2/3/2/7 1939-47	
		2/3/2/2 1908-12      2/3/2/8 1947-53	
		2/3/2/3 1912-18      2/3/2/9 1954-59	
		2/3/2/4 1918-24      2/3/2/10 1960-61	
		2/3/2/5 1925-32      2/3/2/11 1962-63	
		2/3/2/6 1935-39      2/3/2/12 1964-66	
2/3/3	1932-1958	Requirements book	1 vol
		Lists equipment, seed etc recommended to be purchased	
2/3/4	1933	Report of Gardens Sub-Committee concerning improvements to gardens since 1929	1
2/4/1	1919-1966	Zoological Sub-Committee minutes	5 vols
		[Became Aviaries Sub-Committee, 1966: for later minutes see below, MS1520/2/5/1]	
		2/4/1/1 1919-21      2/4/1/6 1944-45	
		2/4/1/2 1922-25      2/4/1/7 1945-54	
		2/4/1/3 1926-31      2/4/1/8 1955-57	
		2/4/1/4 1931-38      2/4/1/9 1958-63	
		2/4/1/5 1938-44      2/4/1/10 1964-66	
2/4/2	1937-1965	Curator's reports to Zoological Sub-Committee	1 vol 3 bdls
		2/4/2/1 1937-44      2/4/2/3 1957-59	
		2/4/2/2 1944-56      2/4/2/4 1959-65	

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2/4/3	1933-1969	Zoo Stock Books	2 vols
		2/4/3/1 1933-66                      2/4/3/2 1967-69	
2/5/1	1966-1975	Aviaries Sub-Committee minutes [Formerly Zoological Sub-Committee: for earlier minutes see MS1520/2/4/1- above]	1
2/6/1	1947-1949	Memoranda and notes concerning the acquisition and maintenance of aquaria	1 bdl
2/7/1	1931-1973	Miscellaneous committee correspondence and papers  Subjects include bad behaviour in the gardens, 1953; Mr Tuke's macaw, 1953	1 bdl
2/8/1	1952-1956	Buildings Sub-Committee minutes	1 bdl
3		<u>Exhibitions</u>	
3/1	1834-1846	Scrapbook containing Annual Reports, 1835-46, lists of shareholders, notices of exhibitions and prizes, tickets and other printed ephemera relating to the gardens	1 vol (o/s)
3/2	1833-1843	Exhibition Committee minutes	1 vol
3/3	1836	United Exhibitions Committee of the Birmingham Botanical and Warwickshire Floral Societies: minutes and accounts	1 vol
3/4	1906-1927	Flower Show Committee minutes	1 vol
3/5	1847-1866	Rules and prize lists for exhibitions	1 vol
3/6	1850	List of prizes won by competitors at exhibition	1 vol
4		<u>Presscuttings</u>	
4/1	1900	Album of cuttings, tickets and programmes	1 vol
4/2	1901-1902	Album of cuttings, tickets and programmes	1 vol
4/3	1903-1905	Album of cuttings, tickets and programmes	1 vol

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4/4	1863-1951	Loose newscuttings, 1930-32 Includes a few items dated 1863, 1908, 1910, 1951	1 bdl
4/5	1977-1980	Album of newscuttings, with some additional loose cuttings	1 vol
5		<u>Letter books</u>	
5/1-4	1900-1928	Press copy correspondence concerning lettings and admissions  5/1 1900-06 re Lettings 5/2 1900-15 re Admissions 5/3 1906-20 re Lettings 5/4 1920-28 re Lettings	4 vols
6		<u>Subscriptions</u>	
6/1	1947-1952	Subscription ledger	1 vol (o/s)
6/2	1830-n.d. [mid 19th cent]	Printed Rules and Regulations of the Gardens, with a list of subscribers, n.d [mid 19th cent]	1 vol
7		<u>Shareholders</u>	
7/1/1	1902-1927	Share Certificate Book, for shares 1388-1600  Last share issued was no. 1459	1 vol
7/1/2	1903-1929	Duplicate share certificate book  Counterfoils of duplicate certificates, presumably issued to shareholders who had inherited or purchased shares	1 vol
7/2/1	n.d. [c.1840]	List of new shareholders	1 vol
7/2/2	n.d. [c.1840]	Register of shareholders	1 vol
7/2/3	1839	Rules and regulations of the Gardens, with a list of shareholders [printed]	2
7/2/4-7	1843-1846	Annual printed lists of shareholders  7/2/4 1843                      7/2/6 1845 7/2/5 1844                      7/2/7 1846	4 (1 bdl)

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7/2/8	1930	List of shares on Live Register, February 1930	1
		Prepared in connection with the formation of a limited liability company	
8		<u>Articles of Association</u>	
8/1	1930	Memorandum and articles of association of the Birmingham Botanical & Horticultural Society Ltd	1
8/2	1962	New articles of association of the Birmingham Botanical & Horticultural Society Ltd	1
9		<u>Annual Reports</u>	
9/1-11	1841- 1987	Annual Reports of the Society, 1841-1929 and of the company, 1930-87	11 bdl's
		[This section of the catalogue has been renumbered and some new material added. For earlier references see in square brackets at the end of each entry. Not all numbers in the previous sequence were allocated]	
		9/1 1841-46 [For annual reports before 1841 see MS1520/2/1/1/1-2][9/1-6]	
		9/2 1847-82 [Lacks 1848, 1860, 1869-70] [9/7-37]	
		9/3 Committee reports to Annual Meetings of Shareholders, 1883-84 [9/38-39]	
		9/4 1883-1892/3 [9/38-47]	
		9/5 1893/4-1907/8 [9/48-62]	
		9/6 1908/9-1914/5 [9/63-69]	
		9/7 Formal reports and balance sheets 1916-29 [lacks 1922]	
		9/8 Formal reports and balance sheets 1931-48 [lacks 1934, 1940-47], with Annual Report 1936/37	
		9/9 1953-69 [Lacks 1954-56][9/72-84]	
		9/10 1970-78 [9/85-93]	
		9/11 1984-87	

