Bartram Family papers
Creators: Bartram, Isaac
Bartram, John, 1699-1777
Bartram, Moses, 1732-1809
Bartram, William, 1739-1823

1684-circa 1935 (bulk 1765-1803)
9 boxes, 13 volumes, 4.6 linear feet

Collection 36

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Abstract

John Bartram was an eighteenth-century botanist. He established a premier botanic garden in America and made extensive journeys throughout the eastern United States, during which gathered many hitherto unknown American plants. His son William was also an eminent botanist. This collection contains papers of John Bartram and his sons William, Isaac, and Moses. Included are journals written by John Bartram, observations of his journeys, and correspondence. William Bartram is represented by correspondence, photostats of his journey observations, illustrations, a commonplace book, and his *Pharmacopoeia*. Also included in the collection are Moses Bartram’s diplomas, Isaac Bartram’s letter book, and miscellaneous family letters, checks, and receipts.

Background note

John Bartram was a Pennsylvania born Quaker farmer, who began collecting North American plants after purchasing his 102 acre land in Kingsessing in 1728. The plants he gathered were sent to subscribers all across Europe and North America through his friend and long time correspondent, Peter Collinson. The plants he collected came from not only Pennsylvania, but New England, Florida, and many more; places he traveled to throughout his lifetime, despite the difficulties that faced him. Many people in Europe had never heard of the plants John had, and he received many requests for seeds to add to gardens and collections. In 1765, John was made King George III’s “Royal Botanist,” and received a salary of 50 pounds per year. Acquaintances of Bartram include his friend Benjamin Franklin; leading naturalists and botanists such as Mark Catesby, Jan Frederik Gronovius, and Carl Linnaeus; and even Thomas Jefferson. Bartram’s contributions to botany and science can still be seen today in the wide range of plants found around the world, and in his still existing garden in Philadelphia: Bartram’s Garden.

John’s son, William Bartram, continued the legacy of his father as a botanist and artist. As a young man, William accompanied his father to Florida on an expedition to discover and collect plant specimens. Though he initially struggled to find a lasting job as an adult, William found a patron in Dr. John Fothergill, and was able to travel through the southern areas of North America. His journey led him to write “Travels,” a widely read book that was especially popular in Europe at the time of its publication. William’s writing and art served as inspiration for budding naturalists and writers such as poets Samuel Taylor Coleridge and William Wordsworth. His observations on plants and Native American culture are still read today, and his way of combining many different pieces of nature into one drawing continue to set him apart as one of the leading figures in the botanical world during his lifetime through the present day.

John Bartram Jr. inherited the business operations of John Bartram, and helped to keep the garden and seed shipment alive past his father’s lifetime. Other notable members of the Bartram family were Ann Bartram-Carr and her husband Robert Carr, who continued the gardens and business of the Bartrams up until 1850. Ann Bartram-Carr was one of the first and only women to run a gardening business in her lifetime.
Scope and Content note
The majority of materials in this collection relate to John and William Bartram. Items of note include John’s incoming correspondence and William’s incoming and outgoing correspondence. Among the correspondents represented are Benjamin Smith Barton, William Byrd, Alexander Calhoun, Mark Catesby, Peter Collinson, Benjamin Franklin, James Freeman, and John Fothergill. There are also fragments of the journals both men kept during various exploratory missions. Texts written by John Bartram consist of a portion of his observations made on his journey through the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida, 1765; and the full text of the diary, 1765-1766, transcribed by William Darlington, “with illustrative notes from his correspondence.” William Bartram’s writings are represented by his “Travels through the Carolinas, Georgia and East and West Florida, 1773-1777,” his Pharmacopoeia on plant and medicinal remedies, and a copy of his answers to Benjamin Smith Barton’s question concerning Native Americans. Other material in the collection includes original engravings (and Photostats) of various flora and fauna, William Bartram’s commonplace book, the Bartram family bible, miscellaneous family letters, checks and receipts.

The papers of Isaac and Moses Bartram comprise a small section of the collection, and include Isaac Bartram’s letter book of 1790 to 1814, four of Moses Bartram’s diplomas, and several family letters.

Overview of arrangement
Box 1 contains 104 folders, multiple with more than one letter in them. The letters are to/from William or John Bartram and some of the correspondents include Hans Sloane, Peter Collinson, Cadwallader Colden, Philip Miller, Mark Catesby, and John Bartram’s brother also named William Bartram. (Letters between 1737-1812)

Box 2 has 103 folders, the vast majority of which hold letters from Peter Collinson to John Bartram. The other letters are either from John Clayton or Alexander Calhoun, and were also sent to John Bartram. (Letters between 1734-1765)

Box 3 has 104 folders, most of which are from Peter Collinson to John Bartram (some to William Bartram). Others are from Michael Collinson, Dillenius, Dr. Cressy, William Cullen, Arthur Dobbs, etc. (Letters between 1738-1795)

Box 4 contains 115 folders, again filled with letters. A wide variety of correspondents are represented in this box, with letters from Captain Fraser, James Freeman, Alexander Garden, Dr. Fothergill, Peter Collinson, Samuel Green, James Gordon, Dr. Gronovius, William Hamilton, Thomas Lamboll, Martha Logan, Philip Miller, and more. The letters are to John and William Bartram. (Letters between 1741-1810)

Box 5 holds 10 folders, made up of various documents. These include deeds, surveys of land, wills, mortgage and bond, a lease, and a patent. The dates of the documents range from 1684 to 1819.
Box 6 has 12 folders, also containing a variety of documents. These include photostats of William Bartram's journals, John Bartram's will (original and photostat), a survey of land, several letters (originals and photostats), an address for a family reunion, and checks/receipts. The dates of these documents are between 1772 and 1952.

Box 7 contains 4 folders. The contents of the folders are a photostat of William Bartram’s plant specimen book, a copy of chapter 1 of John Bartram’s biography, a photostat of 2 of William Bartram’s drawings, and a Bartram family tree. The only dated document is from 1895.

Box 8 contains 2 folders. In these folders are photostats of many Bartram family drawings and a variety of diplomas for Moses Bartram.

Box 9 has engravings of plants, insects, and animals in different formats and styles. It is unclear as to whether these are really Bartram engravings.

Volume 1 is a journal of John Bartram’s (1765)

Volume 2 is a draft of William Bartram’s Travels. (Part 1)

Volume 3 is a draft of William Bartram’s Travels. (Part 2)

Volume 4 is a draft of William Bartram’s Travels. (Part 3)

Volume 5 is William Bartram’s commonplace book from 1797-1802/3.

Volume 6 is William Bartram’s undated pharmacopoeia.

Volume 7 is Isaac Bartram’s Letterbook, from 1790-1814.

Volume 8 is an index from 1791.

Volume 9 is a copy of John Bartram’s Diary, 1765-6.

Volume 10 is a copy of William Bartram’s answers to Barton’s questions about native Americans.

Volumes 11 and 12 are Bartram Family bibles given to them by Fothergill.

Volume 13 is a transcription of John Bartram's Journal by Carlotta Herring-Browne done in 1915.
Related materials
John Bartram Association Records and John Bartram Correspondence are located at the American Philosophical Society. Additional materials relating to John and William Bartram can be found at the British Museum in London.

Subjects
Botany – Eighteenth Century
Botany – Nomenclature
Botany – Surveying
Georgia – Travel and description
Florida – Travel and description

Bartram, Isaac
Bartram, John, 1699-1777
Bartram, Moses, 1732-1809
Bartram, William, 1739-1823
Byrd, William, 1674-1744
Calhoun, Alexander
Catesby, Mark, 1683-1749
Collinson, Peter, 1694-1768
Darlington, William, 1782-1863
Fothergill, John, 1712-1780
Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
Payne, John Howard, 1791-1852
Purvis, Anthony
Administrative Information

Restrictions
Photostats of items at the British Museum may not be published without written consent of the British Museum. Materials on deposit for the John Bartram High School may not be published without written consent of the school.

Alternative format
None.

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Provenance
An unidentified portion of this collection was acquired from Mr. F. E. Marshall, 1894.

Processing note
This collection was reprocessed as part of the EAD finding aid project in January 2001. Items improperly housed were put in archival folders and boxes. The incomplete inventory was expanded into a complete inventory and finding aid. The collection, however, is not completely processed and the current arrangement should be revisited.

William Bartram Travels, manuscript draft, part 3 (Volume 4) formerly had the call number Am .0173.

William Bartram Pharmacopæia (Volume 6) formerly had the call number Wzz .259.

John Bartram diary, 1765-1766 [copy] (Volume 9) formerly had the call number Am .0171.

John Bartram family bible (Volumes 11-12) formerly had the call number Wzz .258.
Box and volume inventory

Box 1:

Folder 1
Dr. Autenrich, Nov. 9, 1795, (Stuttgardt), to William Bartram - thank you for hospitality

Folder 2
James Bailey to William Bartram, Oct. 30, 1776

Folder 3
Benjamin Smith Barton to William Bartram, Edinburgh, August 26th 1787, explaining to Bartram that Mr. Storey’s attempt to sully his reputation is false. Mr. Storey is spreading a rumor that Barton is planning to publish Bartram’s journal in Europe for profit.

