

# Finding Aid for the Henry Shaw School of Botany Records

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Henry Shaw School of Botany.

Title: Henry Shaw School of Botany Records.

Dates: 1885-1923.

Quantity: ca. 15 items.

Language: English.

## **Historical Note**

The Henry Shaw School of Botany at Washington University was founded on 6 November 1885 to provide first-hand instruction for both undergraduate and graduate students of botany. The school was endowed by the generous donation of Henry Shaw (1800-89), a prosperous cutlery maker who founded the Missouri Botanical Garden in 1858 and deeded it to the city of St. Louis upon his death in 1889. Shaw further augmented his gift of the Shaw School of Botany with the endowment of a professorship named after George Engelmann, a physician, noted botanist, and Shaw's close advisor.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection is comprised of correspondence, programs, publications, and copies of documents that chronicle the founding and early history of the Henry Shaw School of Botany.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to University Archives.

### **Accruals**

There are no accruals.

### **Processing Information**

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## **Restrictions**

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### **Collection Contents**

Box No.	Folder
01	Correspondence Regarding the Illinois Glass Company, 1923
	Program for Inaugural Exercises, 6 November 1885
	Publication. "The Henry Shaw School of Botany of Washington University, St. Louis, MO." n.d.
	List of Directors, 1859-71
	Resume (Moore, G.T.)
	Resume (Trelease, W.)
	Shaw, H. (Excerpts from Will and Testament, 1913)
	Shaw, H. (Copy of Will and Testament, 1889)