



# Henry Pollard Collection

## Henry Pollard Papers

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## Biographical Note

Henry Minter Pollard was born in 1886 in Mendota, Illinois. After graduating from Mendota College and UC Berkeley for graduate school, he sought work as a teacher of the classics in various private schools around California from 1914-1955. At the schools he was active in various extra-curricular projects such as school publications, plays, and a trip to Greece with some of his students. He wrote poetry in his spare time. During his summer fishing vacations, he collected plant specimens and compiled extensive plant lists. He became acquainted with John Thomas Howell, of the California Academy of Sciences, who helped him identify plants and was to co-author his unfinished publication of the Ventura Watershed Flora. In 1959 he published a short article about one of the last remaining city blocks of native plants in Santa Barbara before the development of that neighborhood erased them completely. Pollard died in 1973 at the age of 88.

## Important Dates in Pollard's Career

1914-1936	Taught at the Deane School in Montecito
1928	Trip to Buttle Lake in British Columbia
1930	Virgilian Tour to Greece
194?	Taught at the California Preparatory School in Ojai
1952-1955	Taught at Montecito School for Girls and at Laguna Blanca School in Hope Ranch
1959	Published "A Plant List from Santa Barbara, California"

## Scope and Content Note

The Henry Pollard Papers document both personal and professional aspects of Pollard's life. A personal photograph collection includes family members, summer trips to British Columbia, and a school trip (Aenied Cruise) to Greece in 1930. Some aspects of Pollard's teaching career are highlighted in job applications, resumes, correspondence, and other publications, but the majority of the papers and field books illustrate Pollard's interest and diligence in inventorying local plants wherever he was living. Most important are Pollard's unpublished Ventura Watershed Flora, accompanying card files for that area, and correspondence with J.T. Howell of the California Academy of Sciences. Also noteworthy are his published article on Santa Barbara native plants and his card files for Santa Barbara County. Other card files and field books cover Ojai, Donner Pass, Mammoth Lakes, Huntington Lake, Marin County, Trinity Alps, and the Klamath River region. Pollard's plant specimens are located in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Herbarium, the California Academy of Sciences, and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (McClintock 1974).

Reference: 1974. McClintock, Elizabeth. "H. Leschke, H.M. Pollard, L.S. Rose, and E.C. Twisselmann: Obituaries." *Madrono* 22(8): 397-400.

## **Box 1**

### **SERIES 1: PERSONAL /BIOGRAPHICAL PAPERS**

#### FOLDER

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| 1 | Biographical information                                       |
| 2 | Job hunting—letters of reference, applications, school records |
| 3 | Private school publications                                    |

### **SERIES 2: CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 4  | Correspondence, general, 1928-1973, arranged alphabetically |
| 5  | Hope Hufford (sister), 1947-1970                            |
| 6  | Correspondence, botanical, arranged alphabetically          |
| 7  | John Thomas Howell, 1944-1949                               |
| 8  | John Thomas Howell, 1950-1957                               |
| 9  | John Thomas Howell, 1958-1964                               |
| 10 | John Thomas Howell, 1965-1973                               |

### **SERIES 3: PLANT COLLECTION RECORDS**

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| 11 | Ventura River Basin, 1945-49    |
| 12 | Ojai, 1943-46                   |
| 13 | Hubby Herbarium specimens, Ojai |
| 14 | Misc. notes                     |

### **SERIES 4: PLANT LISTS**

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| 15 | Community Ecological Center, Chapala and Figueroa streets, and El Mirasol block, Santa Barbara, Calif. 1971-72 |
| 16 | Huntington Lake, Calif. and vicinity, 1942-43  |
| 17 | Orleans, Calif. and vicinity, 1942-43  |
| 18 | Rainbow Tavern, Mammoth Lakes, Skyland Camp; Mono County carices, 1934-46                                      |

### **SERIES 5: PUBLICATIONS**

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| 19 | “Ferns and Flowering Plants of the Ventura River Basin, Calif.,” unpublished manuscript, p. 1-80       |
| 20 | “Ferns and Flowering Plants of the Ventura River Basin, Calif.,” unpublished manuscript, p. 81-123     |
| 21 | “A Plant List from Santa Barbara, Calif.”—draft lists and notes, 1958-59                               |
| 22 | “A Plant List from Santa Barbara, Calif.”—abstract preparation   |
| 23 | “A Plant List from Santa Barbara, Calif.,” <i>Wasman Journal of Botany</i> 17(1):153-56, 1959—reprints |
| 24 | “Quercus Hybrids and Associates—SB” 1957, unpublished list   |
| 25 | Miscellaneous writings, 1928-1959  |

26 Poetry  
27 Poetry

**Boxes 2-3**

**SERIES 6: FIELD NOTEBOOKS**

**Box 4**

**SERIES 7: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND MAPS**

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NO.

28 Newspaper clippings  
29 "Base Camp Botany" 1946-1953, series of mimeographed articles  
30 Misc. reprints and journals  
Folded road maps of various locations in the West

**Boxes 5-8**

**SERIES 8: PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Boxes 9-13**

**SERIES 9: CARD FILES**

**SERIES 10: BOOKS**

A gift of botanical books from Pollard's estate has been incorporated into the library collections at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. See accession book entries for 1974.