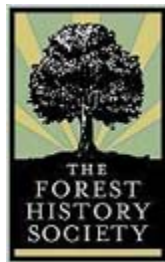


**Inventory of the
Thomas Harvey Gill Papers, 1912 - 1972**



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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Thomas Harvey Gill Papers,
Dates:	1912 - 1972
Creator:	Gill, Thomas, 1891-1972
Abstract:	<p>Thomas Harvey Gill (1891-1972) was a leader in international and American forestry and prolific author. Gill served as a forester with the U.S. Forest Service (1915-1925), the Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation (1926-1960), and the Food and Agriculture Organization and was a founder of the International Society of Tropical Foresters.</p> <p>The collection includes personal and professional correspondence; published and draft articles; photographs; printed materials, including books; excerpts from travel diaries (1924-1929); directors' minutes of the Charles Lathrop Pack Forest Education Board (1930-1940). Among the prominent correspondents are Ralph S. Hosmer, Adalbert Ebner, Randolph G. Pack, Arthur N. Pack, the Tropical Plant Research Foundation, Gifford Pinchot, Carl Alwin Schenck, and Ferdinand A. Silcox.</p>
Extent:	6 linear feet(11 archival boxes)
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Biographical Note

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Tom Gill was born in 1891 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1913 from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in languages. Throughout his life, Gill developed proficiency in Spanish, French, and German in addition to his native English. In 1915, Gill graduated from Yale University with the degree Master of Forestry. Following graduation, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as a forest ranger in Fort Collins, Colorado. During World War I, Gill served as a pilot and instructor in the Army Air Service. After WWI, he returned to the Forest Service as forest supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest at Deadwood, South Dakota.

In 1922, Gill transferred to Washington, D.C., where he was in charge of information for the Branch of Public Relations. In January of 1925, the American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C. appointed him associate editor of *American Forests and Forest Life*. A year later he became executive director and foresters of the Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation in Washington, D.C., a position he held until the Foundation's liquidation in 1960.

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Tom Gill authored many popular and academic works. His fiction centered on stories of adventure involving cowboys, forest rangers, and frontier characters. His 12 books of fiction included *Guardians of the Desert*, *Death Rides the Mesa*, *North to Danger*, *The Gay Bandit of the Border*, and *No Place for Women*.

In addition to his fiction, Gill wrote numerous short stories and serials which were published in leading magazines of the day, such as *Saturday Evening Post*, *American Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Reader's Digest*. Several of his novels were made into movies.

Gill authored numerous articles on forestry and natural resources. His books include *Forests and Mankind*, 1930 (co-author with Charles Lathrop Pack); the widely distributed *Forest Facts for Schools*; a definitive work titled *Tropical Forests of the Caribbean*, 1931; and *The Forestry Directory* (coeditor), 1943. In 1951, Gill wrote *Land Hunger in Mexico*.

Tom Gill was one of the leading drafters of the report establishing the forestry division of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. He established, financed, and directed the activities of the International Society of Tropical Foresters as its president and founder. He served as executive director of International Union of Societies of Foresters. In 1954, Gill won the Sir William Schlich Memorial Medal in 1954, and he participated in the first six World Forestry Congresses. Among his other awards, Gill received the Bernhard E. Fernow Award by the American Forestry Association; Distinguished Service Cross of Germany; France's Chevalier, Merite Agricole; and the Merito Civico Forestal of Mexico.

Tom Gill died in 1972.

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Collection Arrangement

Where possible, original folder titles have been retained.

1. Correspondence, Travel Diaries, Meeting Minutes, Publications, and Printed Materials, 1912-1972

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation
Ebner, Adalbert
Gill, Thomas Harvey, (1891-1972)
Hosmer, Ralph S. (Ralph Sheldon), 1874-1963
Journal of forest history.
Pack, Randolph G.
Pack, Charles Lathrop, 1857-1937
Pinchot, Gifford
Silcox, F. A. (Ferdinand Augustus), 1882-1939
Tropical Plant Research Foundation
United States. Forest Service

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Correspondence, Travel Diaries, Meeting Minutes, Publications, and Printed Materials, 1912-1972.