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9/12	1832- n.d. [c.1924]	Draft annual reports, 1832-34, 1837, n.d. [c.1850], 1915, n.d. [c.1924]	7
10		<u>Rules and Regulations</u>  [See also MS 1520/6/2; MS 1520/7/2/3]	
10/1	n.d. [c.1840]	Rules and Regulations of the Birmingham Botanical & Horticultural Society [Printed; imperfect. See MS 1520/7/2/3 for another copy]	1
10/2	1839	Rules and Regulations of the Birmingham Botanical & Horticultural Society [Printed]	1 vol
10/3	1837	Rules and Regulations of the Botanical and Floral Book Society established by the practical gardeners residing in the neighbourhood of Birmingham, January 1837	1
11		<u>Catalogues</u>	
11/1	1893	Printed catalogue of the library (with desiderata) and orchid collection (marked for duplicates)	1
11/2	1894	Catalogue of the collection of ferns and fern allies	1
11/3	n.d. [c.1960- 1965]	Catalogue of plants in the gardens, probably made by Mr Collins at the instigation of Dr J G Hawkes	1
12		<u>Illustrated Guides</u>	
12/1	1910	<u>Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston; a short illustrated and descriptive booklet</u>	1
12/2	1914	<u>Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston; a short illustrated and descriptive booklet</u>	1
12/3	n.d. [c.1925]	<u>A short illustrated description of the Botanical Gardens</u>	1
12/4	n.d. [c.1975]	<u>Birmingham Botanical Gardens: Illustrated Guide</u>	1
12/5	1984	<u>The Birmingham Botanical Gardens</u>	1
13		<u>Books</u>	
13/1	1841	J.C Loudon, <u>An encyclopaedia of gardening</u> London, 1841, xl + 1272pp	1 vol

13/2	1802, 1983	W Roscoe, <u>An address, delivered before the proprietors of the Botanic Garden in Liverpool, previous to the opening of the garden, May 3, 1802.</u> Liverpool, 1802. 60pp, with related letter to Phillada Ballard, historian of the gardens, 1983	1 vol, 1
14		<u>Printing Blocks</u>	
14/1	n.d [c.1970]	Block for plan of garden	1 [O/S]
15		<u>Bills and Receipts</u>	
15/1-57	1831- 1832	Miscellaneous loose bills and receipts  Includes bills* from Dee's Royal Hotel, Temple Row, 1830-31; G R Bird & Son, canal carriers, Three Cranes Wharf, The Crescent, 1832; Radclyffes & Co, engravers, 3 Peck Lane, 1832; Thomas Rickman, architect, 1832; George Jones, iron founder, Pheonix Foundry, Snow Hill, 1832; William Burton & Co., toolmakers, Bordesley, 1832 [decorated]; Samuel Clinton, varnish manufacturer, 105 Lionel St, 1832; Middleton & Harris, drapers, 87 Bull St, 1832; John Kempson, surveyor ['Surveying for the assistance of Mr Loudon'], 1832; * Thomas Clark, hot-house manufacturer, 1832; W E Whitehead, cabinet maker and upholsterer, 1832; George Charlwood, seedsman, 14 Tavistock Row, Covent Garden, 1832; James Stone, nurseryman, Golden Cross Nursery, Aston, 1832; W Harrison, sign painter, 219 Bristol Street, 1832 [decorated]; John W & R Matthew, builders, 1832; William Barlow & Son, timber merchants, Newhall St, 1832; C H Capper, stove manufacturer, Union Foundry, The Crescent, 1832; Thomas Knott, printer, High St, 1832; Ambrose Winder, builder [for construction of lodge], 1832; John Bullus, Gosty Hill Pottery, near Rowley, Staffs, 1832; Samuel Bullus, Worley Pottery, near Beech Lanes, 1832	57 [1 bdl]

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## Miscellaneous bills and receipts

110  
[1 bdl]

Includes bills\* from John Pope and Sons, Handsworth Nursery, 1833; J Goodrick & Son, harness-maker, Smallbrook St, 1833 [decorated]; T Phillips, spirits importer, New St/High St corner, 1833; Benjamin Edgington, 5 Tooley St, London [for marquees], 1833; C H Capper, stove manufacturer, Union Foundry, The Crescent, 1833; James Bradbury, chemist, Edgbaston House, Five Ways, 1833; Thomas Rickman, architect, 1833; Dee's Royal Hotel, Temple Row, 1832-33; John Angel, Berkeley Coal Wharf, Broad St, 1833; James Marshall, colourman, 1833; Rice Harris, Islington Glass Works, Birmingham, 1833; Birmingham Gas Light & Coke Co., 1833; Wm Chance *et al*, Warstone & Deritend Brewery, Warstone Lane, 1833; James Brown, Britannia Metal manufacturer, Paradise St, 1833 [decorated]; John & William B Dadley, drapers, 1833; Thomas Oram, carriage and gig manufacturer, 45 Banbury St, 1833 [decorated]; Hanscom & Welch, architects, Town Hall, 1833 [for carpenter's work for the Horticultural Show]; Pickford & Co, canal carriers, Castle Inn, Wood St, 1833; Thomas Jones & Co, hothouse manufacturers, Mount St, 1833; Ambrose Winder, builder, Edgbaston, 1833, Thomas Clark & Co, hothouse manufacturers, Lionel St, 1833

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338 1835

## Miscellaneous bills and receipts

171  
[1 bdl]

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Includes bills\* from Edward Thomason & Co, medallists 1834; Price's Glass & China Warehouses, 13 High St, 1834; John Sherriff, die and seal engraver, Snow Hill, 1834 [decorated]; Thomas Rollason, Royal Cut Glass Manufactory, 108 Steelhouse Lane, 1834; Robert Westland, nurseryman, Dorking (Surrey), 1834; Joseph Morris, ironmonger, Broad St, Islington, Birmingham 1834 [decorated]; Middleton, Harris & Co, drapers, 87-88 Bull St, 1834; John Wright, upholsterer, 16 Worcester St, 1834; Thomas Clark, hothouse manufacturer, 55 Lionel St, 1834; William Ashmore, carrier,

