

# Guide to the Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster Papers

YCAL MSS 812



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 812

**CREATOR:** Foster, Thomas H.

**TITLE:** Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster papers

**DATES:** circa 1786-2005

**BULK DATES:** 1923–2005

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 34.56 linear feet (75 boxes) +1 broadside, 1 cold storage

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster Papers contain correspondence, writings, photographs, ephemera, audiovisual material, and printed material that document the professional and personal lives of the Fosters. Material includes writings that relate to Thomas Foster's career as a literary critic and scout for Farrar, Straus, and to Catharine Foster's books on gardening; documentation of the couple's leadership in the area of environmental stewardship; and records of their bird watching activity. Correspondence is both professional and personal in nature, and includes letters between Thomas and Catharine Foster, and some family correspondence. Printed material in the collection relates chiefly to early- and mid-twentieth century agriculture in New York and New England. Among the photographs in the collection are numerous slides depicting birds in their natural habitats, and journals of bird watching notes.

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■■■■       item barcode

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thomas H. Foster, 1999-2005.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 48 (audiocassettes): Restricted fragile. Reference copy may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Box 49 (reel-to-reel audiotape and open reel film): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Box 77 (cold storage): Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. Consult the appropriate curator for further information.

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### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, including rehousing and minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, identified by a unique call number and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

The finding aid for this collection is compiled from individual preliminary lists for each acquisition that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. The preliminary lists were migrated to comply with current archival descriptive standards and merged into a single file in 2007-2008. As part of the migration, modifications were made to the formatting of individual lists; however, the content of the lists was neither modified nor verified.

As a rule, descriptive information found in the Collection Contents section is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call numbers: Uncat MSS 4, Uncat MSS 38, Uncat MSS 51, Uncat MSS 125, Uncat MSS 200, Uncat MSS 742, Uncat MSS 753, Uncat MSS 755, Uncat MSS 756, Uncat MSS 768.

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## **Catharine Osgood Foster (1907-1998)**

Catharine Farley Osgood born on April 26, 1907 in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. She graduated from Mount Holyoke in 1930 and taught English at Bennington College from 1934 until 1969. She authored several books on gardening, including *The Organic Gardener* (New York, Vintage Books, 1972). She married Thomas H. Foster in 1937. Catharine Foster died on February 13, 1998 in Bennington, Vermont.

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## **Thomas Henry Foster, Jr. (1907-2004)**

Thomas Henry Foster, Jr. (1907-2004), American naturalist, literary critic, and poultry farmer, of Bennington, Vermont. He married Catharine Osgood in 1937.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into ten groupings: I. December 1999 Acquisition. II. December 1999 Acquisition. III. June 2000 Acquisition. IV. June 2000 Acquisition. V. July 2000 Acquisition. VI. January 2001 Acquisition. VII. October 2001 Acquisition. VIII. February 2005 Acquisition. IX. February 2005 Acquisition. X. April 2005 Acquisition.

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## Collection Contents

### 1: December 1999 Acquisition, 1847-1999

24.8 linear feet (49 boxes)

The first December 1999 Acquisition contains correspondence, writings, printed material, family papers, photographs, slides, and ephemera by or relating Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster. Writings include drafts of *The Organic Gardener* by Catharine Osgood Foster. Photographs include slides documenting Thomas Foster's birdwatching.

Box 49 (reel-to-reel audio tape, 8mm films): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 4.

Organized under seven headings: Correspondence and Family Papers; Printed Material; Writings of Thomas Foster; Personal Papers; Writings of Catharine Foster; Photographs; Audiovisual Material.

