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Louise Arnold Tanger Papers, 1934-1943

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Biographical and Historical Note:

Louise F. A. Tanger (1889-1959) was born in Lancaster, the daughter of Ira W. and Netta Forney Arnold. She was a graduate of Miss Stahr's School (Shippen School), Lancaster and the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr. After her marriage to Charles Y. Tanger, they resided at 318 North President Ave., Lancaster.

She was a botanist who did field work and located rare plants. Her extensive herbarium was placed at The North Museum. Mrs. Tanger was also an ornithologist. She was a founder and member of the Muhlenberg Botanical Club and the Lancaster County Bird Club. She also held memberships in a number of other organizations including the Lancaster Women's Garden Club, Lancaster County Historical Society, Wilson Ornithological Club, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, American Fern Society, Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, American Ornithological Union, Maryland Ornithological Society, and American Horticultural Society.



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Mrs. Tanger became a member of the historical society in 1924 and served on the Executive Board for many years beginning in 1937. When the Willson Memorial Building was constructed in 1956, its neighbor and naturalist, Mrs. Tanger, approached the Board of Trustees with a request to be allowed to plant trees on the barren grounds surrounding the building. The arboretum, planned by Gustaf Malmborg and Charles Y. Tanger, Jr. is a memorial to Louise Arnold Tanger.

Source of Acquisition:

Folder 1: Gift of Heather S. Tennes, May 2007. (Accession # 2007.MG0421.F1)

Folders 2-5: Purchased from dealer, March 2007. (Accession # 2007.MG0421.F2)

Folder 6: Gift of Mary Ann Gerber, 30 October 2013. (Accession # 2013.MG0421.F6)

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Tanger, Louise F. Arnold

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Related Materials at LancasterHistory:

Tanger, Louise F. A. "Report of the historical tour June 27, 1936." *Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (1936), pp. 50-52.

Tanger, Louise F. A. "Ferns and Fern Allies of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1931 and 1932." *American Fern Journal*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Jan.-Mar. 1933), pp. 13-18.

Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The collection was cataloged using DACS conventions.



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Folder 1 *Gift of Heather S. Tennies, May 2007.*

Insert 1 Letter from E. M Gress, head botanist for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a lecture to the Botanical Club on grasses. Letterhead of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg. With envelope. 13 December 1935.

Insert 2 Letter from Charles Neidorf, New York City, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding fern plant discoveries. With envelope. 16 September 1937.

Insert 3 Certificate acknowledging plant donations made by Louise F. A. Tanger to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. With envelope. 15 November 1939.

Insert 4 Letter from Ed Hill in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y Tanger regarding trip to Lancaster for plant research. With envelope. 15 May 1940.

Insert 5 Letter from Richard C. Harlow in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Louise F. A. Tanger requesting a fern plant. Dr. Wherry is mentioned. Letterhead of The Commander Hotel, Cambridge, Massachusetts. With envelope. 18 February 1941.

Folder 2 *Purchased March 2007.*

Insert 1 Invitation and application to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger to join the Torrey Botanical Club of New York City. No date.

Letter to the Torrey Botanical Club members from Dr. Michael Levine, chairman, requesting help in finding new members. With envelope. No date.

Insert 2 Letter from "Parson" Gray to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding fern gathering September 1. Uglebay Institute in Wheeling, West Virginia is also mentioned. With envelope. August 1934.

Insert 3 Letter from Harry W. Huffnagle to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding Benton Station Preserve. With envelope, return address is Lancaster Bone Fertilizer Co., Quarryville. 17 January 1935.

Insert 4 Letter from G. H. Collingwood, forester, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding locating a *Quercus Muehlenbergii* tree (yellow oak). Letterhead of The American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C. With envelope. 15 March 1935.

Insert 5 Letter from G. H. Collingwood to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding planting of yellow oak. Letterhead of The American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C. With envelope. 26 March 1935.

Flyer from the National Nut Tree Planting Project requesting program suggestions. No date.

Insert 6 Letter from T. L. Guyton, secretary, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding her acceptance into the Pennsylvania Academy of Science. Letterhead of The Pennsylvania Academy of Science. With envelope. 21 May 1935.