Folder 4
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Edinburgh, Feb, 19th, 1788, proposal to Bartram for publishing his journal in Europe (Germany) so that it is scientifically recognized.

Folder 5
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Amsterdam, Dec. 13, 1788, thanking Bartram for information, requesting more information/Drawings (especially on Franklinia), questions on Indians

Folder 6
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Sept. 20, 1781, requesting a sample of a root

Folder 7
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Sunday - morning, 23rd (month/year unknown), asking for a drawing of a plant

Folder 8
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Dec. 30, 1787 (Philadelphia), thanks for a letter

Folder 9
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, 1795 (Sept. 20), geographical observations

Folder 10
B.S. Barton to Wm. Bartram (to the care of mr. Isaac Bartram), Apr. 22, 1791, asking for information for the Philosophical Society

Folder 10.5
B.S. Barton to William bartram, July 21 1791, asking for drawings of fruits done in William’s style

Folder 11
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, July 19th, questions on plants/where they grow
Folder 12
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Aug. 1803 (appears to be in the wrong folder - folder labeled Nov. 30), proposing a journey to Red River

Folder 13
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Saturday, 24

Folder 13.5
B.S. Barton to William Bartram, Aug. 8, 1801, thanking Bartram for drawings

Folder 14
John Bartram to Doctor Dellenius, Aug. 1, 1738 (faded)
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, no readable date (faded)

Folder 15
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, June 21, 1743, discussing plants John plans on sending, journey in Catskill Mountains for plants

Folder 16
John Bartram to Peter Collinson (no date), descriptions of plants/specimens, doodle of plant

Folder 17
John Bartram to Peter Collinson July 1739, thanks for letters, money came in time for John to pay his mortgage payment
John Bartram to Peter Collinson Jan. 30th, 1747/8, sending 3 boxes of seeds
John Bartram to Peter Collinson July 20 1747, receiving letters and Benjamin Franklin volunteering to deliver letters

Folder 18
Notes on the sex of plants (John Bartram), no date

Folder 19
Correspondences with Peter Collinson (John Bartram), Nov 11, 1737-July 26, 1739

Folder 20
To Dr. Cressy, Sept. 10, 1740, asking for seeds
Dr. Cressy, July 29, 1740, thanks for seeds, specimens, and curiosities “Dear friend ____ Randolph”, no date

Folder 21
Peter Collinson, July 22, 1741
Dr. Cressy, March 29, 1741
Mark Catesby, Oct. 1741, descriptions of plants found and collected
Peter Bayard (date not listed) (All from John Bartram)
Folder 22
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, July 22, 1741 - questions about plants Collinson sent and descriptions of other plants
John Bartram to Peter Bayard, Aug. 1741 - descriptions of plants and the time of year in which they are grown
John Bartram to Dr. Cressy, 1741, Bartram busy with planting, seeds he sent have gone missing

Folder 23
John Bartram to Col. Custis, Nov. 1738 - safe return, descriptions of plants found
John Bartram to Dr. Dillenius, no date - sending seeds/specimens gathered in PA
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Oct. 18, 1741 - sending cargo to Collinson, seeds, spiders, eggs, etc.

Folder 24
John Bartram to Mark Catesby, Nov. 19, 1742
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Nov. 17, 1742
John Bartram to “Dear friend,” (PC?) Nov. 18, 1742
John Bartram to Hans Sloane, Sept. 23, 1743
John Bartram to Hans Sloane, Nov. 16, 1734
John Bartram to Dr. Gronovius, Nov. 30, 1743

Folder 25
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Dec. 18, 1742 - gathering plants/trouble with snow, death of Lord Petre

Folder 26
John Bartram to Cadwallader Colden, Jan. 16th, 1742/3, talking about plants/plant shipments, some plants not received
John Bartram to Hans Sloan, Nov. 14, 1742 - sent a box of insects to Hans Sloan, received an Indian tobacco pipe
John Bartram to Dr. Dillenius, Sept. 14, 1742 - talking about journey
John Bartram to “Respected friend CatCott” Nov. 24, 1743, thanks for present of 3 books, talking about books and plants
John Bartram to Dr. Dillenius, Nov. 29th/24th? 1743 - shipment of mosses gathered in the country
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Nov. 30, 1743 - specimens of the year, turtles/turtle preservation

Folder 27
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, May 27, 1743 - some description of garden/mention of wife
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, June 4th, 1743 - recounting conversation, description of garden/swamps
John Bartram to Cadwallader Colden, June 26th, 1743 - received orders for plants/other curiosities (Duke of Richmond named)
John Bartram to Dr. Mitchell, June 3, 1744 - descriptions of trees/plants and journeys
Folder 28
To Fothergill, July 24, 1744 - talking about sending curiosities and plants
To John Clayton, Sept 1, 1744 - thanking for information on plants, giving descriptions of other plants
To Peter Collinson, Sept. 5, 1742 - return from Catskill Mountains, discoveries
To Alexander Catcot, May 26, 1742 - talk of botany and plants, “ever since I was 12 years of age to botany and natural history…”

Folder 29
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Dec. 1744
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, 1744 or 1745 - smallpox
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, undated
John Bartram to Catesby, undated - describes animala

Folder 30
John Bartram to Fothergill, Dec. 7, 1745 - mention of providing for his 9 children
John Bartram to P. Collinson, April 12, 1746
John Bartram to Hans Sloan, Dec 8, 1745
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Dec 10, 1745
John Bartram to P. Collinson, April 23, 1746

Folder 31
John Bartram to Gronovius, Dec 6, 1745 - observations on shells
John Bartram to Gronovius, Dec 15, 1746 - great magnolia
John Bartram to Peter Collinson, Dec. 14, 1746 - shipment of 2 boxes of forest seeds

Folder 32
John Bartram to Carl Linnaeus, undated - detailed description of evergreens

Folder 33
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 20, 1753 - characteristics of forest trees
John Bartram to P. Collinson, 1753 - Death of Collinson’s wife, condolences
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 1754 - curious observations of plants in Catskills (List of Specimens sent, gathered by lake in Catskills)

Folder 34
John Bartram to J. Eliot, Feb. 12, 1753 - Description of Braddock’s defeat, descriptions of plants and animals.

Folder 35
John Bartram’s journal of travel into Catskills with Billy - description of trees and weather (March 10 1754)
John Bartram to P. Miller, April 20, 1755
John Bartram to P. Collinson, April 27, 1755
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Sept. 28, 1755 - glad that Billy’s drawings please Collinson
Folder 36
John Bartram to M. Delabard, undated - beginning correspondence with sending seeds, names shared acquaintances/friends
John Bartram to C. Linnaeus, undated - inquiring about Kalm’s book on North America, sending specimen of evergreen + description

Folder 37
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 3, 1754 - something about grammar/spelling and description, mud turtle

Folder 38
John Bartram to P. Collinson, undated
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 11, 1737
John Bartram to Philosophical Society, 1739

Folder 39
John Bartram to William Bartram (in Cape Fear, NC), 1761? - some advice, talking about plants, thanks for the shipment of plants even though they didn’t arrive

Folder 40
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 24, 1744
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 24, 1742
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 6, 1742

Folder 41
John Bartram, undated - descriptions/observations on trees (pines)

Folder 42
John Bartram journal, September 1740? - description of travels
John Bartram to Mark Catesby, undated - seems to be cut off? Observations

Folder 43
John Bartram to “worthy friend Miller,” June 16th, 1758 - notes on plants, mention of Collinson

Folder 44
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Feb. 4. 1756 - complaints about Indians, murdering and tricking
John Bartram to Dr. Garden, March 14, 1756 - glad the bulbs Bartram sent arrived well, mention of Collinson
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 29, 1757 - not successful with cedars of Lebanon, description of other foreign plants and their growth
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Sept. 25, 1757 - talking about cargo, descriptions of plants
John Bartram to J. Eliot, March 14, 1758 - Bartram’s daughter got married, mention of B. Franklin, talking about ditchers/agriculture
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 30, 1756 - seeds, philosophy, Billy thanks Collinson for the drawing paper
John Bartram to Phillip Miller, June 20, 1757 - more on cedar of Lebanon
John Bartram to Jane Colden, Jan. 25, 1757 - Bartram invites Jane to his house, he and Billy (who is training to be a merchant) were pleased with her letter/drawings
John Bartram to Benjamin Franklin, July 29th, 1757 - hoping to keep up “a chain of friendship”

Folder 45
John Bartram to P. Collinson, June 12, 1756 - hot springs/cold springs, descriptions of plants, Billy grateful for drawing paper

Folder 46
John Bartram to J. Eliot, Jan. 14th, 1757 - talking about planting conditions for a salt marsh
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Jan. 22, ? - shipments/observations on geese/pigeons

Folder 47
John Bartram, notes on the characters of different trees (undated)
John Bartram to Alexander Garden, Oct. 12th, 1755 - notes on conditions of mountains