#### Correspondence and Family Papers

b. 1	Letters from Catharine Foster to Thomas Foster <i>9 Folders</i>	1941-1956
b. 1	Solemnization of matrimony Thomas and Catharine Foster	1937
b. 1	Living will: Catharine Foster	1989
b. 1	Passports of Thomas Foster <i>2 Folders</i>	1946-1978
b. 1	Letters from Betty Downs <i>7 Folders</i>	1954-1969
b. 1	Thomas Foster's trip to England, Scotland and Ireland <i>7 Folders</i>	1946
b. 1	Letters from Isabel Martin <i>9 Folders</i>	1926-1958
b. 2	Letters from Isabel Martin <i>14 Folders</i>	1928-1958
b. 2	Letters from Marian Stearns <i>27 Folders</i>	1928-1967, undated
b. 3	Letters from Eileen Parrinder <i>11 Folders</i>	1948-1989
b. 3	Letters from Lily Merchant <i>13 Folders</i>	1948-1978
b. 3	Letters from Eileen Wilcox <i>7 Folders</i>	1960-1997
b. 3	Letters from Scott Hadley to Hannah Osgood (mother of Catharine Foster) <i>5 Folders</i>	1929-1933

## Correspondence and Family Papers (continued)

b. 3	Letters from Betty Downs <i>7 Folders</i>	1958-1963
b. 3	Letters from Hannah Osgood to her daughter Mrs. Thomas Foster <i>2 Folders</i>	1938-1943
b. 3	Letters from Thomas Foster to Catharine Foster, and to Mrs. Thomas H. Foster, Sr. (Thomas Foster's mother) <i>3 Folders</i>	1958-1962
b. 3	Letters from Hubert Birdwood	1966-1979
b. 3	Letters from Rose Hindley	1952-1963
b. 3	Letters from Maria Hartley and Joan Ingilby	1972-1983
b. 3	Letters from Vera Moore	1976-1982
b. 3	Letters from I. M. Kenward <i>3 Folders</i>	1949-1981
b. 3	Letters from Grace Goodwin	1947-1954
b. 4	Letters from Catharine Foster to Hannah Osgood	undated
b. 4	Letters from Catharine Foster to Hannah Osgood	1950, undated
b. 4	Letters from Catharine Foster to Thomas Foster	1961
b. 4	Letters from Hannah Osgood to Catharine Foster <i>3 Folders</i>	1929-1946
b. 4	Family and general correspondence <i>31 Folders</i>	1853-1950
b. 5	Family and general correspondence <i>33 Folders</i>	1951-1969
b. 6	Family and general correspondence <i>41 Folders</i>	1970-1993
b. 7	Family and general correspondence <i>13 Folders</i>	1994-1999
b. 7	Greeting, Christmas, Easter and sympathy cards <i>9 Folders</i>	1950-1999
b. 7	Notes and unsorted correspondence <i>9 Folders</i>	undated
b. 7	Blank postcards <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
	Citations and art work	
b. 8 (Oversize)	The 1990 Beyond War Award	1990 December 8
	Bennington Garden Club certificate	1968

## Correspondence and Family Papers &gt; Citations and art work (continued)

	Governor's Award, presented by the Conservation Society of Vermont	1973
	The Organic Gardener, cover art	
	Cover art and photocopy of edited typeset from Knopf Pages 36-235	
	Herb Illustrations mounted on board	
	Farrar, Strauss & Giroux	
b. 9	Correspondence, royalty statements, and contracts for Thomas Foster <i>24 Folders</i>	1945-1996
b. 9	Royalty statements, contracts and correspondence for Catharine Foster's book, <i>The Organic Gardener</i> <i>4 Folders</i>	1974-1987
	Printed Material	
b. 10 (Oversize)	<i>The Rural New Yorker</i> <i>15 Folders</i>	1946-1948
b. 11 (Oversize)	<i>The Rural New Yorker</i> <i>17 Folders</i>	1948-1949
b. 12 (Oversize)	<i>The Rural New Yorker</i> <i>15 Folders</i>	1950-1954
b. 13 (Oversize)	<i>The New England Homestead</i> <i>12 Folders</i>	1946-1951
b. 14 (Oversize)	<i>The New England Homestead</i> <i>10 Folders</i>	1952-1955
b. 14 (Oversize)	<i>The New York Times Magazine</i>	1970 August 9
b. 15 (Oversize)	<i>The Boston Sunday Herald</i>	1861
b. 16 (Oversize)	<i>The Saturday Messenger</i>	1847-1848
	Writings of Thomas Foster	
b. 17	Amici Hiemis (Friends of Winter), Original autograph manuscript accompanied by publisher's correspondence	1923
b. 17	Amici Hiemis (Friends of Winter), typescript	1923
b. 17	Amici Hiemis (Friends of Winter), carbon copy	1923
b. 17	Book Reviews, short stories and related correspondence <i>18 Folders</i>	1926-1966
b. 17	Newspaper clippings <i>4 Folders</i>	1930-1976
b. 17	Bank Statements and receipts <i>2 Folders</i>	1976-1981
b. 17	Miscellaneous papers and instruction books <i>2 Folders</i>	1940-1990



