



## Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE:	Nurseryman's Specimen Books
ACCESSION NUMBER:	2019.0.2
CREATOR:	Unknown
INCLUSIVE DATES:	circa 1885
QUANTITY:	0.3 cubic ft. (1 box)
LANGUAGE:	English
ABSTRACT:	<p>In the late 1800s, nurseries and traveling salesmen could purchase individual plates or books of plates depicting fruits, flowers, and ornamental trees to show potential clients their products. Often, these plates included a brief description of the plant and images of assorted fruits, like apples, peaches, grapes, and berries; trees, such as Norway spruce and weeping willow; or flowers, such as lilacs, hydrangeas, and gladiolus.</p> <p>The Nurseryman's Specimen Books contains two samples of these catalogs, both containing colored 6x9 inch color plates. The first book contains prints made by D.M. Dewey of Rochester, New York, and the cover does indicate who may have used it. The second is noted as being from the Great Northern Nursery Co. in Baraboo, Wisconsin. It is a fold-out design with 6 plates attached to a ribbon for flipping the pages. The images in this book were created by the Rochester Lithograph Company of Rochester, New York, which merged with D.M. Dewey in 1888.</p>
ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:	The collection is open for research.
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