Folder 48
John Bartram to “Respected friend Miller,” Nov. 3, 1756 - observations on forest trees
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 8, 1756 - sending cargo, William training to be a merchant

Folder 49
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Jan 20, 1760 - Sending a variety of seeds
John Bartram to P. Collinson, June 24, 1760 - Talking about seeds Bartram received and what is doing well/what is not
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 20, 1760 - uneasy about plant shipment, talking about plants that have grown
John Bartram to P. Collinson, June, 1766 - John returned home to family, still seasick, Billy still in Florida (going to become a planter)
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 26, 1766 - Billy whimsical and unhappy, observations on gathered specimens

Folder 50
John Bartram to William Bartram (son), Dec 27th, 1761 - asking William to gather seeds of any plants they don’t have, disappointed that William didn’t send seeds before
John Bartram to William Bartram (his brother), Dec. 27 1761 - Afraid of “mortal sickness,” worried for Billy (his son), cousin Billy is visiting

Folder 51
John Bartram to William Bartram (son), Sept 5th, 1761 - safely home from Pittsburgh, talking about his travels, asks for seeds from William, pleased with his (John’s) brother’s son
Folder 52
John Bartram to “Moses or William Bartram,” Nov 9th, 1769 - returned home from the most prosperous journey, account of journey/observations on plants, “give my love to Brother sister & cousins”

Folder 53
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 22, 1761 - observations on turtles, tortoises, and plants; fall from tree (mention of “my little son Benjamin”)  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, July 19, 1761 - observations on plants, some information about family members  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Sept. 23, 1764 - shipments, seeds, roots etc.  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 15, 1764 - neighbor Young (William) sent a shipment to the queen, Bartram thinks he will make an awkward appearance in court  
John Bartram to Dr. Hope Oct. 4, 1764 - Bartram has heard that Hope Is starting a botanical garden in Edinburgh, Some talk of plants  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 29, 1764 - sent seeds to Gordon and B. Franklin

Folder 54
John Bartram diary of travels, Jan 24, 1768 - seems to be in PA (Brandywine, Germantown mentioned, no specific mention of states apparent), detailed descriptions of days and discoveries

Folder 55
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 14, 1761 - sending seeds/description of plants  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 1761 - observations on and description of more plants  
John Bartram to Dr. Garden, March 25, 1762 - descriptions of plants, mention of snakes  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 10, 1764 - borrowed a “Monstrous tooth weighing three pounds,” description of the tooth and a skeleton  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 19, 1764 - mentions Dr. ?, a minister who visited, descriptions of shrubs and plants

Folder 56
Travel plans with Billy, mention of French gentleman from Montreal  
John Bartram to Dr. Sibthorpe (Professor at Oxford), undated - description of lands  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Dec. 3, 1762 - talk of French and Indians, observations on plants and animals (pheasants), bones/monstrous skeleton mentioned, more observations on “wild beasts”  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Sept. 30, 1763 - Description of garden/plants in it, disappointed with William (about job choices?), Indians/treaties

Folder 57
John Bartram, undated - Detailed observations on different oak varieties

Folder 58
John Bartram to P. Collinson, undated - descriptions of bad weather, many plants killed, descriptions of seeds that have come up  
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 15, 1762 - descriptions of garden/plants, new species
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Oct. 23, 1763 - ulcer in leg healed, talking about plants, some complaints about other nations?
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Nov. 10, 1763 - Indian relations, descriptions of plants/land

Folder 59
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 1, 1763 - talking about plants, panther, bones like those of an elephant/rhinoceros
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 30, 1763 - “my garden now makes a glorious appearance,” Bartram’s sons have sent a box of plants from Cape Fear
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Aug. 6 - disappointed about plant shipments which didn’t arrive, leg ulcer
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Jan. 6, 1763 - water fowl, fish, plants, travels, various specimens
John Bartram to Dr. Solander, April 26, 1763 - Bartram received Solander’s letter/pamphlets which he couldn’t read since his Latin is bad, descriptions of seeds/plants

Folder 60
John Bartram to P. Collinson, March 4, 1764 - description of the winter, bulbs received from Mis. Logan, boxes sent to several people
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 1, 1764 - received seeds, descriptions of plants growing from Allegheny Mountains, observations on flowers/plants
John Bartram to P. Collinson, May 10, 1762 - Bartram is glad Collinson finds his journals “acceptable”, descriptions of animals, mention of sons John & Benjamin

Folder 61
John Bartram to William Bartram (Cape Fear), undated - inquiring about a plant he heard about in NC, asking for seeds and bulbs/roots

Folder 62
John Bartram to William Bartram (St. Augustine in East Florida), April 5, 1766 - description and list of all things John sent to William including slaves + description of slaves

Folder 63
John Bartram to William Bartram (Cape Fear), May 19, 1765 - the family is doing well, talking about acquaintances and their travels

Folder 64
John Bartram to William Bartram (Cape Fear), July 17, 1765 - announcement that John has been made the King’s botanist

Folder 65
John Bartram to “My dear spouse,” back addressed to Isaac Bartram, Sept. 4, 1765 - description of Savanna, sending love

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Folder 66
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Dec. 5, 1766 - description of boxes sent/contents
John Bartram to P. Collinson, Dec. 18, 1766 - talking about pains/cuts and sores and doctors etc. *unclear whether it is part of a letter/which one - observations of travels, bones

Folder 67
Latin certificate, from “Petrus Wargentin” - Pehr Wargentin To John Bartram

Folder 68
William Bartram to John Bartram, May 6, 1761 - description of travels out of the capes, seasickness, some dangerous weather

Folder 69
William Bartram to John Bartram (Jr), May 18, 1761 - William gives updates of his job and life, wishes the family well
William Bartram to John Bartram (Sr), May 20, 1761 - William talks about plant shipments which didn’t arrive, asks John to give love to family

Folder 70
William Bartram (John’s Brother) to John Bartram (Sr), Aug. 5, 1761 - asks for a favor, thinking of sending his son to school in Philadelphia

Folder 71
William Bartram (John’s Brother) to John Bartram (Sr), Oct. 31, 1761 - checks in on his son at school

Folder 72
William Bartram to John Bartram (Brothers, to John Bartram Sr), undated - checking in, updates on life/health
Folder 73
William Bartram to John Bartram (Brothers, to John Bartram Sr), undated - glad to hear of John’s safe arrival home, update on life, talk about Indians

Folder 74
Map of rivers by ? - undated

Folder 75
William Bartram to John Bartram (Brothers, to John Bartram Sr), undated - update on life, list of latin names of plants on the back (not written by William)

Folder 76
Journal/Book, 1758, John Bartram - Begins “my Dear Children..” - possibly religious (memorandum)

Folder 77
William Bartram to John Bartram (Sr), June 11, 1762 - parting with William Bartram (John’s son) was difficult, he hopes the younger William will come again
Folder 78
William Bartram to John Bartram, Charlestown, March 27, 1775 - description of traveling, return to Charlestown, sending drawings to Fothergill

Folder 79
Document from Florida government permitting William Bartram to travel for botany/natural history purposes, 1775

Folder 80
From William Bartram To “Esteemed Nephew,” undated - religious advice, seems to be drawing or indentation/outline of a plant (covered up? Left over?)

Folder 81
Undated/unsigned religious notes/virtues - William Bartram’s

Folder 82
Seems to be observations/notes (includes long + lat) on 155 plants, undated, likely William Bartram’s from his travels

Folder 83
William Bartram's notes on animals (Includes sketches/doodles) - undated

Folder 84
Bradford’s printed broadcast to William Bartram, March 14, 1793 - Travels has been received and placed in the Darby Library's collection, Library Company thanks William

Folder 85
Camillus M Mann to William Bartram, Dec. 17, 1812 - announcing William Bartram’s acceptance as a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia

Folder 86
Not the original document - photocopy/unreadable

Folder 87
Joseph Clay to William Bartram, June 4, 1805 - attendance request for The Botanic Society of Pennsylvania

Folder 88
James Simons to William Bartram, Aug. 16, 1805 - Announcement of the opening of a Botanic Garden in Charleston/requesting friendship/assistance

Folder 89
Charles Bland to John Bartram, London, Jan. 10 (10 mo instead maybe), 1748 - request for plants
Folder 90
Elias Bland to John Bartram, London, Jan. 19, 1743/4 - ship was delayed/broken in a storm (with Bartram’s boxes on it?)
Elias Bland to “My Friends,” London, March 28, 1744 - other shipments lost
Will Bortnik to John Bartram, Edinburgh, April 19, 1759 - received a box of seeds, requesting more
List of plants sent to the queen of Sweden 1759-60 (John Bartram)

Folder 91
Will Bortnik to John Bartram, Edinburgh, June 8, 1763 - referral of Captain McPherson to Bartram, Copy of above

Folder 93 (no 92)
Col. Bouquet to John Bartram, Fort Pitt, Feb. 3, 1762 - Introduction of man bringing Bartram the letter, request for plants