## Writings of Thomas Foster (continued)

b. 18 (Oversize)	<i>The New York Herald Tribune Book Review</i> containing reviews by Thomas Foster 18 Folders	1926-1959
b. 19 (Oversize)	<i>The New York Herald Tribune Book Review</i> containing reviews by Thomas Foster 13 Folders	1960-1962
b. 20 (Oversize)	<i>The New York Times Book Review</i> containing reviews by Thomas Foster 7 Folders	1948-1960
b. 21 (Oversize)	<i>The New York Times Book Review</i> containing reviews by Thomas Foster 6 Folders	1960-1999

## Personal Papers

b. 22	Thomas Foster, 3 notebooks listing "Books I Have Read"	1907-1926
b. 22	Diary	1921-1922
b. 22	Diary	1922
b. 22	School account	1923
b. 22	Journal listing college expenses, personal income and expenses	1925-1947
b. 22	Three spiral notepads containing address list, expenses and random notes	undated
b. 22	Journal	1925
b. 22	Journal	1926
b. 22	Expenses, car trip	1927
b. 22	Three notebooks	1951-1955
b. 23	Notebooks, journals, and family information 8 Folders	1947-1997
b. 24	Journals 10 Folders	1940-1985
b. 24	University of South Caroliniana Society 2 Folders	1979-1980
b. 24	Memorial service-John Swan	1994
b. 24	Obituary collection of writers 14 Folders	1936-1996
b. 24	Obituary collection 8 Folders	1990-1999
b. 24	Awards and certificates	1970-1979

## Writings of Catharine Foster

b. 25	<i>The Organic Gardener</i> , original typescript, corrected 5 Folders	1972
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## Writings of Catharine Foster (continued)

b. 25	<i>The Organic Gardener</i> , typescript, corrected (photocopy) 4 Folders	1972
b. 25	<i>Organic Flower Gardening</i> , original edited typescript 6 Folders	1975
b. 25	<i>Plants-A-Plenty</i> , original edited typescript 6 Folders	1977
b. 25	General file folders 7 Folders	[1940-1990]
b. 26	General file folders 26 Folders	[1940-1990]
b. 26	Writings on gardens, typescripts, corrected	1983
b. 26	Writings, autograph manuscript and typescript 2 Folders	undated
b. 26	Autograph manuscript notes	undated
b. 26	Gardening clubs, conservation	1965-1992
b. 26	Miscellaneous 2 Folders	[1960-1990]
b. 27	Diaries, journals and spiral notebooks 6 Folders	1919-1964
b. 27	Food columns written by Catharine Foster for the <i>Bennington Banner</i> 6 Folders	1980-1992
b. 27	"Around the Corner," a newspaper column written by Catharine Foster 9 Folders	1966-1975
b. 28	"Around the Corner" 7 Folders	1976-1982
b. 28	Newspaper Clippings 3 Folders	[1953-1981]
b. 28	Newsletters, bulletins, magazines 6 Folders	[1937-1990]
b. 29 (Oversize)	"Around the Corner," clippings	1976-1978
b. 29 (Oversize)	<i>The Organic Gardener</i> , photocopy of edited typeset from Knopf, Pages 36-235	1971
b. 30	Horticultural card index	undated
b. 31	Horticultural card index	undated
b. 32	Horticultural card index	undated