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		Edgbaston St, 1834; Beilby, Knott & Beilby, stationers & booksellers, 95 High St, 1834; John Jones & Co, hothouse manufacturers, 1834; Ambrose Winder, builder, Edgbaston, 1835; William Ludlow, butcher, Dale End, 1835; C Corbett, wine & spirit merchant, Dr Johnson's Head, Edmund St, 1835 [decorated];	
15/339- 457	1836- 1837	Miscellaneous bills and receipts  Includes bills* from George Richmond Collis & Co, Sir Edward Thomason's Manufactory, Church St, 1836 [decorated] Edmund Gammon, carrier, 1836; John Aston, brush manufacturer, 67 Smallbrook St, 1836; Wade & Co., carriers, 1836; Benjamin Edgington, marquee maker, 2 Duke St, Southwark, 1836; William Skiving, nurseryman, 17 Queen Square, Liverpool, 1836; Edward Freer, hop merchant, 28 Digbeth, 1837; S Thornley, colourman, 14 Snow Hill, 1837; George Jones, iron founder, Pheonix Iron Foundry, Snow Hill, 1837; Five Ways Weighing Machine, 1837	119 [1 bdl]
15/458- 668	1838- 1839	Miscellaneous bills and receipts  Includes bills* from Ash & Morris, braziers 1 Dale End, 1838; John Rogers, tortoiseshell & horn comb manufacturer, 135 Snow Hill, 1838; I Salt, ironmonger, 18 Worcester St, 1838; William Pamplin, bookseller, Lavender Hill, Wandsworth, 1838; B Faulkner, brewer, Bath Row Brewery, 1838; H Garfield, butcher, Bishopsgate St, 1838; J Morris, ironmonger, 163 Broad Street, 1839; W H Osborn, wine merchant, 61 High St, 1839; James Nicholls, ironfounder, 63 Dibgeth, 1839; James Dain & Co, drapers, High St, 1839	211 [1 bdl]
15/669- 919	1840- 1841	Miscellaneous bills and receipts  Includes bills* from J R Seekings, tea dealer etc, Five Ways, 1840; Anti Dry-Rot Company, Sheepcote St, 1840; Thomas Cocks, writing engraver, 17 Bromsgrove St, 1840; Henry Jones, oil cloth manufacturer, Crescent Bridge, 1840	252 [1 bdl]

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15/920- 1173	1842- 1843	Miscellaneous bills and receipts	254 [1 bdl]
15/1174- 1464	1844- 1845	Miscellaneous bills and receipts	291 [1 bdl]
15/1465- 1594	1846	Miscellaneous bills and receipts	130 [1 bdl]
15/1595- 1767	1955- 1960	Miscellaneous bills and receipts [kept as specimen]	173 [1 bdl]
15/1768- 1779	n.d. [19th cent]	Undated bills and receipts	12
16/		<u>Accounts and papers concerning financial matters</u> [See also section 1]	
16/1	1832- 1961	Miscellaneous draft accounts and accounting notes, mainly 1832-38, 1952-61	83
16/2	1838- 1846	Petty Cash accounts and memoranda	99
16/3	1833- 1837	Guarantees to Taylor & Lloyds, bankers	5
16/4	1838- 1839	List of cheques drawn, 1838-39, with related items	3
16/5	1831- 1844	Bank pass book [Taylor & Lloyds]	1 vol
16/6	1958- 1961	Bank statements [Kept as specimen]	1 bdl
16/7	1837- 1843	Cheque counterfoil book	1 vol
16/8	1960- 1961	Returned cheques [Kept as specimen]	1 bdl
16/9	1837- 1846	Miscellaneous correspondence concerning cheques and accounts	12

Includes letter from Edward Fry tendering his resignation as Treasurer and offering the opinion that the laws made at the last general meeting of shareholders are likely to be injurious to the Society, 1846

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16/10	1833- 1920	Miscellaneous financial papers	14
		Includes expenses of a journey to Scotland, 1833; memoranda about sale of plants, admissions and workmen's wages, 1834; schedule of admissions receipts at Easter, 1917-20.	
17		<u>Shares</u> [see also /7 above]	
17/1	1837- 1845	Printed lists of shareholders	3
17/2	n.d. [c.1920]	List of members of the society	1 file
		A code against each name may indicate whether the members were also shareholders.	
17/3	1842- 1844	Requests for share transfers	67
17/4	1832- 1844	Share scrips for new, transferred and cancelled shares	342
17/5	1830- 1845, 1979	Miscellaneous correspondence concerning purchase of shares	10
		Includes letter from Lord Lyttelton, agreeing to take two shares, 1830	
17/6	n.d. [c.1836]- 1838	List of shareholders who have not taken additional shares, with names of canvassers to approach them, n.d. [c.1836]; memorandum to Mr. Cameron detailing shares to be transferred, 1838; list of unpaid new shares, n.d. [c.1837?]	4
18/		<u>Subscriptions</u>	
18/1	1843	Subscription receipt book	1 vol
18/2	1837- 1842	Receipts for subscription payments	5
18/3	1837- n.d. [c.1850]	Lists of subscriptions unpaid and in arrears	16
18/4	1846- 1929	Printed notices and circulars about payment of subscriptions	15
18/5	1834- 1845	Letters concerning payment and discontinuation of subscriptions	13

		<u>Payments owing to the B.B.H.S.</u>	
19/		<u>Payments owing to the B.B.H.S.</u>	
19/1	1831- 1846	Letters concerning payments to the society, mainly for subscriptions	8
19/2	1834, 1839	Acknowledgements of loans from the society by John Wheeldon	2
19/3	1845- 1846	List of money due for plans	2
20/		<u>Wages</u>	
20/1	1833- 1846	Receipts for wages from John Wheeldon, 1833-39, John Mason, 1839-46, David Cameron, 1833, and John Green, 1838 with an account of carpenter's wages for the Orchid House, 1839	152
20/2	1960- 1961	Accounts and receipts for wages of catering staff paid by Pattison Hughes Catering Co.	1 file
20/3	1960- 1961	Accounts of payments for lecturers given by the curator, Mr. G. E. Collins	10
20/4	1959- 1961	Accounts of salaries paid to the employees of the gardens	9
21/		<u>Rates and Taxes</u>	
21/1	1833- 1842	Receipts for poor rate payments	27
21/2	1842- 1844	Receipts for property and income tax payments	3
21/3	1832- 1840	Receipts for corn rent payments	9
21/4	1834- 1838	Receipts for church rate payments	3
21/5	1832- 1841	Receipts for highway levy payments	8
21/6	1836	Receipt for overseers' levy payment	1
21/7	1838- 1844	Receipts for assessed taxes payments	21
21/8	1840- 1846	Receipts for rate, levy and tax payments	33
21/9	1959- 1960	Receipts for income tax and land tax payments	5