Folder 94
Jasper/John(?) Wister to John Bartram, Virginia, Nov. 30, 1738 - glad to hear Bartram arrived home safely, surprised that Michael Smith “turns out a Knave,” expecting ship of Swiss/Germans
William Byrd to John Bartram, undated - description of good land

Folder 95
William Byrd to John Bartram, March 23, 1738/9 - description of good land, looking to sell to Bartram maybe

Folder 96
Mark Catesby to John Bartram, 1741 - information on plants and their growing conditions, information on fish and birds

Folder 97
Mark Catesby to John Bartram, April 15, 1746 - thanks for the plant, enjoyed P. Collinson reading him (Catesby) Bartram’s entertaining letters

Folder 98
Alex Catcot to John Bartram, Feb 21, 1742 - talking about plants

Folder 99
Alex Catcot to John Bartram, Sept 14, 1744 - talking about flowers/plants

Folder 100
Alex Catcot to John Bartram, March 13, 1742 - talking about mutual friends/plants

Folder 101
A. Catcot to John Bartram, undated

Folder 102
Lionel Chalmers to John Bartram, Charlestown, April 1, 1773
**Folder 103**
Lionel Chalmers to William Bartram, Charlestown, May 17, 1774 - mention of Fothergill, some talking about plants

**Folder 104**
Lionel Chalmers to John Bartram, Charlestown, July 12, 1774 - heard from William a bit ago, now not sure where he is, talking about plants
Some writing on the back, about various “Barbarous actions”

**Box 2:**

**Folder 1**
John Clayton to John Bartram, July 23, 1760 - Clayton wants to show Bartram his dried plants

**Folder 2**
John Clayton to John Bartram, Feb. 23, 1761

**Folder 3**
John Clayton to John Bartram, March 16, 1763

**Folder 4**
John Clayton to John Bartram, Feb 15, 1764 - “received your agreeable letters…” (Possibly from Alex Garden)

**Folder 5**
John Clayton to John Bartram, Apr 6, 1765

**Folder 6**
Alex Calhoun to John Bartram (to the cares of Joseph Breintnall), August 18, 1739 - Talking about NY

**Folder 7**
Alexander Calhoun to John Bartram, Nov, 5, 1739 - hoping to meet up, (seems to be letter from John Bartram written on the back from Dec. 4, 1739)

**Folder 8**
Peter Collinson to John Bartram, Jan. 20, 1734 - requesting plants and description of some plants

**Folder 9**
PC to John Bartram, Jan 24, 1735 - thanks for plants etc.

**Folder 10**
PC to John Bartram, Feb. 2, 1735 - received the box of berries, mentions of Spanish
Folder 11
PC to John Bartram, Feb, 20, 1735 - list of plants

Folder 12
PC to John Bartram, March 1, 1735 - description of collecting plants

Folder 13
PC to John Bartram, March 12, 1735/6 - list of plants

Folder 14
PC to John Bartram, March 13, 1735 - “I hope… thee hath received the Drugett coat.”

Folder 15
PC to John Bartram (In care of Joseph Breintnall), May 2, 1732 - description of plants, mention of Humming Bees?

Folder 16
PC to John Bartram, June 19, 1735 - glad to hear seeds were acceptable, talking about seeds

Folder 17
PC to John Bartram, June 28, 1735 - 2 doz. Ranunculus sent in the box

Folder 18
PC to John Bartram, Aug. 16, 1735 - talking about boxes of plants

Folder 19
PC to John Bartram, Sept. 3, 1735 - “I have little to say..”

Folder 20
PC to John Bartram, Jan 20, 1736/7 - talking about moths

Folder 21
PC to John Bartram, Feb 26, 1736/7 - talking about seeds and specimens, flowers

Folder 22
PC to John Bartram, March 14, 1736/7 - just now returned, search for firs/pines, list of shipments

Folder 23
PC to John Bartram, March 20, 1736

Folder 24
PC to John Bartram, March 22, 1736/7 - “at the receipt of this, go to Mr. Shippen..”, talking about cargo
Folder 25
PC to John Bartram, April 21, 1736 - mention of money, description of red cedar

Folder 26
PC to John Bartram, June 1, 1736 - talking about plants, requesting specimens, “Lord Petre is a great admirer of your Foreign Wild Water Fowl…”

Folder 27
PC to John Bartram, June 6, 1736 - descriptions of specimens/plants

Folder 28
PC to John Bartram, June 7, 1736 - catalogue of New England evergreens

Folder 29
PC to John Bartram, Aug. 28, 1736 - PC read Bartram’s “entertaining” letter about his expedition into the mountains

Folder 30
PC to John Bartram, Sep. 20, 1736 - description of flowering plant, requests

Folder 31
PC to John Bartram, Jan 27, 1737 - money/business, flowers

Folder 32
PC to John Bartram, Feb 2, 1737/8 - list of seeds in the box

Folder 33
PC to John Bartram, Feb 3, 1737 - talking about the box of seeds and other plants

Folder 34
PC to John Bartram, Feb 17, 1737 - “I have sent in a large.. box.. marked EW - N - 5..”

Folder 35
PC to John Bartram, Feb 3, 1737/8 - “As Capt Wright was to sail..”

Folder 36
PC to John Bartram, Apr 6, 1738 - “A very extraordinary plant... some Curious Botanists in Holland…”, received terrapins

Folder 37
PC to John Bartram, Aug 12, 1737 - requests for plants, list of seeds on back

Folder 38
PC to John Bartram, Aug 14? 1737 - list of goods + prices

Folder 39
PC to John Bartram, Sept 8, 1737 - Sent seeds to Thomas Penn (?)
Folder 40
PC to John Bartram, Dec 10, 1737 - mention of account of locusts, tree dies, mention of account of flock of pigeons

Folder 41
PC to John Bartram, Dec 14, 1737 - lots of observations/descriptions (hornets, roots of vegetables etc)

Folder 42
PC to John Bartram, Dec 20, 1737 - talking about what is currently growing/what successfully grew

Folder 43
PC to John Bartram, Jan 26, 1738/9 - “I am much obliged to thy good Wife for her kind letter.”, business talk

Folder 44
PC to John Bartram, Feb 1738/9 - had asked for an account on turtle eggs, talking about turtle eggs, plants, moths

Folder 45
PC to John Bartram, Feb 24, 1738-9 - “Tomorrow Capt Wright sails..”

Folder 46
PC to John Bartram, Feb 1, 1737 - talking about pretty plants, a thrush that’s fond of berries

Folder 47
PC to John Bartram, April 12, 1739 - talking about various plants, list of trees

Folder 48
PC to John Bartram, May 20, 1737 - names of plants/specimens from Dr. Delennius

Folder 49
PC to John Bartram, May 29, 1739 - both cargos arrived safely

Folder 50
PC to John Bartram, June 6, 1739 - glad to receive Bartram’s letter, travelling to Hudson River (Bartram is?), description of porcupine

Folder 51
PC to John Bartram, Sept 2, 1739 - talks about persimmons, mention of Catesby

Folder 52
PC to John Bartram, June 10, 1740 - description of “fiery lillie”

Folder 53
PC to John Bartram, July 22, 1740 - Bartram’s journey to the mountains, plants
Folder 54
PC to John Bartram, Oct 20, 1740 - seeds/plants/flowers, cargo/shipments, dated list of boxes/contents

Folder 55
PC to John Bartram, Dec 20, 1740 - hopes that Bartram’s patience will be rewarded, list of plants named by Gronovius

Folder 56
PC to John Bartram, Feb 3, 1741/2 - all cargos arrived safe, delighted with account and specimen of masela (?)

Folder 57
PC to John Bartram, Feb 25, 1740 - all shipments arrived safe and fresh, mentions of caverns, weather, creatures

Folder 58
PC to John Bartram, March 3, 1741/2 - talking about plants + descriptions of plants

Folder 59
PC to John Bartram, July 21, 1741 - talking about boxes and their recipients and contents

Folder 60
PC to John Bartram, Sept 1, 1741 - trees/shrubs, details on them, fruit

Folder 61
PC to John Bartram, Feb 22, 1750 - account of the butcher bird, sketch on the bottom

Folder 62
PC to John Bartram, ? 10, 1741 - “Going along the Borough Marshes...”, drawing of animal in a shell

Folder 63
PC to John Bartram, 1741 - observations on specimens

Folder 65 (No Folder 64)
PC to John Bartram, March 20, 1741/2 - a catalogue of seeds 1742 (includes names of patrons)

Folder 66
PC to John Bartram, April 25, 1742 - trees/insects, contents of box, mention of Mr. Catesby

Folder 67
PC to John Bartram, May 16, 1742 - descriptions of pines/cones
PC to John Bartram, June 16, 1742 - wasps nests, mentions of several people
Folder 68
PC to John Bartram, July 7, 1742 - mention of Collinson’s brother (?)