## Writings of Catharine Foster (continued)

b. 33	New England Wildflower Society award, framed Includes yellow camera filter, camera attachment, pencil sharpener, bird calendar for 1966, Vermont Antique car meet plaque, New Years card, and a photograph under beveled glass	1992 November 15
b. 33	Poem, framed	undated
b. 33	Photograph, framed	
b. 33	Objects and ephemera	
b. 33	Tin box	undated
b. 34	Shaker box	undated
b. 35	Special correspondence "A" File <i>7 Folders</i>	1899-1953
b. 35	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i>	1950-1978
Photographs		
b. 36	Early Family Photographs <i>3 Folders</i>	1905-1926
b. 36	Family and Friends <i>2 Folders</i>	1928-1991
b. 36	Group Shots	1965-1997, undated
b. 36	Trip to England	undated
b. 36	Family Dogs	1940-1969, undated
b. 36	Birds and Wildlife	1949-1951, undated
b. 37	Foliage, Trees and Gardens	1949-1978, undated
b. 37	Photographs	undated
b. 37	Negatives and photographs <i>9 Folders</i>	
b. 38	Negatives and photographs <i>7 Folders</i>	1955-1958
b. 39	Photographs	
b. 39	Framed photographs <i>5 Folders</i>	
b. 39	Slides	1960

## Photographs (continued)

b. 40	Slides Includes 2 Kodak Cover Glass transparencies	1962-1977
b. 41	Slides	1963-1977
b. 42	Slides	1962-1986
b. 43	Slides	undated
b. 44	Slides	1968-1971
b. 45	Slides	1959-1973
b. 46	Slides	1964-1974
b. 47	Slides	1962-1973
<p>Audiovisual Material</p> <p>Boxes 48-49 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.</p>		
b. 48, ■■■■ 39002091248188	<p>"Kit Foster"</p> <p>1 <i>Audiocassette</i> 00:30:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</p> <p>The program is distorted at times. High background noise and static can be heard on the tape. High frequency background noise can be heard as well.</p> <p><a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss081239002091248188.u.mp3</a></p> <p>Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.</p>	undated
b. 49, ■■■■ 39002091248204	<p>"The Parable", Medieval Rehearsal / Production + Analysis, Kit Foster</p> <p>1 <i>Audiotape Reel</i>; 1/4 inch; diameter 7 inches 00:49:37 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</p> <p>The program is distorted at times. There are severe speed fluctuations from 16:10 until the end of the audiotape reel.</p> <p><a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss081239002091248204a.u.mp3</a></p> <p>Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.</p>	undated
	<p>"Dogs"</p> <p>1 <i>8mm film</i></p>	1957
	<p>"Fall Foliage"</p> <p>1 <i>8mm film</i></p>	1956
	<p>Untitled film</p> <p>1 <i>8mm film</i></p>	undated

## **2: December 1999 Acquisition, 1786-1932**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

The second December 1999 acquisition consists of newspapers dating to the eighteenth through twentieth centuries, some accompanied by correspondence.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 756

b. 50

Newspapers  
*7 Folders*

1786-1932

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**3: June 2000 Acquisition, 1896-2000***3.46 linear feet (10 boxes) + 1 broadside*

The first June 2000 acquisition consists of correspondence, writings, personal papers, and photographs (including negatives and slides) by or relating to Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster. Personal papers include Osgood family correspondence and financial papers.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 38.

## Correspondence

b. 51	Thomas Foster to Catharine Osgood Foster <i>2 Folders</i>	1937-1954, undated
b. 51	Thomas Foster to his mother, and others	1944-1954
b. 51	Catharine Osgood Foster to Mrs. G. L. Osgood	1937 July 22
b. 51	Letters to Thomas and Catharine Osgood Foster <i>3 Folders</i>	1950-1996
b. 51	Catharine Osgood Foster professional correspondence, from Bennington College and others <i>3 Folders</i>	1933-1997, undated
b. 51	Thomas Foster professional correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	1949-2000, undated
b. 51	Third party correspondence	1914-1971
b. 51	Third party correspondence, to G. L. Osgood	1928
b. 51	Empty envelopes and blank postcards	undated

