

THE HERBARIUM AND TYPE SPECIMENS OF
THOMAS HENRY KEARNEY, JR. FROM 1890-1901 *

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Summary

Specimens of vascular plants designated as types by Thomas H. Kearney, Jr. during 1890 to 1901 have been inaccessible and considered destroyed since the third decade of the twentieth century. These specimens have been found to be extant in the New York Botanical Garden Herbarium, the Ohio State Herbarium, and the United States National Herbarium. The majority of these types are at the Ohio State University which houses T. H. Kearney's original collection of several thousand specimens. The collection is also rich in types which Kearney received from W. W. Ashe, A. W. Chapman, F. V. Coville, A. Gattinger, E. L. Greene, A. A. Heller, F. Lamson-Scribner, C. Mohr, G. V. Nash, C. L. Pollard, A. Ruth, J. K. Small, and other contemporary botanists. The collection at the Ohio State University probably contains additional types which are as yet unverified. This paper catalogues the known type specimens of T. H. Kearney, Jr.

The long and illustrious career of Thomas Henry Kearney, Jr. (1874-1956) extended from the time he published his first scientific paper at the age of 17 (Kearney 1891) until his death in 1956 — an incredible 65 years! His life and work have been summarized in Kearney (1958a, 1958b) and McClintock (1958).

Kearney's contributions to taxonomic botany were considerable. Before 1901 he published names for more than 40 new plant taxa. From 1890 to 1901 Kearney collected many thousands of plant specimens in the southeastern United States. In later years his taxonomic investigations encompassed the Malvaceae and the flora of southwestern North America (McClintock 1958). Kearney was well-known to contemporary botanists, many of whom named taxa based on his specimens.

Because of the large number of taxa that are based on Kearney's collections, his specimens are of considerable scientific value. Although many of his specimens (including some types) from the 1890-1901 period are known to be at the United States National Herbarium and the New York Botanical Garden, a large number are not at either institution. Unfortunately, that situation led several taxonomists into problems of typification which, more often than not, have proved unsolvable. These taxonomists, Agnes Chase, Carl Epling, Harold Moldenke, and Francis Pennell, to name a few, have variously designated lectotypes, recognized the wrong sheets as types, or ignored names based on Kearney's collections.

While no one in recent years has known the fate of Kearney's collections from the 1890-1901 period, the assumption has been that his personal herbarium was deposited at the University of Tennessee where it was

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subsequently destroyed in that herbarium's disastrous fire on 18 January 1934 (Andre 1971). In July 1971, I became aware that the Ohio State Herbarium has a large number of Kearney's specimens, several of which have been designated as types by Kearney. With this available information, I proceeded to search the entire vascular plant collection at the Ohio State University to determine the nature and extent of the Kearney collection. It soon became apparent that the Ohio State Herbarium houses the original collection of T. H. Kearney, Jr. from the 1890-1901 period.

This paper summarizes the results of herbarium research at the New York Botanical Garden, the Ohio State University, and the U.S. National Herbarium. My evidence shows that the T. H. Kearney specimens at the Ohio State Herbarium represent his original collections, including types, that resulted from his research before the year 1901. Specimens resulting from Kearney's research on the Malvaceae and the southwestern United States flora are not considered in this report.

The evidence that the Ohio State University collection is Kearney's personal herbarium follows:

1. All of the specimen sheets at the Ohio State University are stamped "Herbarium of T. H. Kearney, Jr." while none of the sheets at the New York Botanical Garden or the U.S. National Herbarium are thus stamped.

2. Many of the sheets are accompanied by copious notes in Kearney's handwriting. In addition, original line drawings and/or copies of published papers are placed with some specimens.

3. Several specimens which were designated as new species have new names written on the sheets and taxonomic descriptions prepared and left with them. However, these names were never published.

4. Some of the specimens were marked as types by Kearney. For these he used the following designations (modern equivalents given in parenthesis):

"Type!" (= Holotype)

"Dupl. Type" (= Isotype)

"Co-Type!" (= Syntype)

"Dupl. Co-type" (= Isosyntype).