Folder 69
PC to John Bartram, Feb 3, 1743 - contents of box and description of plants

Folder 70
PC to John Bartram, March 10, 1743 - mention of microscopes

Folder 71
PC to John Bartram, Jan 16, 1744 - pleased with specimens, descriptions of various specimens, mention of Catesby

Folder 72
PC to John Bartram, Aug 5, 1744 - “The supposed martagon is full of flower…”
Four pages of observations (April 26, 1746) “Now John I come to consider further of some of thy observations…”

Folder 73
PC to John Bartram, March 3, 1757 - List of 10 men who want plants + seeds

Folder 75 (No folder 74)
PC to John Bartram, undated, List of plants that Collinson referred to Dr. Dillenius

Folder 76
Continued from above

Folder 77
Continued from above

Folder 78
Peter Collinson, undated, notes on some of John Bartram’s observations

Folder 79
PC to John Bartram, undated (1751?) - “I was delighted to see the son of my old friend John…”

Folder 80
PC to John Bartram, undated, descriptions and observations about butterflies, moths, beetles etc

Folder 81
PC to John Bartram, undated - talking about boxes, asks for a terrapin or two
Folder 82
PC to John Bartram, Jan 20/25 (?), 1755 - advises Bartram to make Billy a printer, talk about different turtles

Folder 83
PC to John Bartram, March 5, 1750 - species of plants, list on back

Folder 84
PC to John Bartram, Jan 20, 1751 - “I am very much obliged to my good friend J. Bartram”, “A collector of growing plants” (Collinson describing himself here maybe)
PC to John Bartram, 1752 - Mention of Moses

Folder 85
PC to John Bartram, March 22, 1751 - mentions orders for boxes, “pray remember the terrapins”

Folder 86
PC to John Bartram, Apr 24, 1751 - talking about catalogues and plants

Folder 87
PC to John Bartram, Jan 11, 1753 - mentions the terrapins again

Folder 88
PC to John Bartram, Feb 13, 1753 - Collinson at his country cottage (“Ridge Way”), references Bartram’s account on forest trees

Folder 89
PC to John Bartram, Feb 13, 1754 - talks about his expedition into mountains, observations

Folder 90
PC to John Bartram, July 19, 1753 - observations on plants, frogs

Folder 91
PC to John Bartram, Aug 16 and 20, 1753 - invented for Bartram, but sent to Franklin (addressed to Captain Peter Reeve); list with a letter from Christopher Gray (Aug 16, 1753)

Folder 92
PC to John Bartram, Feb 10, 1756 - talking about plants, specific mention of a female palm date tree

Folder 93
PC to John Bartram, Feb 18, 1756 - “I thank Billey for his letter..”, sent paper to Billy for drawing, description of pond turtle

Folder 94
PC to John Bartram, June 8, 1756 - mention of Colden, talking about plants
Folder 95
PC to John Bartram, July 20, 1756 - glad that the turtles arrived safely, “I have a great opinion of the new governor”

Folder 96
PC to John Bartram, Mar 18, 1757 - talking about cargo/seeds, description of the skunk weed and other plants

Folder 97
PC to John Bartram, Mar 10, 1759 - more talk about cargo and seeds, Collinson received a letter from Billy

Folder 98
PC to John Bartram, Apr 6, 1759 - much obliged for the box of plants/seeds, received Billy’s drawing

Folder 99
PC to John Bartram, July 20, 1759 - description of plants and roots, talking about his garden, list of boxes sent and recipients with dates and prices

Folder 100
PC to John Bartram, Oct. 10, 1759 - boxes of seeds, campanella, irises, glad to hear ? are prosperous

Folder 101
PC to John Bartram, Nov 3, 1759 - plants and seeds, general info

Folder 102
PC to John Bartram, July 14, 1759 - “thou art a lucky man.”, list of plants + observations

Folder 103
PC to John Bartram, July 1, 1760 - list of plants, mentions 20 boxes, also a note from Cross

Box 3:

Folder 1
John Bartram for B.L. Morbois (France), undated - List of plants

Folder 2
John Bartram, undated - List of plants

Folder 3
John Bartram, undated - List of plants

Folder 4
John Bartram, undated - List of seeds/boxes (orders)
Folder 5
For John Bartram, undated - List of plants

Folder 6
John Bartram, undated - “Your proprietor’s gardener has collected..”, list of plants/boxes

Folder 7
PC to John Bartram, Sept 20, 1751 - some mention of his garden, plants, turtles/terrapins

Folder 8
PC to John Bartram, undated - refers to tipittywitchet plant

Folder 9
PC to John Bartram, July 10, 1739 - plants in lost cargo, mention of a society

Folder 10
PC to John Bartram, undated - talking about plants, wasps, shells, and a voyage

Folder 11
PC to John Bartram, Feb (10), 1757 - musk deer, fish, observations on plants/flowers

Folder 13 (No folder 12)
PC to John Bartram, Feb 2, 1760 - water lilies, asks Billy to send drawings of turtles (Pond Turtle and red bellied turtle)

Folder 14
PC to John Bartram, Feb 20, 1760 - cargo/shipments, list of carolina plants, “make up a box for the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Sudley”

Folder 15
PC to John Bartram, Feb 25, 1760 - “My good friend John desired to know the success of this Cargo..”, experiments on transplanting trees, list of boxes

Folder 16
PC to John Bartram, June 6, 1760 - List of boxes, list of plants

Folder 17
PC to John Bartram, Sept 15, 1760 - highly pleased with John’s trip to Carolinas

Folder 19 (No folder 18)
PC to John Bartram, Oct 2, 1760 - contains a list of plants

Folder 20
PC to John Bartram, June 12, 1761 - seeds, honeysuckle, some latin names of plants on back
Folder 21
PC to John Bartram, Aug 1, 1761 - received tortoise shells, mentions plants, talks about catching a perch, mention of son in law

Folder 22
PC to John Bartram, April 1, 1762 - wants to see John’s diary

Folder 23
PC to John Bartram, May 22, 1762 - “From one melancholy story we come to another.,” mentions boxes and bulbs

Folder 24
PC to John Bartram, June 11, 1762 - descriptions of plants and various animals/bones

Folder 25
PC to John Bartram, undated - “I have answered very largely my good friends observations…”

Folder 26
PC to John Bartram, May (?) - list of plants and roots

Folder 27
PC to John Bartram, undated - lists of plants and roots

Folder 28
PC to John Bartram, undated - list of plants/roots

Folder 29
PC to P. Miller, undated - “Some notes on specimens”

Folder 30
PC to John Bartram, undated - notes and observations on insects

Folder 31
PC to John Bartram, undated - general notes and observations

Folder 32
PC to John Bartram, undated - mentions John Bartram being given books by James Logan

Folder 33
PC to John Bartram, June 15, 1763 - gives thanks to John, general updates, asks for account of flowering tree

Folder 35 (No folder 34)
PC to John Bartram, July 25, 1762 - mentions of some other people and plants
Folder 36
PC to John Bartram, Oct 5, 1762 - talks about Bartram’s garden, specimens and flowers

Folder 37
PC to John Bartram, Aug 19, 1762 - An accounting page

Folder 38
PC to John Bartram, Dec 19, 1762 - Mention of Billy, plants, British Museum

Folder 39
PC to John Bartram, Jan 5, 1763 - “I am very thankful to the Great Authority…”, garden, cargos

Folder 40
PC to John Bartram, Feb 23, 1763 - “The pyramid of eden..” (?), alligator

Folder 41
PC to John Bartram, May 10, 1763 - mentions of magnolia and its growth

Folder 42
PC to John Bartram, Mar 11, 1763 - boxes/status of shipments

Folder 43
PC to John Bartram, June 8, 1763 - mountain magnolia, plant boxes + who to send them too

Folder 44
PC to John Bartram, June 15, 1763 - “Pray tell me what I should do about the plundered box?”, more plant and box mentions

Folder 45
PC to John Bartram, June 28, 1763 - “Pray remember a box..”, list of people, list of plants

Folder 46
PC to John Bartram, June 30, 1763 - talking about Botany, mentions Prague and Germany

Folder 47
PC to John Bartram, Aug 4, 1763 - mountain magnolia, Lord Petre mentioned

Folder 48
PC to John Bartram, Aug 23, 1763

Folder 49
PC to John Bartram, Dec 6, 1763 - mentions of Indians, crops of wheat, German people
Folder 50
PC to John Bartram, Mar 7, 1764 - “I congratulate thee…”, flowers and seeds

Folder 51
PC to John Bartram, June 1, 1764 - weather, update on mountain magnolia, plant from China

Folder 52
To John Bartram, June 8, 1764 - Letter forwarded from John Bush, list attached

Folder 53
PC to John Bartram, June 30, 1764 - “I was agreably entertained with my dear John's letters…”, flowers/trees/animals, monstrous tooth

Folder 54
PC to John Bartram, April 9, 1765 - John appointed King's Botanist with a salary of 50 pounds a year

Folder 55
PC to John Bartram, May 1765 - Preparing John for position of King's botanist, list

Folder 56
PC to John Bartram (Jr), Sept 19, 1765 - Seed list + greetings

Folder 57
PC to John Bartram, Sept 19, 1765 - instructing Bartram to keep an account of observations, refers to the hot dry summer

