

Guide to

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**W.L. Thompson Papers
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Biographical/Historical Sketch

W.L. Thompson was a citrus entomologist involved in the study of citrus pests, particularly aphids and grasshoppers, from the late 1920s to 1960s. He worked at the University of Florida's Citrus Experiment Station in Lake Alfred, Florida from 1927 - 1962. His work on controlling aphids was his most significant contribution to the citrus industry.

Throughout his career, Thompson published over 200 articles and served as an officer in both the Florida Entomological Society and the Florida State Horticultural Society. He was awarded an honorary degree of doctorate of science from the University of Florida. In 1973, Thompson was presented with the Florida Department of Agriculture's Plant Protection "Award of Eminence" for his contributions to the citrus industry. Thompson died in 1974. He was posthumously inducted into Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 1977.

Scope & Content Note

The W. L. Thompson collection contains textual and photographic documentation of his personal and professional life from 1916 to 1969. The bulk of the collection contains information on the citrus industry in regard to entomology and specifically, on Thompson's interaction with associations and colleagues. Some research and reference materials are included along with personal writings, professional publications, reports, correspondence, and photographs. The papers are arranged alphabetically by series, and then title of folder.

Note to the Researcher

The collection was re-processed and arranged in 2021 for better organization and findability for the researcher. Two books included with the collection, with no inscription or markings, were deaccessioned due to their fragile condition and the books being available at Hathi Trust and other library collections in Florida. *The Spraying of Plants* by E.G. Lodeman, 1916 and *New Laboratory Experiments in Chemistry* by Robert B. Brownlee, Robert W. Fuller, William J. Hancock, Michael D. Sohon, Jesse E. Whitsit, 1947

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection. It is available for research.

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Provenance Statement

The W.L. Thompson Citrus Collection was donated in 1994 and 1995 to the Thomas B. Mack Citrus Archives by Nell Johnson of Cypress Gardens Realty (Winter Haven, FL). The collection was transferred into the Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr. Archives Center in 2008.

Box	Folder	Series	File Name
1	1	Personal	Articles sent to Citrus Community, 1930s – 1940s
1	2	Personal	Cards, Certificates, Directories, 1950s
1	3	Personal	Thompson Clippings, 1962-1963
1	4	Personal	Citrus School – Talks, 1950-1955
1	5	Personal	Thompson Diary, 1957
1	6	Personal	Loose Papers from Thompson's Ledger, and Financial Documents, 1935 – 1938
1	7	Personal	Financial Papers with Haines City Citrus Growers Association, 1939
1	8	Personal	Photographs of Thompson, Co-workers, and Lake Alfred
1	9	Personal	Dr. G.F. Webber, Dept. of Plant Pathology, University of Florida, Lake Alfred, FL; Lake Alfred Experiment Station, 1933 – 1955
1	10	Personal	Worksite Photographs, Bugs and Leaf Damage, 1930s – 1960s
1	11	Conferences and Meetings	Florida Citrus Production Credit Association Programs and Correspondence, 1950- 1955
1	12	Conferences and Meetings	Florida State Horticultural Society Presidential Address
1	13	Conferences and Meetings	Outlines of Institute Talks
1	14	Conferences and Meetings	Programs and Correspondence about Miscellaneous Meetings, 1938 – 1951
1	15	Conferences and Meetings	J.W. Wilson Correspondence, 1931 - 1939
1	16	Conferences and Meetings	The Florida State Horticultural Society Information, 1952
1	17	Correspondence	Standard Fruit and Steamship Co. Correspondence, 1937-1938
1	18	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1925 – 1928
2	1	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1929 – 1931
2	2	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1932-1933
2	3	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1934 - 1951
2	4	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1952 – 1959
2	5	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, January – June 1960
2	6	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, July – December 1960
3	1	Correspondence	Professional Correspondence, 1961 – 1964
3	2	Data	Miscellaneous Tables, 1930s – 1950s
3	3	Data	Parathion Data, 1940s
3	4	Data	Parathion Data for Washington, 1945 - 1949
3	5	Publications & Reports	Annual Report, 1933
3	6	Publications & Reports	Annual Report, 1933 – 1934
3	7	Publications & Reports	Annual Report, 1935
3	8	Publications & Reports	Annual Report, 1936
3	9	Publications & Reports	Annual Report, 1962
3	10	Publications & Reports	Citrus Insect Symptomology – Newell Entomological Society, 1938
3	11	Publications & Reports	Citrus Red Mite Infestations Following Sulfur Applications in Florida, 1953
3	12	Publications & Reports	Citrus Red Mite Infestations Following Sulfur Applications in Florida, 1950s
3	13	Publications & Reports	A Citrus Spray Schedule with Special Reference to Insect Control and the Use and Limitations of Various Materials Used, November 5, 1936
3	14	Publications & Reports	Control of Black Scale in Florida, 1961
3	15	Publications & Reports	"Controlling Summer Citrus Pests." Florida Grower. Vol. 48, Num. 5, p. 9-11, June 1940
3	16	Publications &	Cultural Practices and Their Influences Upon Citrus Pests, February 21, 1939

