

The Queensland Herbarium library collection began as the library of the Old Brisbane Botanic Gardens, set up by Walter Hill (also the first Colonial Botanist) in the 1860s, and still contains some rare botanical and design treasures from the 18th and 19th centuries. Among the earliest publications (and certainly the longest running) held in the Queensland Herbarium Library is *Curtis's Botanical Magazine* (1787-1983); a bulk collection of the issues up to 1860 being made for Walter Hill by his mentor, Dr. Hooker, the Director of RBG, Kew, between 1862-1865, with a continuing subscription.¹

Hill reported this list of books and magazines in his Annual Report for 1861 and 1862:²

"With the means placed at my disposal I have succeeded in forming the nucleus of a Public Botanical Library and Museum... The books already procured are, –

- Lindley's Vegetable Kingdom
- Lindley's Medical and Economical Botany
- Lindley's Introduction to Botany
- Lindley's Theory and Practice of Horticulture
- Balfour's Manual of Botany
- Loudon's [*sic.*] Encyclopaedia of Trees³
- Blanco's Flora de Filipinas
- Wight's Icones Plantarum Indae Orientalis, 6 vols.
- Burman's Flora Indica
- Horsfield's Plantae Javanicae
- Hooker's Century of Ferns
- Hooker and Bauer's Genera of Ferns
- Brown's Prodomus Florae Novae Hollandiae
- Royle's Fibrous Plants of India
- Hooker's Victoria Regia, large folio
- Eyre's Central Australia, 2 vols.
- Sturt's Central Australia, 2 vols.
- Sturt's Southern Australia, 2 vols.
- Stoke's Discoveries in Australia, 2 vols.
- Juke's Voyage of the "Fly", 2 vols.

¹ In 1882, Hill's library was given into the care of the second Colonial Botanist (Frederick Manson Bailey) at his Botanical Museum. Both the Botanic Gardens and the position of Colonial Botanist (with associated herbarium) remained with the Department of Agriculture until 1925. Then the Botanic Gardens was turned over to the management of the Brisbane City Council and the Government Botanist and the Queensland Herbarium stayed as part of that department (now the Department of Primary Industries). The Herbarium remained there until the early 1990s, #WHEN MOVED?# then it was moved to the Dept of Environment, now called Environment Protection Agency. #WHEN CHANGED?#

² ##### 1861, 1862 Ann.Rpt. 3rd July 1862, p.527.

³ Probably, Loudon, J.C.: *An Encyclopaedia of Trees and Shrubs; Being the Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum, Abridged: Containing the Hardy Trees and Shrubs of Britain, Native and Foreign, Scientifically and Popularly Described*;... London: Longman and printed for the Author. First published in 1842 with several editions through to 1883 and in 1875 an American edition was published in New York. The titles and publication histories of the Loudon books can be sourced from Simo, Melanie Louise (1988). *Loudon and the Landscape: From Country Seat to Metropolis 1793-1843*. New Haven: Yale University Press, Appendix B: Works of J.C. Loudon, pp. 291-296.

Floral Magazine.

Curtis's Botanical Magazine, 1784-1860.

Jourdan's Dictionnaire des termes usités dans les Sciences Naturelles, 2 vols.

The Honourable Louis Hope of Kilkoy, has kindly presented the following works on Botany to the Library, viz.: –

Don's Dichlamydous Plants, 4 vols.

De Candolle's Prodomus, 8 vols."

The next package of books was reported in 1865 and include the acquisitions made by Kew's managers, and some more works from local Australian booksellers:⁴

"The Books procured by Sir. W. Hooker and Dr. Hooker, are –

Botanical Magazine (Curtis), vols. 83-89.

Floral magazine, vol. 1.

Neuova Quinologia of Pavon (Howard).

Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalayah (J.D. Hooker).

Himalayan Plants (J.D. Hooker).

Botany of the Himalayan Mountains (Boyle), 2 vols.

Flora Honkongensis (Bentham).

Genera and Species of Orchideous Plants (Lindley).

Genera Plantarum (Bentham and Hooker), vol.1, part 1.

New Zealand Flora (J.D. Hooker).

Prodromus Systematis Naturalis (Dr. Candolle), vols. 9-15

Species Filicum (Hooker), vol. 5.

Second Century of Ferns (Hooker).

Journal of Botany (Hooker), vols. 1-6.

Arboretum Britannicum (Loudon), 8 vols.⁵

Encyclopaedia of Plants (Loudon).⁶

Memoirs de Museum d'Historie Naturelle, vols. 1-20.

Book of the Gardens (Macintosh), 2 vols.⁷

Transactions of Horticultural Society of London, vols. 1-7.

Culture of Cotton in India.

Ceylon (Emerson Tennent), 2 vols.

How to Lay Out a Garden (Kemp).⁸

Technologist (Simmonds), vols. 1-3.

Florist and Pomologist, 1862-3.

The Orchard House (Rivers).

⁴ W.Hill (5 August 1865). Report on the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, in V&P, 1865, Vol. I, pp. 1227-8; The titles and publication histories of the Loudon books were sourced from Simo, Melanie Louise (1988). *Loudon and the Landscape: From Country Seat to Metropolis 1793-1843*. New Haven: Yale University Press, Appendix B: Works of J.C. Loudon, pp. 291-296; other titles and authors were gleaned from Elliott, Brent (1986). *Victorian Gardens*. London: B. T. Batsford Ltd.

⁵ Probably, Loudon, J.C.: *An Encyclopaedia of Trees and Shrubs; Being the Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum, Abridged: Containing the Hardy Trees and Shrubs of Britain, Native and Foreign, Scientifically and Popularly Described*;... London: Longman and printed for the Author. First published in 1842 with several editions through to 1883 and in 1875 an American edition was published in New York.