Folder 58
PC to John Bartram, Nov 13, 1765 - “Change of Ministry…”, tells Bartram to take care of his health

Folder 59
PC to John Bartram, Dec 28, 1765 - Talking about John’s health

Folder 60
PC to John Bartram, Mar 20, 1766 - received all boxes, short list of plants

Folder 61
Duplicate of the above letter

Folder 62
PC to John Bartram, March 26, 1766 - thanking Bartram for boxes

Folder 63
PC to John Bartram (Jr), May 5, 1766 - received specimens, got box from Georgia, mentions of shells

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Folder 64
PC to John Bartram, May 28, 1766 - refers to journal, William is “an ingenious young man,” praises William’s drawings

Folder 65
PC to John Bartram, Aug 21, 1766 - observations on climate, temperature, several tree species

Folder 66
PC to John Bartram, Feb 10, 1767 - glad to receive John’s letter, some very short lists

Folder 67
PC to John Bartram, April 10, 1767 - plants and seeds to the king carefully delivered, remarks on Billy’s drawings

Folder 68
PC to William Bartram, July 28, 1767 - “Extremely obliged to my very ingenious friend William Bartram…”, discusses William’s drawings

Folder 69
PC to John Bartram, July 31, 1767 - observations on plants (especially trees), list of specimens sent to the king in 1767 on the back

Folder 70
PC to John Bartram, Sept 19, 1767 - discusses journal, talks about “elephants teeth”

Folder 71
PC to John Bartram, Dec 25, 1767 - remarks on various flowers, mentions artists, talks about Billy

Folder 72
PC to John Bartram, Feb 12, 1768 - short letter, receipt from Benjamin Cheeseman

Folder 73
PC to William Bartram, Feb 16, 1768 - opened Billy’s drawing with his son, couldn’t tell if it was an engraving or a drawing

Folder 74
PC to James Gordon (for) John Bartram, Feb 17, 1768 - talking about plants

Folder 75
PC to John Bartram, Feb 29, 1768 - “On the Kings Specimens,” short letter afterwards where PC requests butterflies (but no moths)
Folder 76
PC to John Bartram, May 17, 1768 - mention of “The Ohio elephant’s long teeth…”, general talk about plants

Folder 77
PC to John Bartram, July 6, 1768 - happy to receive John’s letter, mockingbird, observations on Collinson’s pond turtle

Folder 78
PC to William Bartram, July 18, 1768 (Collinson died in August 1768) - Fothergill visited, wondered if Billy would spend time making some drawings for him

Folder 79
PC to John Bartram, Feb 17, 1768 - “I have received thy ingenious son Billy’s wonderful performance…”, mentions the box of plants for the king
PC to John Bartram, May 7, 1761 - received letters + seeds

Folder 80
PC to John Bartram, undated - general comments about the King’s Botanist

Folder 81
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, March 1, 1770 - talking about boxes, says that he did not know much about his father’s money affairs

Folder 82
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Jan 8, 1773 - complimenting Bartram + Bartram’s ideas

Folder 83
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Jan 9, 1771 - mentions of plants and various locations

Folder 84
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, June 20, 1771 - compliments Bartram, general talking, account of money attached

Folder 85
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Aug 16, 1771 - payment for a box of seeds, list of places

Folder 86
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Mar 6, 1772 - thanks Bartram for the pleasing drawing, mentions of animals and animal migration

Folder 87
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Feb 25, 1773 - mentions mild winter, merchants, tree frogs, Dr. Fothergill
Folder 88
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, July 21, 1773 - mentions correspondence between his father and Bartram, talks about beavers

Folder 89
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Sept 22, 1774 - mention of “plundered and robbed goods”, mention of Bostonians

Folder 90
Michael Collinson to John Bartram, Mar 5, 1774 - thanks Bartram for letters, talks about seasons etc.

Folder 91
Dr. Cressy to John Bartram, 5mo 20, 1740 - talks about some specimens and growing habits of plants

Folder 92
Dr. Cressy to John Bartram, Aug 20, 1741 - requests seeds, flowers, freshly gathered Buckthorn

Folder 93
William Cullen to John Bartram, Sept 16, 1769 - very bottom part of a letter, sent from Edinburgh

Folder 94
John Cummings to John Bartram (Jr), Aug 25, 1795 - sending a plant, list of plants to be sent to Ireland in Autumn

Folder 95
Henry de Ponthieu(r?) to John Bartram, April 12, 1759 - request for plants the following autumn (list of plants on back by John Bartram)

Folder 96
John de Ponthieu(r?) to John Bartram, July 16, 1761 - inquiring about plants, requests for plants (list of plants on back by John Bartram)

Folder 97
Henry de Ponthieu(r?) to John Bartram, June 21, 1763 - sorry about a shipment of plants that didn’t do well, requests for plants

Folder 98
Dillenius to John Bartram, Sept 11, 1738 - part of the letter, talks about seeds + plants

Folder 99
Dillenius to John Bartram, Pct 15, 1740 - sent seeds, description of them
**Folder 100**  
Arthur Dobbs to John Bartram, June 27, 1749 - some requests for plants, mention of P. Collinson

**Folder 101**  
Arthur Dobbs to John Bartram, June 29, 1751 - received letter and catalogue, requests for plants

**Folder 102**  
Arthur Dobbs to John Bartram, Dec 13, 1760 - received roots and seeds, more mentions of plants (Dobbs now governor of NC)

**Folder 103**  
Arthur Dobbs to John Bartram, Nov. 9, 1761 - received letter and seeds, mention of a “Great hurricane” (?)

**Folder 104**  
Samuel Eldridge to William Bartram (cousins), 1761 - heard of William’s arrival in Cape Fear, sorry to hear of sea sickness, general catching up

**Box 4:**

**Folder 1**  
Captain Fraser to John Bartram (Jr), Dec 15, 1777 - collecting seeds, list of seeds/plants

**Folder 3 (No folder 2)**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, July 13, 1771 - List of boxes of seeds + balances/costs

**Folder 5 (No folder 4)**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, Feb 16, 1773 - also includes letter from J.H. Motley, copied and forwarded by Savalre Doermere Co.

**Folder 6**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, Dec 20, 1773 - talking about shipments and general life

**Folder 7**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, Feb 19, 1774 - mention of Dr. Fothergill, includes account

**Folder 8**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, July 16, 1774 - talking about plants, Bartram’s age, includes account

**Folder 8.5**  
James Freeman to John Bartram, Dec 18, 1774 - general conversation, includes account
Folder 9
James Freeman to John Bartram, July 15, 1775 - some political conversation, mentions of the king and taxes

Folder 10
Alex Garden to John Bartram, Oct 25, 1760 - mention of evergreen, list of roots and cuttings
Alex Garden to John Bartram, Feb 15, 1762 - mentions of botany and Bartram’s useful observations

Folder 11
Alex Garden to John Bartram, Feb 23, 1761 - received apples and plants, talking about a box

Folder 12
Alex Garden to John Bartram, June 17, 1761 - received letter about arrival of plants, mention of various plants

Folder 13
Benjamin Gale to John Bartram, Jan 1768 - plans for spending an evening together, mentions of seeds and discoveries

Folder 14
J.L.Flint to John Bartram, Jan 3, 1776 - possibly actually written to Franklin, mentions of flower and boiling water

Folder 15
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, Dec (12mo) 22, 1743/4 - some questions, talking about plants

Folder 16
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, undated - describes the testing of mineral waters

Folder 17
Peter Collinson to John Bartram, 1741 - re. Meeting of Dr. Colden, mention of Mr. Catesby

Folder 18
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, 1772 - mention of trees and roots, talking about Fothergill’s garden

Folder 19
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, Jan 13, 1770 - “the plants arrived in good condition,” etc.

Folder 20
Dr. Fothergill to Collinson (?), Sept 10, 1766 - re Bee Man, mentions of Bartram

Folder 21
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, May 1, 1769 - regarding Purver Bible, talking about leaves
Folder 22
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, March 19, 1770 - frogs arrived and are alive, mention of apothecary

Folder 23
Dr. Fothergill to William Bartram, Oct 22, 1772 - received letter and drawings, talking about the drawings

Folder 24
William Bartram, 1772 - notes on book (Travels), small piece of paper

Folder 25
Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, 1772 - mention of James Freeman, plants and seeds

Folder 26
Dr. Fothergill to Dr. Chalmers, Oct 23, 1772 - about William Bartram and his travels/journey

Folder 27
Dr. Fothergill to William Bartram, Sept 4, 1773 - received letters and drawings, general talking about William’s travels etc

Folder 29 (No folder 28)
J. L. Gervis to Major Andrew Williamson, April 18, 1775 - introducing William Bartram, talking about Bartram

Folder 30
Samuel Green to John Bartram, May 18, 1761 (Wilmington NC) - questions about plants/plant care

Folder 31
Samuel Green to John Bartram, Aug 7, 1761 - mention of rhubarb seed, talking about other plants/flowers

Folder 32
Samuel Green to John Bartram, Nov 3, 1761 - mention of Bartram’s garden
James Gordon to John Bartram, Aug 23, 1763 - List of plants (in a box), short note at bottom

Folder 33
Samuel Green to John Bartram, Feb 2, 1762 - mentions the Indians returning

Folder 34
Samuel Green to William Bartram, July 11, 1765
Folder 35
Theodore Greer to John Bartram, Feb 2, 1762 - Greer says that he returned home safely after a long absence, he also visited Bartram's brother and son (William)

Folder 37 (No folder 36)
Specimens collected and named by Dr. Gronovius, 1740, several hundred specimens listed

Folder 38
Dr. Gronovius to John Bartram, July 25, 1744 - seems to contain observations etc.