		<u>Contracts and Estimates</u>	
22/			
22/1	n.d. [c.1832]	Abstract of alterations and additions to the boundary walls of the Gardens and an estimate of cost by Rickman and Hutchinson	1
22/2	1831	Estimate for the Conservatory and greenhouse from John Jones and Co.	1
22/3	1831	Estimate for propagating house from Thomas Clark Junr., with sketches	1
22/4	1831- 1832	Estimate for new cistern in the Stove House and for fixing boilers from Ambrose Winder	1
22/5	1831	Original tender for the Conservatory and greenhouses from John Jones and Co.	1
22/6	1831	Estimate for brick and stonework, slating, carpentry and joinery for the Lodge from Hepworth and Davis	1
22/7	1831	Estimate for the cost of building the Conservatory if copper bars were used in the roof structure, from Francis, Smith and Hawkes	1
22/8	1831	George Hyde's estimate for completing the wall and gates at the Gardens	1
22/9	1831	Estimate for the Propagating House from John Jones and Co.	1
22/10	1831	Estimate for the Conservatory from Francis, Smith and Hawkes	1
22/11	1831	Estimate for the Greenhouse from Thomas Jones and Son.	1
22/12	1831	Estimate for a range of metallic hothouses from Thomas Clark Junr.	1
22/13	1831	Estimate for an hydraulic ram and lead pipes for raising water from the farthest spring at the Gardens, from Francis, Smith and Hawkes	1
22/14	1831	Estimate for brickwork from Joseph Plevins	1
22/15	1831	Estimate for the garden wall from John Walthew	1
22/16	1831	Estimate for brickwork from John Walthew	1

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22/17	n.d. [1831]	Resolution to appoint a Sub-committee to superintend the erection of the hothouses and conservatory and a request to know what is included in the estimate for the buildings.	1
22/18	1831	Estimate for installing heating apparatus in the greenhouses from Francis, Smith and Hawkes.	1
22/19	1831	Estimate from Benjamin Fowler for heating the propagating house.	1
22/20	n.d. [c.1831]	Estimate from John Simmons for the cost of gravelling the roads at the new Botanical Gardens	1
22/21	1831	Estimate from Benjamin Fowler for warming the glasshouses	1
22/22	1831	Estimate from John Jones and Co. for constructing and fixing heating apparatus in the greenhouse	1
22/23	1831	Estimate for constructing and erecting a range of glasshouses	1
22/24	1831	Estimate from John Chanter for the installation of Witty's Gas Furnace	1
22/25	1832	Request from John Chanter for cheque for furnace and for a report on its operation. He mentions that he is heating the Round Tower at Windsor for the King	1
22/26	1832	Estimate from William Sloman for a turnstile	1
22/27	1833	Estimate from John Angel for supplying coals to the Gardens	1
22/28	1833	Estimate for making book-frame from Ambrose Winder	1
22/29	1833	Estimate from Ambrose Winder for making a new stage in the greenhouse	1
22/30	1833	Estimate from Joseph Plevins for entire work on the greenhouse, excluding the patent furnace	1
22/31	1833	Estimate from Thomas Clark for repairing the roof of the propagating house, the garden lights and the skylight in the Lodge	1
22/32	1833	Estimate from Ambrose Winder for altering rooms.	1

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22/33	1833	Estimate from John Jones and Co. for repairing damage done to glass and glazing of Stove house	1
22/34	1833	Estimate for coals from William Henry Osborn	1
22/35	1833	Agreement by W. H. Osborn to send in a boat load of coal to the Gardens	1
22/36	1833	Estimate from Hepworth and Davis for brick work in the greenhouse	1
22/37	1833	Estimate from Thomas Clark Junr. for metallic roof for two houses in one range	1
22/38	1833	Estimate from Ambrose Winder for brickwork in the greenhouse	1
22/39	1834	Tender for coals from W. H. Osborn	1
22/40	1834	Tender for supply of coals from James Harwood	1
22/41	1911	Estimate for printing <u>Guides</u> from Messrs. Hudson & Son	1
23/		<u>Insurance</u>	
23/1	1845	Papers relating to insurance of glass-houses	5
24/		<u>New Buildings</u>	
24/1	1883	Draft and printed minutes of the sub-committee appointed to consider the best plan of dealing with the Dome Conservatory and Greenhouse on either side, and the financial questions connected therewith	4
24/2	1884	Specification of work required for the erection of four new glasshouses, concert room, promenade etc., and the demolition of the existing buildings	1
24/3	1884	Estimates from work on the new greenhouses	19
24/4	1883- <del>1884</del>	Letters and estimates from Henry Hope, horticultural builder, giving measurements of new buildings	8
24/5	1884	Printed appeal document and list of donations to the new buildings fund	1
24/6	1884	Form of donation to new buildings fund	1

