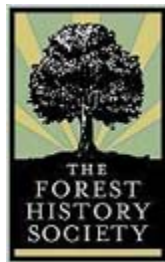


**Inventory of the  
Murlyn Bennet Dickerman Papers, 1924 - 1983**



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Murlyn Bennet Dickerman Papers,
<b>Dates:</b>	1924 - 1983
<b>Creator:</b>	Dickerman, M. B. (Murlyn Bennet), 1912-
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Murlyn B. Dickerman (1912-2000) served as United States Forest Service deputy chief of research. As a representative of the Society of American Foresters, Dickerman led the United States Forestry Team delegation to the People's Republic of China in 1980.</p> <p>The collection includes correspondence, itineraries, reports, papers, and articles concerning forestry in China and a 1980 trip of a United States Forestry Team, led by Murlyn B. Dickerman, to the People's Republic of China. In 1979, when the United States granted official diplomatic recognition to China, the two governments agreed to exchange ideas, information, scholars, and students in order to promote increased knowledge in the fields of science and technology. Forestry teams from both countries studied breeding and cultivation of improved tree varieties, reforestation, lumber practices, erosion control, and forestry education practices of the other country.</p>
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 linear feet(1 record carton)
<b>Repository:</b>	Forest History Society Library and Archives
<b>Call Number:</b>	3920
<b>Language of Material:</b>	Material in English

## Biographical and Historical Note

### Murlyn B. Dickerman

Murlyn B. Dickerman (1912-2000) served as United States Forest Service deputy chief of research. As a representative of the Society of American Foresters, Dickerman led the United States Forestry Team delegation to the People's Republic of China in 1980.

### Forestry Exchange between the United States and People's Republic of China

In 1979, the United States granted official diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic of China (PRC), thus opening lines of communication between the two countries. On January 31, 1979, the governments of the United States and the PRC signed a cooperative agreement to exchange ideas, information, scholars, and students in the scientific and technological fields for the benefit of each country and all mankind. The intellectual exchange was to operate for a period of five years unless extended further through amendment to the official signed agreement. Other countries were invited to participate in a minimal capacity and encouraged to prepare their own cooperative agreements with the government of the PRC.

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One of the areas of shared investigation was forestry. As per the agreement, the PRC's Ministry of Forestry sent a number of delegations to the United States during the five-year period. Their primary goal was to study forest management and improvement in America. Specifically, they studied such topics as breeding and cultivation of improved tree varieties; reforestation of hills and barren areas; log handling, skidding, and transportation; integrated use of forest products; and forestry education. Likewise, the United States sent a number of delegations to China over the allotted period to study China's current forest genetic and breeding practices, nursery management, reforestation, erosion control, and forest product handling and use.

Murlyn Dickerman, as a representative of the Society of American Foresters, led the 1980 U.S. Forestry Team delegation to the PRC. Other members of the team included: Donald P. Duncan, Dean of the University of Missouri's School of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife; Douglas R. Leisz, Associate Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; James G. Yoho, a representative of the International Paper Company; John C. Gordon, Dean of Oregon State University's Department of Forest Science; F. Bryan Clark, Director of Timber Management Research for the U.S. Forest Service; and Carl Reidel, a representative of the American Forestry Association.

## Collection Overview

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## Collection Arrangement

A number of photographs taken during Dickerman's 1980 trip to the PRC were removed from this collection and placed in the Forest History Society's Photograph Collection. The photographs are housed in a subfile marked "U.S. Forestry Delegation Trip, 1980" in the main file labeled *China*.

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## Subject Headings

Clark, F. Bryan

Dickerman, M. B. (Murlyn Bennet), 1912-

Duncan, Donald P. (Donald Pendleton), 1916-

Forests and forestry -- China -- 20th century

Gordon, J. C. (John C.), 1939-

Leisz, Douglas R. (Douglas Robert), 1926-

Reidel, Carl H., 1937-

Society of American Foresters

Yoho, James G.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## 1. Materials Related to Forestry in China, 1924-1983.

Folder 1	Background Information, 1979 and 1981
Folder 2	Correspondence, November 1977 to December 1978
Folder 3	Itineraries/Trip Logs: Visit to the PRC, 1980
Folder 4	Maps of China, undated
Folder 5	Miscellaneous: Forestry in China, 1980 Exchange Program
Folder 6	Photographs, 1980 Reports/Papers/Articles: China
Folder 7	General Information, 1979-1980
Folder 8	General Forestry in the PRC, 1955-1982 and undated
Folder 9	Exchange Program Reports, Australian, 1981
Folder 10	Exchange Program Reports, Canadian, 1976
Folder 11	Exchange Program Reports, United States, 1977-1981
Folder 12	Forestry Policy in the PRC (a case study), 1978 "Forestry Policy in China" (Dissertation, 1980)
Folder 13	Part One (Chapters 1 and 2): Introduction
Folder 14-15	Part Two (Chapters 3-5): Afforestation and Forest Management
Folder 16	Part Three (Chapter 6): Forest Exploitation and Regeneration
Folder 17	Part Four (Chapter 7): Summary
Folder 18	China's Environmental Policy, 1981-1982
Folder 19	Agriculture and Communes, undated
Folder 20	"China: Forestry Support for Agriculture," 1978
Folder 21	Erosion and Soil Conservation, 1924-1980
Folder 22	Genetics and Tree Improvement, 1982-1983
Folder 23	Forestry Law of China, 1980
Folder 24	Forestry Research and Education, 1980-1981 and undated
Folder 25	Nature Conservation, 1980
Folder 26	Forestry Pest Control, 1981-1982 and undated
Folder 27	Wood-Based Industries, 1978

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Timber Production, 1976