Folder 39
Dr. Gronovius to John Bartram, June 2, 1746 - “Bartonia,” many observations on crabs, observations of plants, short letter

Folder 40
Dr. Gronovius to John Bartram, Sept 9, 1746 - description of plants and short letter

Folder 41
P. Collinson to John Bartram, undated - list of plants named by Dr. Gronovius, sending a book for Bartram (HSP owns the book)

Folder 42
Dr. Gronovius to John Bartram, July 20, 1754 - some mentions of shells, plants, and various people

Folder 43
P. Collinson to John Bartram (enclosing a letter from Gronovius to Collinson for Bartram), undated - mention of meeting surgeon to the prince of Wales

Folder 44
William Hamilton to William Bartram, May 1799 - talking about plants
William Hamilton to William Bartram, undated - account of conversation with a stranger, thanks Bartram for specimens

Folder 45
William Hamilton to William Bartram, undated - “I was apprehensive of a disappointment…”

Folder 46
William Hamilton to William Bartram, Nov 19, 1794 - talking about a plant in bloom, list of plants on back (from Dec 15, 1794)

Folder 47
William Hamilton to William Bartram, “tuesday morning,” - mention of plant Bartram has “not been yet here to see…”
William Bartram to President Thomas Jefferson, undated - two drafts of letter introducing Benjamin Say
Folder 48
William Hamilton to William Bartram, Feb 6, 1805 - mentions of plants/dried specimens

Folder 49
William Hamilton to William Bartram, undated - mention of Bartram’s nephew James
William Hamilton to William Bartram, undated - talking about a grape Bartram called a bland grape

Folder 50
William Hamilton to William Bartram, April 4, 1804 - talking about weather and various plants
William Hamilton to William Bartram, undated - short note

Folder 51
To William Bartram, undated - Invitation to William Hamilton’s funeral on June 15, 1813 (funeral date or invitation date)

Folder 52
Sarah Hopton to John Bartram, Feb 18, 1762 - sending plants to Mr. Bartram by favor of Mr. Logan

Folder 53
John Hope to John Bartram, March 1765 - lots of talking about plants (Inside this letter is an article about living within one's means and station, unknown writer)

Folder 54
Dr. John Hope to John Bartram (“Collector of Seeds”), March 23, 1771 - “You will recollect that some years ago you sent to a Society of Edinburgh…”, elaborates on this throughout the whole letter

Folder 55
Thomas Jones to John Bartram, July 27, 1769 - asking Bartram to collect a box of seeds

Folder 56
Henry Kelley to John Bartram, April 14, 1775 - list of plants on the back written by John Bartram (?)

Folder 57
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, Feb 7, 17-- (cut off) - acknowledgement of receiving letters and box of plants/roots

Folder 58
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, June 1765 - talking about a ship and some various general things, mention of Collinson
Folder 59
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, after Nov 1763 - mentions Dr. Garden’s recovery, mention of voyage and Indians

Folder 60
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, Feb 16, 1761 - talks about flowers, roots, weather, etc.

Folder 61
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, Nov 11, 1763 - talking about sailing and Dr. Garden being in a dangerous health state
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, April 30, 1763 - Lamboll’s wife requests some flowers and herbs, lists them

Folder 62
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, Feb 20, 1764 - acknowledging receival of letter, box of plants and roots, talking about the box

Folder 63
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, July 25, 1764 - talking about plant box

Folder 64
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, Sept 15, 1764 (2 letts w/ same date) - talking about receiving box, Mrs. Lamboll sending some things
Plants on board Capt. Mason’s vessel

Folder 65
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram (Jr), Aug 31, 1765 - received seeds and box of lilies, Dr. Garden is doing better

Folder 66
Thomas Lamboll to William Bartram, Feb 12, 1766 - talking about plants and shipments, mentions of John and Isaac Bartram
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, April 28, 1767 - mention of John Bartram and his vertigo spells, mentions of Mr. William Wilson

Folder 67
Thomas Lamboll to John Bartram, date looks cut off; late 1765 ? - roots, seeds, curiosities, snakes

Folder 68
Thomas Lamboll to William Bartram, Nov 9, 1773 - inquiring about William, no one had heard from William recently

Folder 69
John Lane to John Bartram, April 7, 1766 - acknowledges the receipt of seeds, John Bartram’s list of plants send to the king (1766) inside letter
Folder 70
John Lewin, forwarded by Dr. Fothergill to John Bartram, Oct. 23, 1769 - received box of insects, talking about plants

Folder 71
Martha Logan to John Bartram, Dec 20, 1760 - mention of seeds she sent and her garden

Folder 72
Martha Logan to John Bartram, undated - “Received thine with seeds.” “A list of things which may be sent..” (list of plants etc)

Folder 73
Martha Logan to John Bartram, Feb 20, 1761 - mentions of flowers

Folder 74
Martha Logan to John Bartram, June 6, 1761 - very much obliged for the roots, sorry that the holly did not “prove what you wanted,” more talking about plants

Folder 75
Martha Logan to Ann Bartram, Oct 18, 1761 - talking about seeds
Catalogue of plants for Sieur Girard, Minister of France, Oct 16, 1779

Folder 76
Martha Logan to John Bartram, Feb 13, 1762 - talking about shrubs and sending a box of seeds, “Memorand on plants in the box”

Folder 77
Martha Logan to John Bartram, ? 25, 1763 - enclosed seeds and plants, 4 young evergreens

Folder 78
James Mease to William Bartram, Dec 10, 1807 - includes William’s reply on back

Folder 79
Philip Miller to John Bartram, Feb 2, 1756 - received three letters and two boxes of plants, mention of Linnaeus and Kalm

Folder 80
Philip Miller to John Bartram, Feb 15, 1757 - mentions Bartram’s observations on the male and female flowers

Folder 81
Philip Miller to John Bartram, Jan 12, 1758 - observations on plants, specifically toxicodendron, mention of Linnaeus
Folder 82
Philip Miller to John Bartram, Aug 28, 1758 - asks for roots, glad to receive plants/seeds, list of plants for the Minister of France on back (Aug 20 1779?), more observations on toxicodendron (male and female)

Folder 83
Philip Miller to John Bartram, May 30, 1759 - notes what John Bartram had said, list of roots sent on back

Folder 84
Philip Miller to John Bartram, Nov 10, 1759 - talking about Bartram’s garden, box of seeds previously received, observations on plants

Folder 85
John Mitchell to John Bartram, June (Jan?) 2, 1747 - very faded

Folder 86
John Mitchell to John Bartram, June 1747 - Duke of Argyle desires some American seeds
Also seems to be an undated 2nd note from John Mitchell - hard to read

Folder 87
John Mitchell to John Bartram, March 30, 1751 - received letter, death of Duke of Richmond and prince of wales

Folder 88
Major Moneypenny to John Bartram, Dec 1760 - asking for plants, list of plants on back by John Bartram

Folder 89
H. Muhlenberg to William Bartram, Sept 13, 1792 - received dried plant specimen, observations on plants

Folder 90
H. Muhlenberg to William Bartram, Oct 15, 1792 - includes list of plants, mention of turtles and John Bartram

Folder 91
H. Muhlenberg to William Bartram, Jan 29, 1810 - questions for William, list of plants

Folder 92
F. Nichols to William Bartram, March 18 - list of plants, also contains William’s memorandum re poor and liquor, also two sketches of parts of plants (artist unclear)

Folder 93
Thomas Ord to John Bartram, Oct 10, 1762 - contains list of things sent to B. Hammet, talking about plants, list of plants/boxes on back (Bartram’s writing?)
Folder 94
F. Parke to William Bartram, Nov 15, 1788 - “I am very much obliged by having the Book of dry'd specimens…”

Folder 95
F. Parsons to John Bartram, Jan 17, 1764 - refers to Bartram’s letter, talking about native plants

Folder 96
R. Poole to John Bartram, July 3, 1750 - Poole’s safe arrival the evening of writing (in New Jersey), wishes Bartram health and happiness

Folder 97
Nathan Powell to John Bartram, Aug 14, 1753 (London) - requesting a box of plants with “as great a variety of new sorts as possible.”