## Personal and Financial Papers

b. 52	Address book	undated
b. 52	Birdwatching papers, pamphlets	1954-1962, undated
b. 52	Birth certificate (copy): Elizabeth Lewis Osgood, born 1900	1958 June 26
b. 52	Business cards: Thomas Foster	undated
b. 52	Diary	1988
b. 52	Farley family tree	1994 July 4
b. 52	Attorney contract	1935 January 16
b. 52	Bank books	1943-1963
b. 52	Clearfield Trust Company correspondence	1950
b. 52	Charles L. Rogers estate, correspondence	1933 May 5
b. 52	Fanny Rogers estate, correspondence	1942-1946

## Personal and Financial Papers (continued)

b. 52	Receipts <i>3 Folders</i>	1923-1984
b. 52	Royalty statements	1984-2000
b. 52	Stock certificates	1910-1929
b. 52	Stock price letters	1928-1950
b. 52	Tax returns	1931-1938
b. 52	Francis Colburn exhibit program	1984
b. 52	Lock of hair: Mildred Foster	undated
b. 52	Ephemera from trip to England	1981
b. 52	Minnesota Historical Society certificate	1946 February 14
b. 53	Catharine Foster, lecture notes and course registration cards from Mt. Holyoke College <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b. 53	Notebook: Catharine Osgood and C. Patrick, Log of a bicycle trip to England	undated
b. 53	Notebook: Catharine Osgood, with London address	undated
b. 53	Puzzle contest	undated
b. 53	Obituaries and Potter family genealogy notes <i>2 Folders</i>	1931-1998
b. 53	Passports: Catharine O. Foster <i>4 Folders</i>	1929-1988
b. 53	Wedding announcements	1937
b. 53	Sarah Chapman Francis Medal papers	1972-1973
b. 53	Diploma: Thomas Foster, Bennington High School	1925 June 19
b. 54 (Oversize)	Diploma: Catharine F. Osgood, Mt. Holyoke College	1931 June 9
Photographs		
b. 55 (Broadside)	Bread Loaf School	undated
b. 56	Thomas Foster, Sr.	1896, undated
b. 56	Thomas Foster, Jr.	1909-1990
b. 56	Catharine O. Foster	1923-1998
b. 56	Catharine and Thomas Foster and others	1937-1997, undated
b. 56	Elizabeth Lewis Osgood	1904-1924

## Photographs (continued)

b. 56	Unidentified <i>13 Folders</i>	undated
b. 57	Unidentified <i>7 Folders</i>	undated
b. 57	Negatives <i>9 Folders</i>	undated
b. 57	Slides <i>10 Folders</i>	1980, undated
b. 58 (Oversize)	Photograph album	
b. 59	Slides	undated
b. 60	Slides	undated
Writings		
b. 61	Collection of British and American Authors, inscribed "now Catharine F. Osgood's"	1931 May
b. 61	Richards, I. A. "A Statement on the Application of a Theory of Interpretation to General Education"	1935 December
b. 61	Newspaper clippings	1948-1974
b. 61	T. Foster clippings	1968-1974, undated
Foster, Catharine Osgood		
b. 61	Columns	1978-1980
b. 61	Book review	1971
b. 61	Report on conservation committee	1975 October 28



**4: June 2000 Acquisition, 1833-1835, undated***0.29 linear feet (2 boxes)*

The second June 2000 acquisition consists of printed material, including Bibles inscribed to Thomas Foster by Susan Colgate and by Vincent Rain-Booth.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 755.

b. 62	Bible, inscribed to Thomas Foster, 1921	undated
b. 62	New Testament, inscribed to Thomas Foster, 1916	undated
b. 63 (Oversize)	<i>The Sun</i>	1833 September 3
b. 63 (Oversize)	<i>Morning Herald</i>	1835 May 6

**5: July 2000 Acquisition, 1937-1997***0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)*

The July 2000 acquisition consists of photographs, a diary, clippings and other printed material, correspondence and ephemera relating to Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 51.

b. 64	Clippings and notes on bird watching	1949-1955
b. 64	Writings, printed material, correspondence	1937-1996
b. 64	Julia Peterkin notes and correspondence	1980-1997
b. 64	Photograph album	1999
b. 64	Diary, including notes on bird watching	1952-1961
b. 65	Diary	1942-1954