5. In many cases there are several duplicates of type specimens and other collections.

6. The collection includes duplicate specimens from the Harriman Alaska Expedition (ca. 155 sheets) in which Kearney participated and from Kearney's botanical survey of the Dismal Swamp (Kearney 1901).

7. Many specimens in the collection were sent to Kearney by his contemporaries. In several instances these sheets are also accompanied by short letters or notes.

8. Several of the specimens from the Kearney collection are stamped "From the Herbarium of the University of Tenn." and at least one sheet was annotated at the Ohio State University in the year 1901. I have, therefore, assumed that the Kearney collection was transferred from the University of Tennessee to the Ohio State University during or before the year 1901. (It is probable that his collection contains duplicates of types which were destroyed in the fire at the University of Tennessee.)

Kearney's personal herbarium consists of several thousand sheets and is exceedingly rich in types, not only for taxa he described, but also those which he received as gifts or by exchange from such eminent botanists as William W. Ashe, Alvan W. Chapman, Frederick V. Coville, Augustin Gattinger, Edward L. Greene, A. Arthur Heller, F. Lamson-Scribner, Charles Mohr, George V. Nash, Charles L. Pollard, Albert Ruth, and John K. Small. Many duplicate types for taxa named by these botanists were

found in Kearney's collection; these have since been verified and enumerated by Stuckey and Wentz (1974). Undoubtedly, additional unmarked types exist in the Kearney herbarium.

ANNOTATED CATALOG OF THE TYPE SPECIMENS OF T. H. KEARNEY, JR. FROM 1890-1901.

This catalog lists the known type specimens of T. H. Kearney, Jr. from the New York Botanical Garden, the Ohio State Herbarium, and the United States National Herbarium. I have verified the types at New York and Ohio. The data from the U.S. National Herbarium were supplied by R. L. Stuckey of the Ohio State University. Those types which remain unlocated are possibly at the U.S. National Herbarium. Additional duplicates and paratypes are probably also at the U.S. National Herbarium and possibly at other institutions.

The catalog is arranged alphabetically by family and alphabetically by species within each family. For each taxon named by Kearney a complete citation followed by the specimen data and its location is given. Additional notes on types and new combinations have occasionally been included in order to clarify problems. Unpublished names have been indicated only by asterisk. In most cases it has been impossible to relate these unpublished names to the currently applied name. Capitalization of specific epithets and abbreviations of author's names are given as published by Kearney. Herbarium acronyms follow Lanjouw and Stafleu (1964).

ANACARDIACEAE

Rhus Blodgettii Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 486-7. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Pine Key, Key West, [date unknown] *Blodgett s.n.*, NY; det. as *Toxicodendron radicans* (L.) Kuntze by F. A. Barkley, 1937. Specimen from the Torrey Herbarium. Photograph of specimen available from Photo. Lab. Info. Services, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Negative number 631978-1.

ARISTOLOCHACEAE

Aristolochia Nashii Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 485-6. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Eustis, Lake Ella, 1894, G. V. Nash 1139, OS: marked "type" by Kearney.

COMPOSITAE

Pluchea foetida (L.) DC. var. *imbricata* Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 483-4. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Eustis, July 1894, G. V. Nash 1434, OS; marked "type" by Kearney; ISOTYPES: NY - 2 sheets, OS - 2 sheets.

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NORTH CAROLINA, 3 sheets at OS marked as "new species" by Kearney, but never published.

Xanthium speciosum Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 574-5. 1897.

HOLOTYPE: TENNESSEE: Cocke county, French Broad River, between Point Rock and Del Rio, 16 Sep 1897, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 785, OS; ISOTYPES: MO, NDG, NY, US (see: C. F. Millspaugh and E. E. Sherff. 1919. Revision of the North American Species of *Xanthium*. Field Mus. Nat. Hist. Bot. Ser. 4(2): 9-52).

Xanthium *****

MISSISSIPPI: Clay county, 21 Sep 1891, A. B. Seymour, s.n., 4 sheets at OS marked "new species"; one marked "type" but never published.

