

FLORA OF RICHMOND COUNTY

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PROVENANCE:

These manuscripts and correspondence were deposited at the Institute by Arthur Hollick and Nathaniel Lord Britton who prepared the manuscript. The Institute intended, evidently from notations in the collection, to publish the Flora, but in fact did not. The entire collection was accessioned in 1954 and bears the accession number X 54-195.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Arthur Hollick (1857-1933) born on Staten Island, educated at Columbia School of Mines, geologist and paleontologist, Director of the Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences until 1919, Paleontologist at the New York Botanical Garden at the time of his death.

Nathaniel Lord Britton (1859-1934) born on Staten Island, educated at Columbia College, geologist and professor at Columbia, botanist, and first Director of the New York Botanical Garden.

Dr. Hollick and Dr. Britton prepared the first Flora of Richmond County which they published privately. Seven addenda were published by Torrey. (The original manuscript for this early Flora is in the Archives of the New York Botanical Garden). The date of the first Flora is 1879.

SCOPE & CONTENT:

Hollick and Britton planned this second Flora of Staten Island beginning in the second decade of the twentieth century and completing it by 1929. Botanists who cooperated with them in this effort and whose work is stored in this two-cubic-foot collection are: Nicolas Pike, Michael Levine, W.A. Murrell, F.J. Seaver, Robert Hagelstein, Philip Dowell, Elizabeth Britton, Norman Taylor. Letters from Dr. Homer D. House, NY State Botanist, and Dr. Francis W. Pennell, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, related to the work, are included.

As an historical record of this effort to record the island's botany, the collection is arranged chronologically and ends with the 1929 manuscript ready for the printer. Satellite manuscripts and field notes are included.

The Archives of the Institute holds the Arthur Hollick papers (38.aH), as well as the Britton Family papers (12.n1B), which may be consulted.

ARRANGEMENT:

The Archives of the Institute holds the Arthur Hollick papers as well as the Britton Family papers. The "Flora of Richmond County" was a product of the combined efforts of Arthur Hollick and Nathaniel Lord Britton. It has been kept, as it was received, intact in a separate collection.

Hollick and Britton published the first "Flora" in 1879, two years before the founding of the Natural Science Association of Staten Island in which both men participated.

From 1914 to 1929, they again worked together on compiling a second "Flora" and included the participation by and work of botanists Nicolas Pike, Michael Levine, W.A. Murrell, F.J. Seaver, Robert Hagelstein, Philip Dowell, Elizabeth Britton, and Norman Taylor. Letters from Dr. Homer D. House,

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