Insert 7 Letter from Irving W. Knoblock, U.S. Department of the Interior, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding ferns. Letterhead of the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, State Park Division, Red House, New York. With envelope. 17 July 1935.



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Insert 8 Letter from James C. Clark of Henry A. Dreer, Inc. to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding seedling ferns of Tanger #2. Also mentioned: Mr. H. G. Rugg. Letterhead of Henry A. Dreer, Inc., Philadelphia. With envelope. 7 August 1935.

Insert 9 Letter from John C. Kase, research forester, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding yellow oak tree. G. S. Perry and Barr Nurseries in Lancaster are mentioned. Letterhead of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Forests and Waters, Mont Alto, Pennsylvania. With envelope. 19 September 1935.

Insert 10 Letter from C. E. Lane, DDS of Lititz to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a field trip with Dr. Roddy to Hawk Mountain. With envelope. (water damage) 7 October 1935.

Insert 11 Letter from C. E. Lane, DDS to Mrs. C. Y. Tanger regarding field trip with Dr. Roddy on 13 October 1935. With envelope. 8 October 1935.

Insert 12 Letter from Miss E. M. Kittredge of Vergennes, Vermont to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a visit to Vermont to study ferns. Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Chrisholm, and Mr. Rugg are mentioned. With envelope. 23 October 1935.

Insert 13 Letter from Jacques Cattell, vice-president and secretary, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding fern book. Letterhead of The Science Press Printing Company, Lancaster. With envelope. 27 November 1935.

Book review for *Small's Ferns of the Vicinity of New York*, 1935.

Copy of letter from Mr. Edgar T. Wherry to Mr. Cattell regarding book review. 23 November 1935.

Insert 14 Letter from Stuart W. Frost of Arendtsville, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a trip to [Panama], Mrs. Tanger visiting the Frosts, and finding *Lycopodium obscurum* L. while looking for a Christmas tree. With envelope. 19 December 1935.

Insert 15 Fundraising form letter from Frances A. Wister, president of the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding the garden of the historic Powel House at 244 South Third Street. Letterhead of the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks. With envelope. 1 September 1936.



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Folder 3 *Purchased March 2007.*

Insert 1 Letter from Helen E. Bennett, secretary to Dr. Benedict of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding field trip to Owens, New Jersey. Letterhead of The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn Botanic Garden. With envelope. 20 September 1937.

Insert 2 Letter from C. L. Gruber in Kutztown, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a trip to Kutztown and *Botrychium multifidum* (Gmel.) Rupr. ssp. *silaifolium* (Presl.) Clausen. With envelope. 2 October 1937.

Insert 3 Letter from C. E. Lane, DDS of Lititz, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger expressing thanks for her support in his run for Recorder of Deeds in Lancaster. With envelope. 15 October 1937.

Insert 4 Form letter from *The Naturalists Directory* of Salem, Massachusetts to Mrs. C. Y. Tanger regarding inclusion in the 31st Directory, 1938. With information brochure and recommendation form for new members. With envelope, return address of Samuel E. Cassino, publisher, Salem, Massachusetts. [1938].

Insert 5 Membership brochure, listing card, and return envelope from Herman E. Cassino, publisher of *The Naturalist's Directory*, Salem, Massachusetts. With envelope. [1938].

Insert 6 Form letter and application to join the Pennsylvania Academy of Science from V. Earl Light, secretary. With envelope. April 1938.

Insert 7 Program for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. With envelope. 15-16 April 1938.

Insert 8 Letter from Mabel E. Rice, Tuckahoe, New York, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding field trip. With envelope. 26 June 1938.

Insert 9 Letter from Ora B. Smith of White Deer, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding field trips. With envelope. 16 August 1938.

Insert 10 Letter from Charles Chandler, recording secretary of the Torrey Botanical Club, New York City, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding acceptance into the organization. Letterhead of the Torrey Botanical Club. With envelope. 7 October 1938.



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Folder 4 *Purchased March 2007.*

Insert 1 Letter from John A. Small, New Jersey College for Women, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding Torrey Botanical Club field trip. Dr. Cain of Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York is also mentioned. Letterhead of Torrey Botanical Club. With envelope. 9 January 1939.