Xanthium *****

VIRGINIA: Princess Anne county, Cape Henry, 6 Oct 1898, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 2124, OS, marked "an undescribed species" by Kearney but never published.

ERICACEAE

Vaccinium melanocarpum (C. Mohr) Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 570. 1897. New combination based on *V. stamineum melanocarpum* C. Mohr, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club. 24: 25. 1897. The name is often erroneously cited as *V. melanocarpum* Kearney.

GRAMINEAE

- Agrostis intermedia* Scribn. in Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 20: 476. 1893.
SYNTYPE(S): KENTUCKY: Harlan and Bell counties, 1893, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 39, OS, US-?
- Andropogon scoparius* Michx. var. *villosissimus* Kearney in Scribn. and Ball., U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 24: 41. 1901.
HOLOTYPE: MISSISSIPPI: Waynesboro, 2 Oct 1896, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 136, US; ISOTYPE: OS.
- Aristida purpurascens* Poir. in Lam. var. *glaucissima* Kearney in Scribn. and Ball., U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 24: 45. 1900.
HOLOTYPE: MISSISSIPPI: Biloxi, 7 Oct 1896, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 321, US; ISOTYPE: NY.
- Calamagrostis alaskana* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 32. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: ALASKA: Yukon River, Aug 1893, *F. Funston* 157, US; ISOTYPE: OS, marked "dupl. Type!" by Kearney.
- Calamagrostis aleutica* Trin. in Bong. var. *patens* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 20. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: Mendocino, [date unknown] *H. N. Bolander s.n.*, GH.
- Calamagrostis breviseta* (A. Gray) Scribn. var. *debilis* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 25. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND: Exploits River near mouth of Badger Brook, 13 Aug 1894, *B. L. Robinson & H. Schrenk* 205, US; PARATYPE: CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND: Chimney Cove, 20 Jul 1895, *A. Waghorn* 8, OS.
- Calamagrostis breviseta* (A. Gray) Scribn. var. *lacustris* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 25-6. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: MINNESOTA: Fond du Lac, 23 Jul 1889, *F. F. Wood s.n.*, US; PARATYPES: MINNESOTA: Gunflint Lake, 1891, *F. F. Wood s.n.*, NY; MICHIGAN: Isle Royale, 1865, *Porter s.n.*, NY; NEW YORK: Racket Lake, 1865, *Leggett s.n.*, NY.
- Calamagrostis californica* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 37-8. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: Sierra Nevada Mtns., 1875, *J. G. Lemmon* 444, US.
- Calamagrostis canadensis* (Michx.) Beauv. var. *campestris* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 31. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CANADA: Assiniboia, Louis Plain, Jul 1883, *J. M. Macoun* 56, US.
- Calamagrostis fasciculata* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 23-4. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: Mendocino, Aug 1882, *C. G. Pringle s.n.*, US.
- Calamagrostis foliosa* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 17-8. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: Humboldt county, Mattole District, [date unknown] *H. N. Bolander* 6470, US; ISOTYPES: NY, OS-marked "Dupl. Type!" by Kearney.
- Calamagrostis hyperborea* Lange var. *elongata* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 40-1. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: NEBRASKA: Plummer county, Plummer Ford on Dismal River, 1893, *P. A. Rydberg* 1494, US; ISOTYPE: NY; PARATYPES: WASHINGTON: Douglas county, Jun 1893, *Sandberg & Leiberg*, 325, OS; MONTANA: Sheep Creek, 8 Aug 1896, *P. A. Rydberg* 3309, OS.
- Calamagrostis hyperborea* Lange var. *stenodes* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 39. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: COLORADO: Saguache county, Marshall Pass, 1896, *F. E. Clements* 206, US; PARATYPE: MONTANA: Lima, 5 Aug. 1895, *P. A. Rydberg* 2318, OS.
- Calamagrostis inexpansa* A. Gray var. *barbulata* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 37. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: WASHINGTON: Mason county, 26 July 1890, *C. V. Piper* 947, US.
- Calamagrostis inexpansa* A. Gray var. *cuprea* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 37. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: WASHINGTON: Falcon Valley, 9, 18 Jul 1866, *W. N. Suksdorf* 910, US; ISOTYPE: NY.
- Calamagrostis labradorica* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 38-9. 1898.