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24/7	1884	Letters concerning the new buildings fund, mainly from people approached to make donations either agreeing or declining.	90
		Includes letters from G.B. Lloyd, J. Jaffray, J. H. Shorthouse, Lord Dartmouth, T. Ryland, Thos. Middlemore, Lord Calthorpe, J. A. Muntz, J. H. Chance, M.R. Avery, Walt Chamberlain, Leonard Brierley, Fred Ryland, Wm. Southall.	
24/8	n.d. [1884]	Lists of promises of donations to the new buildings fund, conditional on raising the whole sum.	5
24/9	n.d. [1884]	Rough drafts of letters of appeal about new buildings fund	6
24/10	n.d. [1884]	Rough notes of names and addresses [? of possible subscribers to the new buildings fund]	14
24/11	n.d. [1884]	Receipts for donations to the new buildings fund	4
25		Plans [see also MS275/182, 184, Robins Plans, 19C]	
25/1	1832	Engraved elevation of conservatory and glasshouses erected in 1832	1
25/2	1886	Plan to the Botanical Gardens by W. Hillhouse	1
25/3	1909	Plan to the Botanical Gardens, revised by F. H. Chantrell	1
25/4-5	n.d. [1884]	Plans of proposed new greenhouses [25/5 missing at time of deposit]	2
25/6	1905	"Lettings' plan" of the glasshouses, annotated with notes about the arrangements and furnishings of the rooms when they are let.	1
25/7	1947	Site plan of "Westbourne" and the Botanical Gardens	1
25/8	1947	Survey of land adjoining the Botanical Gardens	1
25/9	1906	Graph showing the trend of numbers of shareholders, numbers of subscribers and subscription receipts since 1883	1

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25/10	n.d. [c.1950]	Plan copied from Ordnance survey 25" sheets showing Botanical Gardens and adjacent allotments	1
25/11	n.d. [c.1830]	Sketch plan of site of Botanical Gardens, identified as "Mr. Jno. Aspley's land"	1
25/12	n.d. [c.1835]	Unidentified sketch design for a glazed outdoor canopy, perhaps intended as a bandstand.	1
25/13	n.d. [c.1830]	Unlabelled plan, apparently of the dome conservatory and adjoining glasshouses	1
25/14	1977	Landscaping plan for Botanical Gardens by Mary Michell, landscape architect	2
26/		<u>General Committee papers</u>	
		<u>See also</u> MS 1520/2/1/1/1-25	
26/1	1846	Committee statements justifying the conduct of the committee at a meeting to consider a reduction in the annual subscription, 31 March 1846, and outlining the present position of the Garden, 14 September 1846	3
26/2	1930- 1964	Notices of meetings about conversion of of the society to a limited company, 1930; of the new company, 1932; and invitation to attend A.G.M., 1962	4
26/3	1884	Handwritten list of committee members	1
26/4	1833- 1886	Letters from members and prospective members of the general committee of the Gardens concerning appointment and resignation, canvassing work and other committee duties, 1833, 1836, 1845-46, 1886 [mostly 1846]	26
		Several of the letters of 1845-46 relate to the dispute within the committee about the proposed reduction of subscriptions fees.	
		Includes letters from John Chanter, John Linwood, Thomas Tyndall, John Y. Bedford, Howard Luckcock, Joseph Walker, James Taylor, J. F. Ledsam, William Johnson of Sheffield, Bell Fletcher, Edward Armfield, R. T. Cadbury, Thomas Martineau, George Dixon.	

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27/		<u>Appointment of Trustees</u>	
27/1	1886	Forms of proxy for voting at Annual Meeting of the Society. 25 June 1886	22
		Includes draft and form of proxy for Montgomeryshire Flannel Co. Ltd., apparently used as a model	
27/2	1930	Blank form of proxy for meeting of the society on 3 June 1930	1
27/2	n.d. [c.1886]	Memorandum of procedure for the appointment of new trustees	1
27/4	1886	Correspondence concerning the appointment of G. B. Lloyd and W. H. Dixon new trustees of the Society.	16
28/		<u>Resolutions and proposals</u>	
28/1	1832- 1833	Proposals from the School of Medicine concerning co-operative arrangements with the Botanical Gardens about the supply of plants and the free admission of students.	6
28/2	1835	Resolution of the Town Hall Committee concerning regulations for the use of the Town Hall by the Society.	1
28/3	1837	Copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting concerning the visit of the British Association at the Public Office.	1
28/4	n.d. [c.1840]	"Mr. Cadbury's proposals for the admission of schools to the Gardens".	1
28/5	n.d. [c.1840]	"Mr. Frederick Ryland's proposal for the admission to the Gardens of lady guests by shareholders.	1
28/6	1884	Letter from William Southall to Nettlefold asking him to prepare a resolution respecting the proposed new buildings.	1
28/7	1885	Printed suggestions for improving the scientific usefulness and popular attractions of the Gardens	1
28/8	1930	Printed notices of resolutions to be proposed at meetings of the Society	4

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28/9	1950	Notices of passing of a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Birmingham Botanical and Horticultural Society Ltd concerning the waiving of a clause in the Companies Act, 1948 restricting membership of the committee those below a certain age.	1
29/		<u>Agreements</u>	
29/1	1878	Agreement to allow Edgbaston Archery Society the use of the archery lawn in the Gardens	1
29/2	1903	Agreement to lease to the University of Birmingham for 3 years a greenhouse at the Gardens	1
29/3	1909-1913	Agreements to lease tea room at the Gardens to Mrs A. E. Andrews, trading as "Lissiter and Miller", with related correspondence.	8
29/4	1921	Agreement with City Council for erection of public conveniences at the Gardens (with plan)	1
30/		<u>Counsel's Opinions</u>	
30/1	1929	Opinion of Counsel on the necessity of dissolving and reconstituting the old society	2
31/		<u>Other Horticultural Societies</u>	
31/1	1827-1838	Printed circulars and copy resolution of Council from London Horticultural Society	3
31/2	1838	Letter from Linnean Society offering assistance and advice	1
31/3	1949-1951	Bulletins, agendas, circulars and other papers of the Midland Horticultural Society	23
31/4	n.d. [c.1935]	Membership brochure for Alpine Garden Society	1
31/5	1950	<u>Schedule and Regulations</u> of the Sutton Coldfield Horticultural Society show	1
31/6	1920	<u>Annual Report</u> of the Midlands Daffodil Society	1
31/7	n.d. [mid 19th cent.]	Memorandum of income from subscriptions, admissions and sale of plants at Glasgow Botanical Garden	1

Includes notes of admission of the  
'working classes' during Midsummer  
Fair week