**6: January 2001 Acquisition, 1959-2000***0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

The January 2001 acquisition consists of letters to Catharine Osgood Foster from Bernard Malamud, Wallace Fowlie and Eleanor Rockwell Edelstein.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 125.

b. 66	Malamud, Bernard	1959 November 2
b. 66	Fowlie, Wallace	1994
b. 66	Edelstein, Eleanor Rockwell	1997-2000, undated

**7: October 2001 Acquisition, circa 1946-2001***1.33 linear feet (5 boxes)*

The October 2001 acquisition consists of correspondence, journals, photographs and printed material by or relating to Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 200.

b. 67	Application for Conservation Certificate for Mrs. Thomas Foster	circa 1967
b. 67	Correspondence between Thomas and Catharine Foster	circa 1974-1995
b. 67	Unsorted correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	circa 1946-1994
b. 67	Journal of Catharine Osgood Foster	undated
b. 67	Journal of Vermont trip	1960
b. 67	Notecards <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b. 67	Unidentified writings	undated
b. 67	Newspaper Articles about Theodore Roethke	2001
b. 67	Photographs of Butterfly Habitat Garden	undated
b. 67	Photograph and newspaper clipping of colt	1970 May 16
b. 68	Unsorted correspondence and writings <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 68	Photographs and other papers <i>12 Folders</i>	undated
b. 69	Plaque given to Tom Foster for outstanding service to Merck Forest and Farmland Center	circa 2000
b. 70	Writings <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b. 71 (Oversize)	Certificate of Acknowledgement to Thomas H. Foster by the Garden Club of America	2000


**8: February 2005 Acquisition, 1934-2004***3 linear feet (3 boxes) + 1 cold storage*

The first February 2005 acquisition consists of correspondence, diaries, printed material, photographs (including slides and negatives), an audio cassette, and memorabilia by or relating to Thomas H. Foster and Catharine Osgood Foster.

Audiocassette in box 74: Use of original is restricted. Reference copy may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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Former call number: Uncat MSS 742.

b. 72	Correspondence <i>30 Folders</i>	1998-2004
b. 73	Correspondence <i>18 Folders</i>	1951-2004
b. 73	Diaries <i>7 Folders</i>	1934-2003, undated
b. 48,  39002091248196	"Tom and Rob," phone conversation <i>1 Audiocassette 03:09:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> High background noise can be heard on the tape. A high amount of hiss can also be heard. The program is mostly background noise. It is distorted at times. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss081239002091248196a.u.mp3</a>	circa 2003
b. 74	Bookmark	undated
b. 74	Ornament	2000
b. 74	Printed material	1979-2003
b. 74	Programs	1950-1979
b. 74	"Denial," poem by Stephen Sandy, printed	2003 December
b. 74	<i>Silo</i>	1998
b. 74	Paul Harris Fellow, medal	undated
b. 74	Paul Harris Fellow, award	undated
b. 74	Slides	1963-1970
b. 74	Photographs <i>3 Folders</i>	1972-1982, undated
b. 77 (cold storage)	Photographic negatives Box 77 (cold storage): Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. Consult the appropriate curator for further information.	undated

## **9: February 2005 Acquisition, 2001-2004**

*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

The second February 2005 acquisition consists of correspondence, including Christmas cards and birthday cards, and accompanying printed material.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 753.

b. 75

Correspondence  
*12 Folders*

2001-2004

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## **10: April 2005 Acquisition, 1999**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

The April 2005 acquisition consists of notes, printouts of photographs, maps, printed material, receipts and other papers relating to a trip to California made by Thomas H. Foster.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 768.

b. 76

California trip  
*3 Folders*

1999 April

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Agriculture -- New England  
Bird watching -- United States  
Criticism -- United States  
Critics -- United States  
Environmentalism -- United States  
Gardening -- United States  
Organic gardening -- United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Audiovisual materials -- United States -- 20th Century  
Critics -- United States -- 20th Century  
Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century  
Slides (photographs) -- United States -- 20th Century

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