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Collection Summary

Title: G. W. Barber Papers

Span Dates: 1926-1948

ID No.: MSS11775

Creator: Barber, G. W. (George W.)

Extent: 6,600 items ; 26 containers ; 10.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Entomologist. Correspondence, notes, reports, and other writings concerning Barber's study of the European corn borer and the corn earworm.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Barber, G. W. (George W.)

Dicke, F. F.--Correspondence.

Packard, C. M. (Clyde Monroe)--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Department of Agriculture.

Subjects

Corn--Disease and pest resistance.

Entomology.

Insect pests.

Occupations

Entomologists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of G. W. Barber, entomologist, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Estelle Hulse Barber, in 1958 and 1959.

Processing History

The papers of G. W. Barber were arranged and described circa 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of G. W. Barber in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, G. W. Barber Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1890, Aug. 3	Born, Hyde Park, Mass.
1913	B.S., Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.
1914	Researcher, Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture
1917-1919	Lieutenant of cavalry, U.S. Army, during World War I
1919	Married Estelle Hulse
circa 1920-1945	Scientific investigations focused on the European corn borer and corn earworm, Department of Agriculture
1927	Sc.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1936-1942	Discovered and developed oil-insecticide treatment of sweet corn and seed corn for the control of the corn borer
1945	Retired from government service
circa 1945-1948	Studied the toxicity of insecticides such as DDT, Rutgers University, Brunswick, N.J.
1948, Dec. 5	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Ware Barber (1890-1948) span the years 1926-1948 and document his work as an entomologist at the Department of Agriculture. Barber's work in studying and controlling the corn borer and corn earworm was of vital importance to the corn industry and earned him a meritorious promotion and citation from the Department of Agriculture. The papers include correspondence, special reports pertaining to earworm insecticide investigations, notes, study data, manuscripts, and miscellaneous reports, the bulk of which are concerned with the European corn borer and corn earworm. Correspondents include F. F. Dicke and C. M. Packard.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
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BOX 3	Publications
BOX 3	Manuscripts and notes
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BOX 4	Special reports
BOX 4	1935-1939 and index
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BOX 6	1942-1943
BOX 7	1944
	(1 folder)
BOX 8	(1 folder)
BOX 9	1945
BOX 10	1946, undated
BOX 11-26	Experimental notes, miscellaneous reports, and writings