

Woods Hole Historical Museum

Sumner C. Burgess Collection Box 1.

Sumner C. Burgess, born Nov. 6, 1887, lived at 49 Locust Street, Falmouth his entire life. This was the home of his parents, Charles S Burgess and Bertha Swift Burgess. Charles was the founder of the Falmouth Enterprise. For many years Sumner ran the Enterprise stationary store on Main Street. . Later in life, he became the custodian of the present Falmouth post office which opened in 1940. His sight failing as a result of a fall from his bicycle, Sumner retired at the age of 70 and died at the age of 83 on Feb. 23, 1971..

While active in many Falmouth organizations, the American Legion, the Masons, and the Grange, he was also active in The American Rose Society. He had an extensive garden behind his home and specialized in roses. Sumner wrote articles for the society's magazine, judged rose contests, and served as vice-president for one of its chapters. He carried on a extensive correspondence on the propagation and cultivation of many varieties of roses. The result of this correspondence is in this collection

- 1.1. Sumner C. Burgess Obituary.
- 1.2. Sumner C. Burgess letter paper.
- 1.3. Photography re: roses. Correspondence from Dufaycolor Company and Eastman Kodak Company in response to inquiries from Burgess. Included is a glass color slide of a rose garden and a flyer about a Kodaslide projector.. 1937, 1939.
- 1.4. Miscellaneous re: roses. Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station Booklet "Meteorological Records – A Forty-Year Summary. 1889-1828." Burgess' ledger pages recording his own meteorological observations. 1920 –1932.

- 1.5. Horticulture: Pesticides/Fungicides as applied to roses. Letters in reply to Burgess' inquiries about rose disease control from the New York State College of Agriculture, Massachusetts State College and Apothecaries Hall Company. 1934-1940.
- 1.6. The American Rose Society: Correspondence to Burgess from the society discussing cultivation of different rose varieties, Burgess' role as a judge for the society, articles written by Burgess for the society's magazine, etc. 1930-1941.
- 1.7. R. Marion Hatton: Hatton's replies to Burgess in the exchange between the two men about the cultivation and propagation of different varieties of roses. 1930-19389
- 1.8. Hartford Test Gardens (Elizabeth Test Gardens), Awards and Correspondence.: Lists of roses planted in the test gardens, results of judging these roses, and special information for judges. 1934-1938. Correspondence to Burgess regarding his appointment as a judge. 1936, 1938.
- 1.9 Advertising Brochure - "J. C. Burgess, 1890" : "The Falmouth Holiday Messenger." Promoting the goods of the J. C. Burgess store of Falmouth, MA. 1890.
- 1.10. Correspondence: Miscellaneous correspondence to Burgess regarding the propagation and cultivation of roses as well as several orders for his roses.
- 1.11. Speech/Report by Sumner Burgess(?): Cultivation of roses.
- 1.12. Roses – Horticulture: Booklet – "Rose Culture." Charles N. Evans. Wilmette. IL. 1941.