32/		<u>Number not used</u>	
33/		<u>Curators</u>	
33/1	1831	Application for curatorship and testimonials from David Cameron of London with related letters	9
33/2	1830-1831	Application for curatorship and testimonials from Alexander Reith, of Chelsea with related letters	9
33/3	1831	Application for curatorship from James Reed of Bridgewater and related letters	4
33/4	1830-1831	Application for curatorship and testimonials for William Lunn of Alton, with related letters	7
33/5	1830	Testimonials for James Pringle, a candidate for the curatorship, including a letter from J. C. Loudon, praising Pringle as 'one of the cleverest writers in the Gardeners Magazine'.	4
33/6	1831	Application of curatorship from John Smith of Kew, with testimonials	3
33/7	1831	Application for curatorship from Andrew Murray of Liverpool	1
33/8	1830	Application for curatorship from Frederick Spong of London	1
33/9	1966	Correspondence between the Secretary of the Society and Mrs E. C. Thompson concerning her research into past curators of the Gardens	5
		Includes a list of curators and chairmen of the Gardens compiled by Mrs Thompson	
34/		<u>John Aspley and the site of the gardens</u>	
34/1	1830-1831	Correspondence concerning possible sites for a Botanical Garden	9

		Includes letters suggesting use of part of Aston Park and land at Harborne, 1830; letter from Wm. Lunn about soil type, shelter and other advantages of site at Holly Bank, Edgbaston that was eventually acquired, 1830; letters from John Aspley about his terms for letting the land, 1830-31; letter from Thomas Glover offering to construct conservatories etc, 1831.	
34/2	1831	Jn. Aspley's calculation of value of the leasehold interest in Holly Bank Edgbaston	1
34/3	1831	Valuations of fixtures, fruit trees, shrubs, kitchen garden and lawn at Holly Bank, Edgbaston	2
35/		<u>Leases of the gardens</u>	
35/1	1833-1930	Correspondence, accounts and circulars concerning renegotiation and renewal of lease in 1833, 1845, 1883 and 1930	7
36/		<u>Library</u>	
36/1	1887	Circular giving details and rules of the library and reading room, including a catalogue of books.	1
36/2	1930	Valuations of the library by the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society	2
36/3	1909-n.d. [c.1930]	Brief account of the Society's library by Hugh Matthews, Hon Librarian, with a partial shelf-list of books	2
37/		<u>Items concerning plants</u>	
37/1	1831-1957	List of plants and seeds sent to the Society from the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Chiswick, 1831; list of medicinal plants, n.d. [c.1830]; list of contributions of plants to the Gardens, and of recipients of plants from the Gardens, n.d. [c.1840]; seed list, 1956/57; list of plants - possibly a list of suggested acquisitions, 1973.	5

37/2	1832, 1846	Letter from John Williams at Pitmaston, Worcester sending some strawberry plant roots to the Gardens and mentioning the trailing roses he has raised from seed, 1832; with copy letter from Edw. Fry to C.A. Wade in Mexico thanking him for his gift of Mexican seeds and plants, although unfortunately all the latter had died during the long journey, 1846.	2
38/		<u>Exhibitions</u>	
38/1	1844- 1845	Rules and lists of prizes for annual exhibitions	2
38/2	1838	Summaries of receipts and expenses of exhibitions, 1833-37 and of losses by exhibitions, 1837-38	2
38/3	1838- 1839	List of receipts and expenses for united exhibitions between Botanical Society and Warwickshire Floral Society, 1838-39, with statement of debts, 1838 and summary of value of admissions, 1833-37	3
38/4	1833- 1845	Vouchers for Botanical Society Exhibition expenses	171 (3 bdls)
39/		<u>Publicity</u>	
39/1	1887- n.d. [c.1975]	Publicity leaflets and subscription forms  Includes brochure for £50,000 appeal for repairs and new developments, 1968	5
39/2	1926, 1938	Newsclippings concerning gardens, with two related letters	4
39/3	1889- 1987	Programmes for musical and social events held in the gardens  Includes programme of visit by H.R.H. Prince William of Gloucester, 1972 and programme of Garden Ball 1987	34
39/4	1837- 1966	Programmes of shows, exhibitions and conferences held at the gardens, with lists of the prizes	7
39/5	1905- 1977	Schedules and tickets for events, including menu for Summer Dinner, 1963	25
39/6	1973- 1976	Advertisement handbills for events	7
40		<u>Guides</u>	
40/1	1909- 1910	Correspondence concerning the preparation and printing of the 1909 and 1910 <u>Guides</u> to the gardens	11

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40/2	1908- 1912	Notes and drafts relating to the <u>Guides</u> of 1909-12	21
40/3	n.d. [early 20th cent.]	Draft articles or leaflets concerning the history of the Birmingham Botanical and Horticultural Society, 1909, and the collections of orchids, alpiners, trees, flowering shrubs and hardy plants in the Gardens	8
40/4	n.d. [c.1970]	Leaflets about Orchids for Pleasure, Interesting Rhododendrons and Flowering Cherries	3
41/		<u>Photographs and postcards</u>	
41/1	n.d. [c.1930]- n.d. [c.1960]	Photographs of wedding receptions at the gardens	1 vol, 11
41/2	n.d. [c.1960]- 1963	Photographs of visit by Princess Alexandra and of Annual Dinners	5
41/3	n.d. [c.1935]	Photographs of Ladies' Retiring Room at the Gardens	5
41/4	n.d. [c.1910]	Photographs of Professor Hillhouse, n.d. [c.1910]; animals from the zoological collection in the gardens, n.d. [c.1930-50]; baby playing in a paddling pool on a Victoria Regia leaf, n.d. [c.1960]	6
41/5	n.d. [c.1975]	Photographs of BBC 'Television Garden' at Botanic Gardens and associated activities, with related letter form Paul Morby	9
41/6	1982	Photographs of opening ceremony for new fountain	6
41/7	1906- n.d. [c.1975]	Postcards of the gardens	13
42/		<u>Advertisements</u>	
42/1	1834	Advertisement for Benjamin Edgington, tent-maker, 208 Piccadilly, London  Gives engraved views of a Flanders Tent, a Round Wall Tent, a Marquee and a Rick Cloth with Poles etc.	1