Insert 2 Letter from John A. Small to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding trip with Dr. Korn of State College, Pennsylvania. The Muhlenberg Botanical Club is also mentioned. Letterhead of Torrey Botanical Club. With envelope. 13 March 1939.

Insert 3 Letter from Maurice Brown of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding the Snow Geese at Hundermark's Pier in Fortescue, a talk at the Muhlenberg Club, and forwarding a copy of a fern index. With envelope. 19 March 1939.

Insert 4 Letter from Janet W. Bluethenthal of Wilmington, North Carolina regarding trips. With envelope. 9 March 1940.

Insert 5 Letter from Mrs. W. H. (Jennie S.) Graham in McClellanville, South Carolina to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding trip to South Carolina. With envelope. 13 March 1940.

Insert 6 Letter from Jack H. Ludwig Jr. of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding trip to South Carolina. With envelope. 15 March 1940.

Insert 7 Two letters from George C. Mason in Hampton, Virginia to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding a field trip to Virginia, wildflowers, and ferns. Dr. Fernald and Miss Sally Ryan are also mentioned. With envelope. 11 March 1940, 18 March 1940.

Folder 5 *Purchased March 2007.*

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. Arthur R. (D. Lucinda) Iliff of Ambler, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding field trip. Mr. Ward is also mentioned. With envelope. 3 February 1941.

Insert 2 Note from Harriet E. Gotwald, secretary of The York County Bird Club, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding trip to Indian Steps, Pennsylvania. With envelope. 7 May 1941.

Insert 3 Letter from Henry K. Svenson, curator of the Herbarium, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding specimens sent to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Letterhead of The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn Botanic Garden. With envelope. 14 November 1941.

Insert 4 Letter from H. Gleason Mattoon, executive secretary of The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding trip to Lancaster and lecture on community forests. Letterhead of The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Philadelphia. With envelope. 19 November 1941.

Insert 5 Memorandum from Ed Hill to Mrs. C. Y. Tanger regarding tickets for Cruickshank lecture and photographing flowers. With envelope. 21 February 1942.



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Insert 6 Letter and meeting schedule from J. L. Rodda in Palmerton, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding Dr. Cruickshank, a Christmas census of birds, a trip to Lake Ontelaunee, and the tire shortage. Schedule of programs for the Palmerton Bird Club is enclosed. With envelope. 1 March 1942.

Insert 7 Letter from A. M. Ferraro of the Film Department, American Nature Association to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger in response to her request for five reels of a nature film. Letterhead of the American Nature Association, Washington, D.C. With envelope. 17 March 1942.

Insert 8 Letter from Hans Wilkens in Reading, Pennsylvania to Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger regarding The Mengel Natural History Society's need for speakers and programs and requesting information about the Lancaster Branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. With envelope. 7 January 1943.

Folder 6 *Gift of Mary Ann Gerber, 30 October 2013*

Insert 1 Letter from Thomas Darling, Jr., Pennsylvania naturalist, regarding rare specimens of the fern *A. Bradleyi* [Bradley's spleenwort] found at the foot of Chickies Rock. Kinston, Pennsylvania. With envelope. 27 October 1937.

Insert 2 Letter from Thomas Darling, Jr. regarding a visit to Lancaster to search for a rare evergreen rock fern and other rare hybrids at Tucquan Glen, hoping that Mrs. Tanger will be able to join him or that he can meet up with the Muhlenberg Club, and mentioning Dr. Wherry's new book. Allentown. With envelope. 10 January 1938.

Insert 3 Letter from Thomas Darling, Jr. regarding his change of plans due to snow the previous week, a choral group from Finland, and a trip to New York. With envelope. 20 January 1938.

Insert 5 Letter from Thomas Darling, Jr. regarding another expedition to Bowman's Hill with Dr. Wherry and lectures in the Poconos. With envelope. 25 July 1939.

Insert 5 Letter from Thomas Darling, Jr. regarding an exciting discovery of *Tipularia* orchid, the Bowman's Hill expedition with Dr. Wherry, and a mysterious package from friends in Rochester containing ferns which may be from Canada. With envelope. 8 August 1939.

"The lure of strange lands," by Thomas Darling, Jr., *Allentown Chronicle and News*. Allentown. 30 January 1939. The article is about his orchid hunting trip to the Philippines. (photocopy)