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Unless otherwise indicated, all materials are in the archives at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont. Material in the Jepson collection at the University of California, Berkeley, is abbreviated JEPS. Material in the Abrams collection at Stanford University is abbreviated DUD.

6. Chain of Title from Mexican Government Covering Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 1940. Orange County Title Co. and Title Insurance and Trust Co. Santa Ana and Los Angeles.
14. The three botanical gardens devoted entirely to California native plants were: The Blaksley Botanic Garden, established in 1926 (now the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden); The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 1927; and the Castle Lodge Naturalistic Botanical Gardens of California Native Plants also established in 1927 (Long Beach Press-Telegram, 15 April 1934). The latter garden was established by Mr and Mrs Earl W. Wood of Long Beach and was located on the north fork of the San Gabriel River. No further information is available and it was probably destroyed during the floods of 1938. The press report would indicate that this venture was a botanic garden in name only. The other botanic gardens included
the Huntington Botanical Garden which had been under development for some years but officially became a botanic garden and was opened to the public in 1928, and the California Botanic Garden which was described by Dr E. D. Merrill on 7 May 1927 as follows:

The recently organized California Botanical Garden at Los Angeles stands today heavily endowed in land, and with a future potential heavy endowment in funds as a part of the land area is converted. Briefly, a group of public spirited citizens have pooled their interests in 3200 acres of land, and turned the entire property over on deed of trust to the Metropolitan Trust Company acting for the Garden Foundation Incorporated. To carry on the development work needed on the entire tract, a bond issue of $2,500,000.00 has been placed on the property. This bond issue and certain other incumbrances on the land are to be met from the profits accruing from the sale of land surrounding the garden site. Under the deed of trust all profits, after the obligations mentioned above are met, must be turned over to the Garden Foundation Incorporated to form the endowment of the California Botanical Garden. The Garden Foundation Incorporated is a non-profit non-stock corporation organized under the laws of California for certain charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

The site is within the city limits of Los Angeles, near Santa Monica, and is about three miles from the new site of the University of California at Los Angeles. It extends from Beverly Boulevard on the South to and beyond Mulholland Drive on the North, and includes all of Mandeville Canyon and its delimiting ridges. Approximately 800 acres will form the garden, and this area will be unalienable. The garden acreage occupies all of Mandeville Canyon, and is to be surrounded by the delimiting Garden Boulevard. The lands outside of the Garden Boulevard are to be subdivided and sold for residential purposes.

As funds become available it is planned to develop the garden, starting on the basis of the native vegetation now existing in Mandeville Canyon, construct the necessary buildings, establish a library, herbarium, museum, and build and equip research laboratories, adding to the technical staff from time to time; in brief, to establish a comprehensive plant research institution on the broadest possible basis. All development in the immediate future must of course be a charge against the bond issue.

After mature consideration I have accepted appointment as Director of the California Botanical Garden, effective June 1, 1927, on the basis of partial leave of absence from the University of California, to organize the institution and to attempt to direct its proper development. This appointment involves a very heavy program for the year, for which no additional remuneration is received. I will still hold my position as Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of California, at Berkeley, on part-time basis, my remaining time being devoted to the new Botanical Garden. I am convinced that in this recently organized institution there is the nucleus of a highly endowed research institution that will, in due time, contribute materially to our knowledge of plants and plant life.

It is hoped that the California Botanical Garden may receive the cooperation
and support of all similar institutions, for in its objectives, although it is as yet in the formative stage, it will fill a long felt need on the Pacific Coast of North America. (Mimeographed copy of a form letter signed by Merrill, DUD).

The scheme collapsed following the stock market crash in 1929 and The California Botanical Garden never became a reality.

22. Payne to Bryant, 8 January 1926.
23. Bryant to Payne, 17 February 1926.
27. Sargent to Bryant, 17 April 1926.
28. Bryant to Sargent, 28 April 1926.
29. This suggestion must have been verbal since there is no reference to Braunton in the Sargent-Bryant correspondence.
30. Braunton to Bryant, 8 September 1926.
32. Jepson to Bryant, 27 September 1926.
33. Jepson to Bryant, 16 October 1926.
35. Jepson to Braunton, 19 November 1926.
36. Braunton to Jepson, 22 November 1926.
37. Braunton to Bryant, 14 September 1926.
38. Bryant to Munz, 8 November 1926.
40. Braunton to Bryant, 22 March 1927.
41. Bryant to Jepson, 10 January 1927.
42. Braunton to Bryant, 19 April 1927.

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44. Jepson to Bryant, 30 November 1927.
45. Bryant to Jepson, 19 May 1927.
46. Bryant to Jepson, 14 May 1927.
47. Jepson field notebook, October 1927, p. 140g–h. JEPS.
49. Bryant to Jepson, 17 June 1927.
50. Jepson field notebook, October 1927, p. 140h–i. JEPS.
52. Jepson to Bryant, 29 November 1927.
53. Jepson to Bryant, 21 December 1927.
54. Payne to Bryant, 12 October 1925.
55. Swingle to Braunton, 14 March 1927.
56. Braunton to Bryant, 14 September 1926.
57. Braunton to Bryant, 2 January 1929.
59. Rowntree to Bryant, 19 November 1927.
60. Bryant to Jepson, 29 September 1928.
63. Jepson field notebook, March 1929, pp. 58–59. JEPS.
64. Jepson field notebook, March 1929, p. 61. JEPS.
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68. Bryant to Jepson, 14 March 1927. JEPS.
69. In Jepson’s field notebooks, he always uses the name Ed. Howard. In all garden reports examined, the man named is Fred Howard. There were five Howard Brothers, sons of Frederick and Caroline Huber Howard. As the years went by each brother found his own special niche in the field of horticulture. Arthur became the manager of Howard and Smith; O. W. and Paul achieved distinction in landscape design (O. W. later became interested in ornithology and became an authority on the birds of the Southwest); Fred found his talents in propagation and hybridization and Edward divided his time between his own contracts and those of his brothers.15
71. Bryant to Jepson, 15 June 1933. JEPS.
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75. Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees, 28 April 1934.
76. Preliminary copy of The Minutes of the 5th Semi-annual Conference of the Board of Trustees and Councilors, 26 October 1935.
77. Jepson to Bryant, 28 November 1940. JEPS.
78. Ibid.
79. Jepson to Bryant, 29 September 1941. JEPS.
80. Jepson to Bryant, 15 May 1939. JEPS.
81. Jepson to Bryant, 12 January 1944. JEPS.
83. Jepson to Howell, 20 March 1946. JEPS.
85. Proposals regarding the printed publications of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, by the Committee on Publications, 4 pp.
87. Memorandum: Munz to the Board of Trustees, 7 July 1949.
88. Chickering to O'Melveny, 30 April 1947.
90. Munz to Chickering, 5 August 1949.
93. Bryant to Jepson, 28 June 1946.
94. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Annual Reports:
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