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42/2	1833	Advertisements for John Chanter's patent smoke consumer and Witty's Patent Gas Furnace (J. Chanter & Co., Earl Street, Blackfriars, London)	2
42/3	1890	Albert Cadonia's advertisement for new and improved turnstiles without springs (A. Cadonia, 38 Whetstone Park, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London)	1
43/		<u>General Correspondence</u>	
43/1	1829	Rees Davies to William Sands Cox, giving details of the organisation of Hull Botanic Gardens on behalf of his father-in-law, J.W. Dean, 26 June 1829	1
43/2	1829	John Sabine, Secretary of the Horticultural Society of London, to John Linwood: in reply to an appeal for assistance from the BBHS he says that the IHS is always ready to assist `such institutions as that you contemplate at Birmingham; 1 Aug 1829	1
43/3	1829	William Withering Jr. to Thomas Lee giving suggestions as to the organisation of the Botanical Gardens, having read the Rules of the Liverpool Society, which `afford some excellent suggestions', 15 Aug 1829	1
43/4	1829	T.J. Pettigrew, Librarian at Kensington Palace, to George Hadley stating that the Duke of Sussex has pleasure in permitting his name to be placed as Patron of the BBHS, 14 Dec 1829	1
43/5	1830	John Sabine to John Linwood informing him that the IHS has put one of its Large Silver Medals at the disposal of the BBHS and also that the IHS will supply the BBHS with grafts, cuttings, plants and seeds on application, 23 Feb 1830	1
43/6	1831	W. Hoddinott to J.W. Crompton concerning the servants' seat in Edgbaston Church, which goes to the BBHS with Mr. Aspley's house, 4 Nov 1831	1
43/7	1831	John Lindley of the Horticultural Society of London to the Earl of Dartmouth, enclosing an extract from the minutes of Committee regarding Lord Dartmouth's request on behalf of the BBHS for `such seeds and plants as can be spared', 29 July 1831	1

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43/8	1831	David Cameron to Thomas Knott concerning gifts of plants and seeds from various horticultural societies and individuals, 26 Aug 1831	1
43/9	1831	David Cameron to the Garden Committee of the BBHS suggesting the immediate purchase of a full collection of trees and shrubs for the Arboretum, as it would be several years before a very small collection could be formed by plants and cuttings presented to the Society', 13 Oct 1831	1
43/10	1831	J. C. Loudon to Cameron informing him that he has not heard from Mr. Knott concerning the plans for the Gardens; he has lately been to Bury Hill to make a plan for a flower garden for Mr. Barclay. He expresses regret at Cameron's loss of two children since coming to Birmingham, 24 Oct 1831	1
43/11	1831	Rickman and Hutchinson, architects, to the BBHS Committee, certifying that Ambrose Winder has completed his contract for the wall and gates at the Gardens satisfactorily and is therefore entitled to payment, 22 Nov 1831	1
43/12	1831	John Jones to Thomas Knott requesting that he will be sent a copy of the minutes authorizing the erection of part of the Gardens buildings by the workmen of another Metallic Hothouse Manufactory, 28 Nov 1831	1
43/13	1831	Benjamin Fowler to Thomas Knott asking whether he might insert advertisements in the Society's papers stating that he has 'warmed the houses belonging to the Society', as he is sure they will do him credit, 12 Dec 1831	1
43/14	1831	John Walthew to the BBHS Committee requesting payment for his work, 22 Dec 1831	1
43/15	1832	Charles Pixell, minister and other members of Edbgaston Parish Vestry to the Committee, protesting against Sunday opening of the Gardens, June 1832	1
43/16	1832	David Cameron concerning Sunday opening of the Gardens, 13 Aug 1832	1

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43/17 1832	<p>Lord Dartmouth to Dr. Darwall enclosing his letter on the subject which is to be discussed at the next meeting; he also returns a catalogue and informs Darwall that plants from his garden will be taken to the Botanical Gardens today, 13 Aug 1832</p>
43/18 1832	<p>W. Crompton to his father concerning a shipment of plants, most of which lost their leaves during a gale off St. Helena. He mentions customs duties and the fact that the box containing seeds has been detained by customs. Postscript mentioning polling day in Liverpool - 'party feeling is very hot here', 8 Dec 1832</p>
43/19 1833	<p>W. Drake, Honorary Secretary of the Deritend and Bordesley Floral and Horticultural Society, including a resolution by that Society that the BBHS Committee be asked to allow specimens of plants from their collection to be exhibited at the next meeting of the above Society, 1833</p>
43/20 1833	<p>W. Drake to the BBHS informing them that he has been requested by the Deritend and Bordesley Committee to attend the next meeting of the BBHS Committee regarding the above resolution, 23 April 1833</p>
43/21 1833	<p>David Cameron to the Committee concerning his visits to various Botanical Gardens throughout the country, where he left lists of plants to be forwarded; he also mentions promises of plants and seeds from nurseries and gardens, 8 May 1833</p>
43/22 1833	<p>David Cameron to Thomas Knott giving a report on the Gardens, mentioning the acquisition and planting of plants, shrubs and seeds; the recovery of the collection, which suffered as the result of a hail storm the previous May; the distribution of plants and cuttings from the Birmingham Gardens to other establishments, 2 Sept 1833</p>
43/23 1835	<p>ALS from T.A. Knight to Westcott informing him that he has sent Cameron grafts of plum and pear trees and expects them to do well in the vicinity of Birmingham, as they do not require a warm climate, 11 Mar 1835</p>

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43/24	1836	Horton and Hope, Secretaries of the Birmingham Zoological Society, to the chairman of the BBHS Committee including a resolution of the above Committee that a deputation to sent to the Gardens to ascertain whether any arrangement can be made to connect the two societies, 25 Jan 1936	1
43/25	1836	George Hadley in Hull to the Gardens concerning payment for the hire of chairs for shows. He describes Hull Botanic Gardens as 'a miserable affair', 19 Sept 1836	1
43/26	1837	Colonel Wallace to John Green, apologising for failing to acknowledge the receipt of the admission tickets, 10 May 1837	1
43/27	1837	Colonel Wallace to Green concerning the attendance of the Band on Tuesday 13 June at the Gardens, 5 June 1837	1
43/28	1837	An officer [signature illegible] of the 5th Dragoon Guards to John Green informing him on behalf of Lieut. Colonel Sir J. M. Wallace that the Regiment Band will be ready to attend at the Gardens if sent for, 27 June 1837	1
43/29	1837	Rough draft of letter from George Barker to Lord Calthorpe describing the poor financial position of the Gardens and asking for Lord Calthorpe's assistance, 4 Nov 1837	1
43/30	1837	Lord Calthorpe to the BBHS agreeing to contribute annually towards its support and perhaps give some further aid, 11 Nov 1837	1
43/31	1837	John M. Knott to George Barker concerning payments and guarantees and agreeing to comply with the BBHS Committee regulations during the absence of his brother, June 1837	1
43/32	1837	John M. Knott to George Barker, enclosing cheques which require Barker's signature	1
43/23	1837	Edward Thomason to George Barker saying he is misinformed and that Thomason does not intend to take five more shares in the BBHS, more especially since he has moved from Birmingham to Ludlow, 9 Nov 1837	1