- Box 1 Excerpts from Tom Gill's Diaries, 1925-1961
- Includes accounts of various trips made while Tom Gill was a forester for the Pack Foundation and later the Tropical Plant Research Foundation.
- Box 1 Personal: Agents
- Box 1 Personal: *American Magazine*, 1941-1959
- Box 1 Personal: *Saturday Evening Post* Correspondence, 1942-1945
- Box 1 Duke Tropical Symposium: Background Material, Papers, Etc., April 21-26, 1965
- Box 1 Pesticide Committee: Article on Spraying Operations, 1961
- Includes correspondence, memoranda, and photographs of aerial pesticide spraying and ground operations and of a Caribou trip.
- Box 1 Pack Foundation: Article, Miscellaneous Material, 1929-1960
- Box 1 *American Magazine*, 1932-1940
- Box 1 Society of American Foresters: General Correspondence, 1940-1971
- Box 1 Pack Foundation, 1948-1968
- Box 2 Correspondence: G. P. Putnum's & Sons, 1940-1959
- Box 2 Correspondence: Curis Brown, 1930-1938
- Box 2 Correspondence: Farrar & Riinhart, Inc., 1931-1939
- Box 2 Correspondence: *Cosmopolitan Magazine*: Correspondence, 1932-1936
- Box 2 Correspondence: R. L. Giffen, 1932-1937
- Box 2 Correspondence: Venezeula, 1952-1957
- Box 2 National Academy of Sciences Tropical Forestry Committee: Background Material and General Correspondence,
- Box 2 National Academy of Sciences Tropical Forestry Committee: Committee Members and Correspondence with Foundations
- Box 2 Freedom from Hunger Foundation: Membership and General Correspondence
- Box 3 Japan: Travel Orders, 1951 Mission, Legislative Booklet, and Other Materials
- Box 3 Correspondence: Ralph S. Hosmer
- Box 3 Sir Herbert Howard, ISTF
- Box 3 Duke Tropical Symposium: Correspondence

- Box 3 University of Florida Subcommittee
- Box 3 United Nations Conference, Geneva, February 1963: Information and Correspondence
- Box 3 Reference Material
- Box 4 Lantern Slide Labeled "T. A. Gill on Mt. Evans Road. Pike National Forest, Colorado. (Taken by H. N. Wheeler - 1923)"
- Box 4 Tropical Plant Research Foundation: General Correspondence, 1928-1942
- Box 4 Arthur N. Pack: Correspondence, 1928-1940
- Box 4 Randolph G. Pack, 1952-1956
- Box 4 Dr. Adalbert Ebner: Correspondence, 1950-1967
- Box 4 Pack Foundation, American Tree Association: Articles of Incorporation, Social Security and Taxes, and Old Security Lists, 1932-1963
- Box 5 Commonwealth Forestry Institute Library, University of Oxford, 1962-1967
- Box 5 Arthur N. Pack: Correspondence, 1957-1961
- Box 5 Randolph G. Pack, 1954-1955
- Box 5 Pack Foundation: Secretary's Annual Reports, Tom Gill, 1958-1961 and undated
- Box 5 Pack Foundation: Jim O'Hearn, 1957-1964
- Box 5 H. R. Josephson: Application for Fellowship in Forestry (1937-1938), 1937-1941
- Box 5 Charles Lanthrop Pack Forestry Foundation, 1934-1971
- Box 6 Loose Materials
- Includes correspondence and draft of "An Evaluation of the Effects of Fire on Watershed Values of Ponderosa Pine and Chaparral Lands of the Salt River Watershed."
- Box 6 Excerpt from Diaries Made During Trips of Tom Gill and Other Materials, 1924-1961
- Box 6 Correspondence: National Conservation Memorial Commission, 1956
- Box 6 *Tropical Forests of the Caribbean*, 1931-1954
- Box 6 Oberlander Trust, 1942
- Box 6 "Virgin Islands National Park" by Tom Gill and Related Correspondence, 1964-1965
- Box 6 Forest History Society, 1952-1972
- Box 6 Correspondence with Persons Who Have Died, 1932-1933 and undated
- Box 7 Publications (Loose)
- Box 7 American Forestry Association, 1961-1971
- Box 7 American Forestry Association: Fernow Award Committee, 1970
- Box 7 Manuscripts: "Thirsty Wonderlands"

