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Guide to the Biltmore Forest School Alumni Reunion, 1950

This collection consists of a single item, a thirty-one-page booklet titled *Flowers for the Living* that was apparently published by the Biltmore Reunion Committee in 1950 to commemorate the reunion of the alumni of the Biltmore Forest School held 28 - 31 May 1950 at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. Former teachers and students attended the reunion, where they reminisced about their experiences at the Biltmore Forest School and about the school's founder and director, Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck. *Flowers for the Living* documents the activities and events held at the reunion and includes such items as a written review of the reunion, copies of speeches and presentations made there, old photographs taken when the alumni were students, new photographs snapped during reunion events, an alumni roster, and a listing of deceased graduates and lecturers.

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: The Biltmore Forest School Alumni Reunion, 1950

Creator: Biltmore Reunion Committee.

Extent: 1 volume (30 cm); [31 p.]

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Forest History Society Archivist/Librarian, Cheryl Oakes (coakes@duke.edu)

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Historical Note

Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck (1868 - 1955) founded the Biltmore Forest School on George Vanderbilt's (1862 - 1914) Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1898 and served as its sole director until the school closed in 1913. The school's curriculum focused on providing practical forest management field training supplemented with traditional classroom lectures in silvicultural theory. To provide the practical training, Schenck took his students on extended field trips to various regions of the United States and Europe so that they could observe firsthand different types of silvicultural operations and methods of forest management. Students usually attended the school for a one-year term, and upon completion of their studies most students sought employment with private lumber companies. The Biltmore Forest School closed in 1913 due to declining interest in the program.

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Scope and Content Note

From 28 May 1950 to 31 May 1950 a reunion of the alumni of the Biltmore Forest School was held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. Former students, lecturers, and prominent American foresters attended the four-day celebration. A commemorative booklet titled *Flowers for the Living* was published apparently that same year by the committee responsible for organizing the event. The thirty-one-page publication documents the activities and events held at the reunion and includes such items as a written review of the reunion, copies of speeches and presentations made there, old photographs taken when the alumni were students, new photographs snapped during reunion events, an alumni roster, and a listing of deceased graduates and lecturers.

Organization of Collection

A single series labeled *Flowers for the Living (1950)* comprises this collection, and the series contains just one published item: *Flowers for the Living* (S.l.: [Biltmore Reunion Committee, 1950.]) The "Detailed Description of Collection" section of this guide includes a link to a [Digital Surrogate] facsimile of the original text presented as an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file.

Online Catalog Headings

Biltmore Forest School -- History.

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Detailed Description of Collection

Series I: Flowers for the Living (1950)

1 volume (30 cm); [31] pages

Scope and Content Note

This thirty-one-page publication documents the activities and events held at a reunion of the alumni of the Biltmore Forest School that was held 28 - 31 May 1950 at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. Publication information for this item is inconclusive, but *Flowers for the Living* was apparently published in 1950 by the Biltmore Reunion Committee to commemorate the reunion. The booklet includes a review of reunion activities, copies of speeches and presentations, photographs, an alumni roster, and a listing of deceased graduates and lecturers.

[Biltmore Reunion Committee.] *Flowers for the Living*. S.l.: [Biltmore Reunion Committee, 1950.] [31] pp. [\[Digital Surrogate\]](#)