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43/34	1837	Thomas Knott to George Barker enclosing authorization for Barker to sign cheques to Taylors and Lloyds in Knott's name during his absence due to illness, 18 December 1837	1
43/35	1837	Thomas Knott to Barker regretting that considerably increased indisposition has prevented his replying sooner concerning the engagement of Green as Assistant Secretary by Knowles and Westcott; he feels that the responsibility of rescinding Green's appointment therefore lies with them, 27 December 1837	1
43/36	1838	Lord Lyttelton to Westcott, saying that it will give him great pleasure to be added to the list of Patrons of the BBHS, 6 April 1838	1
43/37	1839	Joseph Hodgson to Westcott, acknowledging that the Deed has been properly endorsed and noting that £750 of the principal sum mentioned in this Deed has been repaid to him, 2 January 1839	1
43/38	1844	Edward Fry to Bassett Smith saying that the Committee of the BBHS enforces the 15th Rule of the Society with great reluctance and hopes that Mr. Smith will reconsider the matter and continue to support the Society, 5 Oct 1844	1
43/39	1873	Memorandum from Villiers Blakemore concerning documents he has removed from the Gardens and deposited in his fire-proof safe for better security with list of these documents, 1 Nov 1837	1
43/39	1884	Walter Chamberlain to Hugh Nettlefold concerning canvassing for funds for the new buildings, 15 Feb 1884	1
43/41	1884	Draft letter to Mr. Cregoe-Colmore requesting that he receive a deputation from the BBHS at a time convenient to himself to discuss the financial position of the Society, 3 May 1884	1
43/42	1884	Walter Chamberlain to Hugh Nettleford, extending sympathy for the latter's attack of gout; he is returning tenders, specification and minute book and informs Nettlefold that he has written up the minutes for the previous night, 16 July 1884	1

43/43	1884	William Southall to the Secretary of the BBHS remarking on the disreputable appearance of the Annual Report as regards paper and expressing annoyance that a message he sent complaining about the paper produced no effect; he does not intend to employ the printer again, 18 August 1884	1
43/44	1884	Samuel Balden to Hugh Nettlefold giving him the name and address of the present owner of the Inge Estates, 5 Sept 1884	1
43/45	1884	Henry Buckley to the Committee asking when Mr. Edwards, the editor of Edgbastonia, can see him at Broad Street concerning an article for a coming number of the magazine.	1
43/46	1884	E. Edwards to Hugh Nettlefold, agreeing to have an interview with Nettlefold with reference to the notice in Edgbastonia, 5 Dec 1884	1
43/47	1884	E. Edwards to Nettlefold informing him that the principal editor of the Mercury is out of town and that the sub-editor can make no arrangements in the absence, 11 Dec 1884	1
43/48	1884	E. Edwards to Nettlefold informing him that the editor of the Gazette thinks that 'the proposed matter will be too exclusively local for the pages of the Mercury', 22 Dec 1884	1
43/49	1884	E. Edwards to Nettlefold enclosing his account with the principal line blank, requesting additional payment for printing articles of a greater length than was originally agreed, 30 Dec 1884	1
43/50	1886	N. A. Pinsent to Nettlefold informing him that the deeds must stand until the meetings have been held, but that a draft copy might be prepared for convenience, 27 Jan 1886	1
43/51	1886	Walter Chamberlain to Nettlefold concerning Committee business and returning his voting list; also requesting the distribution of circulars concerning increased subscriptions, 17 June 1886	1

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43/52	1900	Julia W. Hillhouse to Mr. Wallis informing him that she has looked through her husband's papers but as yet has found nothing connected with the Botanical Gardens; she promises to send any relevant papers to him as soon as she finds them, 23 Feb 1900	1
43/53	1933	Walter H. Grimley to H.E. Clarke thanking him for enclosing a cheque from the University, 16 Jan 1933	1
43/54	1942	Winifred Crow to Mr J.M. Nicolson thanking him and the Committee for their most generous Christmas gift and for their 'kind praise' of her work, 30 Nov 1942	1
43/55	n.d. [c.1831]	Charles Lemon of Cardew, Cornwall to ? recommending his former gardener, William Scott, as a person of considerable scientific requirements and properly qualified for the situation at the Botanical Gardens for which he has applied.	1
44/		Number not used	
45/		<u>Transport labels accompanying plants</u>	
45/1-196	1833-1846	Transport labels, many endorsed with name of sender	196 (2 bdl's)
46/		<u>Newsletters</u>	
46/1	1971-1987	Birmingham Botanical Gardens <u>Bulletins</u> , April and September 1971 and <u>Newsletters</u> ; May and August 1977, August 1978, May 1981, August 1983-September 1987	18
47/		<u>History</u>	
47/1	1981-1982	Notes, copy minutes and correspondence concerning the preparation and publication of Phillada Ballard's history of the Botanical Gardens, <u>An oasis of delight</u> , published in 1983  Includes an outline chronology of the history of the Gardens and a copy of P.D. Ballard, "J. C. Loudon and the BEHS's gardens at Edgbaston, 1831-1845", <u>Garden History</u> , 1981	1 bdl.

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2/1/1	General Committee minutes	2 vols
	2/1/1/26 26 July 1982 - 17 October 1983	
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2/9/1	Education Sub-Committee minutes	1 vol
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