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		Reports	
4	1	Publications & Reports	"Currant Studies on the Efficiency of Equipment for the Application of Pesticides to Trees in Florida." Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Journal, n.d.
4	2	Publications & Reports	Design and Evaluation of New Spray Equipment for Citrus – Presentation, 1960
4	3	Publications & Reports	Florida State Horticultural Society Proceedings, 1939 – 1961
4	4	Publications & Reports	Food Habits of <i>Leis conformis</i> Boisd (Chinese lady beetle)
4	5	Publications & Reports	Hort. 3 through Hort. 7, n.d.
4	6	Publications & Reports	Insect Control, 1959 – 1962
4	7	Publications & Reports	Insect Control in the Scab Spray Schedule, n.d.
4	8	Publications & Reports	Insect Friends of Garden Plants, April 18, 1934
4	9	Publications & Reports	Journal of Economic Entomology, January 22, 1940
4	10	Publications & Reports	Laboratory Exercises - Crop Diseases, n.d.
4	11	Publications & Reports	Leaf Drop Following Spray Applications on Citrus, n.d.
4	12	Publications & Reports	Leis Specis of Ladybeetle, 1926
4	13	Publications & Reports	Lime-sulfur Sprays for the Combined Control of Purple Scale and Rust Mites, 1934
4	14	Publications & Reports	Miscellaneous, n.d.
4	15	Publications & Reports	Miscellaneous Reports, n.d.
4	16	Publications & Reports	Miscellaneous Reports, 1928 – 1932
4	17	Publications & Reports	Miscellaneous Reprints, 1940 – 1961
4	18	Publications & Reports	Misc. Reports on Scale Control, n.d.
5	1	Publications & Reports	Misc. Reports: University of Florida - Agricultural Experiment Station - Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1949 - 1964
5	2	Publications & Reports	"New Aphicides." A.N. Tissot & W.L. Thompson. Published in Florida Entomologist, Vol. XIV, No. 1, 1930
5	3	Publications & Reports	Non-Arsenical Stomach Poisons for Grasshopper and Beetle Control, 1932?
5	4	Publications & Reports	Notes on Snow Scale and its Control, 1962
5	5	Publications & Reports	Part of a Report of Oilsprays, n.d.
5	6	Publications & Reports	Plant Pathology, n.d.
5	7	Publications & Reports	Reports on the Relative Abundance of the Citrus Aphids, their Natural Enemies, and the Parasites of the Aphid Predators, 1927
5	8	Publications & Reports	Reprinting of Articles by Martin H. Muma and Vernon C. Jamison, 1942 - 1960
5	9	Publications & Reports	Research Results, n.d.
5	10	Publications & Reports	Residue Experiment, 1950's
5	11	Publications &	"Study of the Effect of Crude Oil Emulsions on Plants" - English Summary, n.d.

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		Reports	
5	12	Publications & Reports	Summary of Reports, 1928 - 1942
5	13	Publications & Reports	Termites as a Pest of Citrus Trees, 1933
5	14	Publications & Reports	The Control of Grasshoppers and Plant Bugs in Citrus Groves with Hexachlorocyclohexane, n.d.
5	15	Publications & Reports	The Status of the Purple Mite and its Control, 1952
5	16	Publications & Reports	The Control of Purple Scale and Rust Mites with Lime-sulfur Solution, 1933
5	17	Publications & Reports	The Effect of Lime on the Composition of the Citrus Family, October 28, 1932
5	18	Publications & Reports	The Florida Entomologist, 1927 - 1963
5	19	Publications & Reports	The Rust Mite of the Orange, n.d.
5	20	Publications & Reports	The Value of Post-Bloom Scalicides, n.d.
5	21	Publications & Reports	Thompson, W.L., 1930 - 1960
5	22	Publications & Reports	Timing Sprays and Inspecting of Groves for Insect and Mite Control, 1953
5	23	Publications & Reports	What's New in Spraying Practice? – Pamphlet, 1941
6	1	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, September 2, 1938
6	2	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, November 1941
6	3	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1936- 1939
6	4	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1940 - 1943
6	5	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1944 - 1949
7	1	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1950 - 1951
7	2	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1952
7	3	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1953 - 1955
7	4	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1956 - 1958
8	1	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1959
8	2	Publications & Reports	University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, 1960
8	3	Publications & Reports	Work Reports and Biographies of Scientists at Lake Alfred, circa 1948
8	4	Reference Materials	Aracadian: Nitrogen Fertilizer Solutions, 1954
8	5	Reference Materials	Better Fruit Program Pamphlets, 1941 - 1969
8	6	Reference Materials	Florida State Marketing Bureau - Annual Fruit and Vegetable Report: Production, transportation, and marketing analysis, 1951
8	7	Reference Materials	Bug Articles, n.d.
8	8	Reference	Miscellaneous, n.d.

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		Materials	
8	9	Reference Materials	Miscellaneous, 1920s - 1960s
8	10	Reference Materials	Miscellaneous, 1960s
9	1	Reference Materials	Miscellaneous Pamphlets, 1941 – 1967
9	2	Reference Materials	Serials, 1917, 1960s
9	3	Reference Materials	Serials, 1918 - 1960s
9	4	Reference Materials	Serials, 1950s - 1960s
9	5	Reference Materials	Thesis - "The Isolation and Study of Several Species of Rhizobium from Uncultivated Legumes Growing in Florida.", 1951