Folder 98
Nathan Powell to John Bartram, April 21, 1760 - catalogue of plants Powell wants, also a memo of things sent to brother William

Folder 99
William Powell to John Bartram, March 1, 1761 - mentions of some plants (trees)

Folder 100
? Randolph to John Bartram (also address of Alex Calhoun/Colhoun, surgeon), May 24, 1739 - seems to be first letter from Randolph to Bartram

Folder 102 (No folder 101)
W. ? to John Bartram, May 5, 175? (Cut off) - Has heard about Bartram from the secretary of the Royal Society, request for seeds

Folder 103
Daniel C. Solander to John Bartram, April 17, 1764 - talking about plants, lists Latin names of plants, received seeds
James Spalding to Charles Mc?, Aug 15, 1773 - you will receive the box of Mr. William Bartram

Folder 104
John StClair to John Bartram, Feb 11, 1761 - refers to his gardens as “the best garden in America,” wishes Bartram would visit, talks about plants/places, list of plants on back (Bartram’s writing?)

Folder 105
John StClair to John Bartram, Feb 27 - sent his gardener to get trees, talking about plans to get plants from different places, asking questions to Bartram about plants
Folder 106
John StClair to John Bartram, April 13, 1761 - asks Bartram to visit and bring a plant, catalogues of roots and seeds for the French Minister (March 3 1779) (Bartram’s writing?)

Folder 107
John StClair to John Bartram, Nov 4, 1761 - congratulates Bartram on his safe arrival from Pittsburgh, StClair’s greenhouse and stove are being finished, references plants and seeds Also list of specimens, 1761 (Bartram)

Folder 108
John Swinhoe to John Bartram, March 7, 1753 (Brompton Park near London) - disappointed in previous seeds (Bartram didn’t send them?), inclosed a list a seeds to be sent (no longer attached)

Folder 109
Duplicate Letter to the above

Folder 110
Peter Templeman, secretary (?) to John Bartram, Sept 16, 1760 - talking about the society, requests for Bartram

Folder 111
Mary Lambole Thomas to William Bartram, May 11, 1785 - sending a box of plants to William

Folder 112
John Wiegesell (?) To John Bartram, Aug 31, 1773 - “I rejoice of hearing you nominated a member of the illustrious Philosophical Society at Stockholm…”

Folder 113
James Woodhouse to William Bartram, May 7, 1808 - inclosing some of the seeds of the ice plant

Folder 114
C.M. Wrangel (?) to John Bartram, July 20, 1769 (Stockholm, Sweden) - mention of the King, mention of John Bartram Jr, Wrangel thinks of Bartram + family every day

Folder 115
Eli Wright (?) to William Bartram, April (?) 22, 1773 (Savannah GA) - talking about travelling

Box 5:

Folder 1
Deed, Nathan Jones, administrator to Robert Carr. Estate of James H. Bartram, Land in Kingsessing - Sept 27, 1819
Folder 2
Deed of gift, Neels Jonason to Andrew Jonason, land in Kingsessing, Oct 26, 1722

Folder 3
Deed, Andrew Jonason to John Bartram, land in Kingsessing, April 8, 1738

Folder 4
Survey and description of land in Kingsessing sold to John Bartram by Andrew Jonason, March 25, 1738 (Copy made April 22, 1786)

Folder 5
Patent to Peter Peterson Yocumbe by Commissioners of William Penn, January 22, 1684 - Signed Thomas Lloyd, James Claypoole, and Robert Turner

Folder 6
Map of John Bartram Jr’s land, survey by John Gibson, June 16, 1819

Folder 7
Neels Jonason’s will, October 28, 1721 (Copy)

Folder 8
James Bartram’s will, Jan 19, 1797 (Copy)

Folder 9
Andrew Jonason’s mortgage and bond, Sept 4, 1735 - to Trustees Loan Office

Folder 10
Andrew Jonason’s lease to Humphrey Jones for 999 years, May 17, 1734

Box 6:

Folder 1
William Bartram’s journal in Georgia and Florida - Photostat from original (British Museum) (Vol. 1)

Folder 2
William Bartram’s journal in Georgia and Florida - Photostat from original (British Museum) (Vol. 2)

Folder 3
Original will of John Bartram, Jan 17, 1772; letters issued, Aug 11, 1780, photostats of will and of inventory

Folder 4
Survey of John Bartram’s land, surveyed Feb, 1796 by John (?) Lloyd
Isaac Bartram to “My ever dear Sally,” July 23, 1805 - general conversation
William Shipley Bartram to his father, undated (Weston Boarding School) - requesting a pair of mittens and some marbles
Isaac Bartram to “My dear Sally,” (Back addressed to Sarah Bartram), Aug 14, 1805 - update on family, general conversation
? to “Dear Madam,” Dec 24, 1841 (63 New Street) - “You have been kind to Mary…”
“I remain, Dear Madam, your Humble serv.” to Mrs. (?) Bartram, undated

Folder 6
Photostats of John Bartram’s letters between 1769 and 1771 - originals in British Museum

Folder 7
Letter and Document, 1805 and 1811, letter from A. Contin (?)

Folder 8
Bartram reunion, Address by Caroline Bartram Kelley, June 8, 1893 (Kelley “of the sixth generation of the descendents of the Botanist”) - Address read by her son Albert Bartram

Folder 9
Frank E. Marshall to Mr. Houe (?), June 19, 1894 - accepting documents of the Bartrams to the Pennsylvania Historical Society

Folder 10
Various checks from 1840, Isaac Bartram Jr

Folder 11
Miscellaneous receipts, parts of letters, etc

Folder 12
Francis D. West calendar of Bartram Letters/Papers (Boxes I-IV) - 1952

Box 7:

Folder 1
William Bartram “Specimens Plant Book A. Georgia - Photostat

Folder 2
Biography of John Bartram, Chapter 1 - seems to be unsigned and undated (Copy)

Folder 3
Photostat of drawings from William Bartram’s travels - View of Alatchua Savannah and flower
Box 8:

Folder 1
Photostats of Bartram’s drawings (Originals in British Museum):
- Yellow Flycatcher + plants
- Water tortoise + wampum snake
- Great Savannah Crane
- Bird + plant
- Plant, bird, and fish
- Georgia plants
- Flower
- Golden canna, cow-killer ant, mollusk shell, part of pipe
- Bream/white perch
- Soft shelled tortoise
- Crested red bird of Florida
- Great golden speckled Bream
- Soft shelled tortoise
- Flowering plant
- Flowering plant
- Morning glory + fruit
- Flower
- Crane catching fish with tall plants and flytrap
- Birds and flower
- “View of the Alligator hole”
- “The alligator of St. Johns”
- Birds and clam
- Bird, snake, frog, and rice plant
- Carrion crow
- Early flowering shrub
- Root + plant (Fly-poison written at bottom?)
- Plant
- Plants and shells (includes Franklinia)
- Flower
- Franklinia
- Great black bream
- Red bellied bream
- Great yellow bream
- 3 copies of bird + shells/starfish (By John Bartram)
- Snake eating frog, seed pod, etc
- Lizard eating frog, seed pod, etc
- Moth + plant
- Papaw apple flowers (3 copies)
- Flowering shrub
- The great mallard of Florida
- Green winged teal
- Little green bittern
- Scarlet crowned finch on branch
- Coach whip snake
- Different views of flowering plant
- Bird on plant
- Bird on plant and shells
- Views of plant on vine
- Rattlesnake head and moccasin snake head
- Plant and little brown hedge sparrow
- Hummingbird, seashell, crab, plants
- The little green marsh sparrow and plants
- The little brown sparrow of Florida and a wren

Folder 2
Various diplomas of Moses Bartram

Box 9:

Engravings mostly of plants, some insects and animals, from different volumes (21 sheets, 23 engravings) - undated/signed (Not done by the Bartrams)
17 in large format
6 in small format

Volume 1
Journal of John Bartram, first page dated July 1, 1765 (22 double sided pages in box)

Volume 2
Travels, manuscript draft Part 1 - William Bartram

Volume 3
Travels, manuscript draft Part 2 - William Bartram

Volume 4
Travels, manuscript draft Part 3 - William Bartram
Volume 5
William Bartram’s commonplace book, 1797-1802/3

Volume 6
William Bartram’s pharmacopoeia, undated

Volume 7
Isaac Bartram’s Letterbook, 1790-1814

Volume 8
Index of John Bartram, 1791 (John Bartram Jr? Outside of volume suggests Moses Bartram)

Volume 9
Copy of John Bartram’s Diary, 1765-6 - Kept during travels in Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida

Volume 10
Copy of William Bartram’s “Answers to Benjamin Smith Barton’s queries about Indians”

Volume 11
John Bartram’s family bible, Gift of John Fothergill, 1769 - published in London, 1764, printed by W. Richardson and S. Clark and sold by William Johnston in Ludgate-Street (Volume I)

Volume 12
Bartram family bible - contains genealogical information written on inside cover (birth/death of several Bartrams), published in London, 1764, printed by W. Richardson and S. Clark and sold by William Johnston in Ludgate-Street (Volume II)

Volume 13
Transcription of John Bartram’s Journal by Carlotta Herring-Browne (London 1915) - typed (typewriter) information on Bartram near back and clipping of newspaper “Miss Carlotta H. Browne Returns After Ten Years Delving Among Records of Phila. Botanist” (1918?)