⁶ Probably, Loudon, J.C.: *An Encyclopaedia of Plants*... London: Longman. First published in 1829 with several reprints and supplements between 1836 and 1880. Dr. John Lindley, first Professor of Botany at the University of London provided most of the plant descriptions in this work. The titles and publication histories of the Loudon books can be sourced from Simo, Melanie Louise (1988). *Loudon and the Landscape: From Country Seat to Metropolis 1793-1843*. New Haven: Yale University Press, Appendix B: Works of J.C. Loudon, pp. 291-296.

⁷ Probably, M'Intosh, Charles (1853), *The Book of the Garden: Structural*, Vol. 1. London: Wm Blackwood ; and, M'Intosh, Charles (1855), *The Book of the Garden: Cultural*, Vol. 2. London: Wm Blackwood.

⁸ Probably, the first edition (1862###) of Kemp, Edward (1864), *How to Lay Out a Garden; intended as a general guide in choosing, forming, or improving an estate (from a Quarter of an Acre to a Hundred Acres in Extent), with reference to both design and execution*, 3rd ed. London: Bradbury and Evans

Hardbook of Gardening (Kemp).⁹
 Miniature Fruit Garden (Rivers).
 Rose Amateur's Guide (Rivers).
 Popular History of Palms (Seeman).
 Wanderings in China (Fortune).
 Residence among the Chinese (Fortune).
 Cyclopaedia of Geography (Murray).
 Tropical Australia (Mitchell), 2 vols.
 Expedition into Australia (Mitchell), 2 vols.
 Survey of Australia (King), 2 vols.
 Voyage of the "Rattlesnake" (Macgillivray), 2 vols.
 Two Years in New South Wales.
 Cook's Last Voyage, 3 vols.
 Charts and Plates of Cook's Voyage.
 Flinders' Voyage, 2 vols.
 Charts and Plates of Flinders' Voyage.
 Gardener's Magazine (Loudon), vols.1-19.¹⁰
 Flora Australasica (Sweet).
 Flower Garden (Paxton), vols. 1-19.¹¹
 Botany of Beechey's Voyage (Hooker and Arnott).
 Botany of the Herald (Seeman).

The following have been purchased of J.W. Buxton, Brisbane: –

Chinese Sugar-cane and Sugar-making (Stanbury).
 Sorgho and Imphoe, The new sugar-cane (Olcott).
 British and Garden Botany (Grindon).

Purchased of F.F. Bailliere, Melbourne: –

Natural History of New York, 5 vols.
 Harvey's Phycologia, 5 vols.
 Downing's Rural Essays.¹²
 Morton's Cyclopaedia, 2 vols.
 Sweet on Geraniums.
 Hoare on the Grape Vine.
 Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany.
 Schelden on the Plant.
 Redding's French Wines.
 Downing's American Fruits.¹³
 Porter on the Sugar-cane.
 Barnes on Flax.
 Torrey's Wine Countries.
 Busby's Recent Visit to Spanish Vineyards.
 Chorlton's American Grape Grower.
 Icones Plantarum, sp. China.

In addition to the standard books in the Library, the "Gardeners' Chronicle" and the "Cottage Gardener" are regularly supplied."

This ends the lists supplied by Walter Hill.

⁹ Probably, Kemp ###

¹⁰ Loudon, J.C. (Editor), published between 1826 and 1844. 19 Vols. London: Longman.

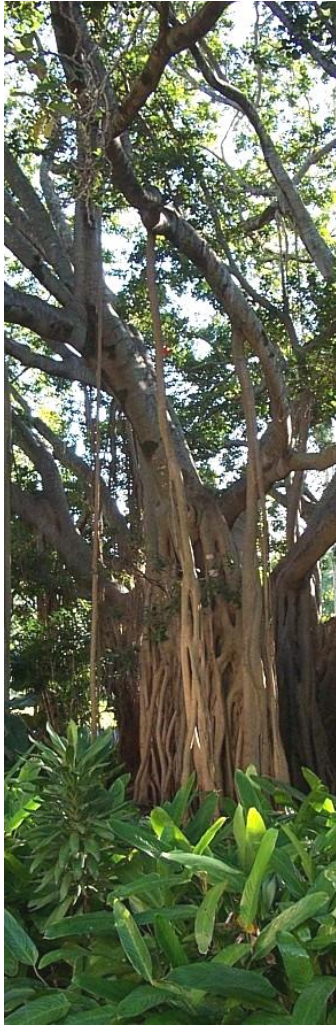
¹¹ Paxton, Joseph (Editor), published ##

¹² Probably, *Rural Essays*, published posthumously by George P. Putnam & Co. republished the most important of Downing's editorials from the magazine *The Horticulturalist* (properly known as *Journal of Rural Art and Rural Taste*, which Downing edited from 1846-1852), with many reprints of the compendium thereafter. Downing's most famous publication was: Downing, Andrew Jackson, *A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening, Adapted to North America; with a View to the Improvement of Country Residences*, first published in 1841 with numerous editions thereafter. See also Downing, A.J. and George B. Tatum (introduction) (1991), *Landscape Gardening and Rural Architecture*, facsimile of 7th edition of 1865, edited by Henry Winthrop Sargent. New York: Dover.

¹³ Probably, Downing, A. J. *Fruits and Fruit Tree of America*. First published 1845, with 13 editions thereafter.

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'Scholar's Banyan' (tree #0327)
Ficus benghalensis, near QUT border
with the Gardens (December 2004).

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