- Box 7 Comments Regarding *Land Hunger in Mexico* and Other Writings, 1951-1952
- Box 7 American Forestry Association: Forest History Committee, 1971-1972
- Box 7 Certificate of Nomination as Society of American Foresters Fellow
- Box 8 Miscellaneous Articles by Tom Gill, 1936-1966
- Box 8 Speeches, Radio Talks, Etc. by Tom Gill
- Box 8 Timber Conservation Board
- Box 8 Correspondence: Hugh M. Curran, 1950-1952
- Box 8 Correspondence: Franz Heske, 1937
- Box 8 Correspondence: Ward Shepard, 1934-1946
- Box 8 Correspondence: W. I. Hutchinson, 1950
- Box 8 Correspondence: Gifford Pinchot and Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, 1945-1953
- Box 8 Correspondence: Carl A. Schenck, 1939-1950
- Box 8 Correspondence: Ferdinand A. Silcox, 1934-1947
- Box 8 Correspondence: Professor E. P. Stebbing, 1946-1952
- Box 8 Correspondence: Egon Glesinger, 1941-1955
- Box 8 Charles Lanthrop Pack Forestry Fellowship Fund, undated
- Box 9 Loose Materials, 1972 and undated
- Includes photographs, negatives, excerpts from Tom Gill's diaries (see elsewhere in the collection), and a news release/obituary issued on the occasion of Tom Gill's death.
- Box 9 Correspondence, Contract, and Other Materials Related to Book Publication, 1938-1946
- Box 9 Loose Materials, 1952-1968
- Includes correspondence and related materials concerning Arthur C. Ringland, A. J. Riker, and Lawrence Rakestraw.
- Box 9 Confidential Papers, 1949-1954
- Box 9 Reprints from *Journal of Forestry*
- Box 9 "Forestry Proposals for the Philippines" by Tom Gill
- Box 9 Dead File - Publishers
- Box 9 *Forestry in Japan*
- Box 9 *Tribes and Temples*
- Box 9 Miscellaneous Papers
- Box 9 Head Shots of Tom Gill

- Box 9 Photographs in which Tom Gill Appears, 1924
- Box 9 Assorted Photographs, 1912-1967
- Includes U.S. Forest Service photographs and others featuring foresters, rangers, Smokey Bear cub, and a smoke jumper.
- Box 9 Assorted Photographs and Portraits of Tom Gill, 1936-1963 and earlier (undated)
- Box 9 Charles Lanthrop Pack Forest Education Board, 1930-1940
- Box 10 Daily Journals, 1915-1916
- Box 10 Enlistment, Discharge, and Other Military Papers, 1917-1945
- Box 10 Loose Papers
- Box 10 Society of American Foresters: 60th Anniversary Banquet
- Box 10 Awards: German Federal Cross of Merit and Sir William Memorial Medal, 1954-1961
- Box 10 Society of American Foresters: Notes for Chapter on America and World Forestry for the First 60 Years
- Box 10 State Forestry Suverys: General, 1944-1953
- Box 10 Vivian Gill: Certificate of Merit, American Theatre Wing War Service, Inc., Stage Door Canteen of Washington
- Box 11 Tom Gill Articles, 1925-1943

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"In the Mexican Quarter: The Romance of a Tenderfoot." *Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan* 88:6 (June 1930): 83-85, 145-146, 148-150.

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"The Gay Bandit of the Border: A Thrilling Story of the West by a Real Westerner." *Pearson's Magazine* (June 1931): 638-655.

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"Dude Ranch." *Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan* 97:3 (September 1934): 40-41.

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"Starlight Pass." *American Magazine* 118:6 (December 1934): 12-15, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106.

"Starlight Pass." *American Magazine* 119:1 (January 1935): 22-25, 103-110.

"Starlight Pass." *American Magazine* 119:2 (February 1935): 40-43, 114-122.

"Starlight Pass." *American Magazine* 119:3 (March 1935): 66-69, 113-118.

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- "Jungle Harvest." *Saturday Evening Post* 215:38 (March 20, 1943): 32, 35, 50, 53, 55, 58.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Miscellaneous

7.5 x 9.5 inch black and white photograph of Enrique Beltran pasted onto 11" x 14" poster board with handwritten inscription in Spanish dated 1964. English translation of inscription: "To my dear and admired friend and colleague Dr. Tom Gill with sincere friendship and true appreciation."

11.5 x 15.5 inch honorary diploma presented to Tom Gill on 26 July 1965 by El Instituto Mexicano de Recursos Naturales Renovables.

12.5 x 17 inch award presented to Tom Gill in recognition of his forest conservation activities and conferring to him honorary membership in the Sociedad Forestal Mexicana as of 25 March 1955.

12 x 18.5 certificate of honorary membership in La Asociacion Mexicana de Proteccion a la Naturaleza presented to Tom Gill on 6 March 1952.

12 x 18.5 inch certificate of honorary membership in La Sociedad Mexicana de Historia Natural presented to Tom Gill on 29 February 1952.