- HOLOTYPE: CANADA, LABRADOR: Bonne Esperance, 1882, *J. A. Allen* 18, US; ISOTYPE: NY.
- Calamagrostis laxiflora* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 34. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: WYOMING: Yellowstone National Park, East Fork of the Yellowstone River, Aug. 1885, *F. Tweedy* 582, US.
- Calamagrostis lemmoni* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 16-7. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: 1875, *J. G. Lemmon s.n.*, US; ISOTYPES: NY, OS—marked “dupl. Type!” by Kearney.
- Calamagrostis micrantha* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 36. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CANADA, SASKATCHEWAN: n of Prin[c]e Albert, Jul 1896, *J. Macoun* 13111 G.S.C., US.
- Calamagrostis neglecta* (Ehrh.) Gaertn. var. *candidula* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 35-6. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CANADA: Assiniboia, Cypress Hills, 20 June 1894, *J. Macoun s.n.*, in Herb. Geol. Survey Dep. of Canada 7483 [not seen].
- Calamagrostis neglecta* (Ehrh.) Gaertn. var. *wrightii* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 36. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: BEARING STRAITS: Arakamchetchene Island, 1853-6, *C. Wright s.n.*, US.
- Calamagrostis nemoralis* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 26-7. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: NEW YORK, Thacher’s Pinnacle, Danby, near Ithaca, 1 Aug. 1884, *W. Dudley s.n.*, US.
- Calamagrostis scopulorum* Jones var. *lucidula* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 33. 1898.
SYNTYPE(S): UTAH: Altah, Wahsatch Mtns., 1879, *M. E. Jones* 1145, NY, US—?
- Calamagrostis subflexuosa* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 22. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: Oakland, [date unknown] *H. N. Bolander* 2274, US; ISOTYPES: NY—2 sheets, OS—marked “dupl. Type!” by Kearney.
- Calamagrostis suksdorfii* (Scribn.) Scribn. in Vasey var. *luxurians* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 24-5. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: IDAHO: Lake Coeur d’Alene, Farmington Landing, 1892, *Sandberg, Heller, and McDougal* 630, US; ISOTYPES: NY, OS; PARATYPE: IDAHO: Palouse country and Lake Coeur d’Alene, Jun-Jul 1892, *G. B. Aiton* 41, OS.
- Calamagrostis vilfaeformis* Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 11: 20. 1898.
HOLOTYPE: CALIFORNIA: San Diego county, Julian, 1889, *C. R. Orcutt s.n.*, US; ISOTYPE: OS; PARATYPES: CALIFORNIA: San Diego county, Potrero Valley, 10 Jun 1890, *C. R. Orcutt s.n.*, OS—specimen consists of inflorescence fragments mounted with isotype; San Diego county, Januel Valley, 10 Jul 1890, *C. R. Orcutt s.n.*, NY.
- Panicum capillare* L. var. *geniculatum* Scribn. in Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 20: 477. 1893.
SYNTYPES: KENTUCKY: Bell county, Cumberland River, Sep 1893, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 335, OS, US—OS specimen det. as *P. gattengeri* Nash by C. G. Weishaupt, 1969.
- Panicum commutatum* (Muhl.) Schult. var. *latifolium* Scribn. in Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 20: 476. 1893.
Scribner apparently did not designate a type for this taxon. However, Hitchcock and Chase (Manual of Grasses, p. 914, 1950) stated that Kearney’s specimen number 299 (Kentucky, Pine Mtn., Harlan and Bell counties, 1893) is the type. I have not located this specimen but it is probably at US.
- Triodia drummondii* Scribn. & Kearney, U.S.D.A. Div. Agrost. 4: 37. 1897.
SYNTYPE(S): MISSISSIPPI: Biloxi, 7 Oct 1896, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 324, OS, US—?—OS specimen det. as *Tridens carolinianus* (Steud.) Henr. by C. G. Weishaupt.

HAMAMELIDACEAE

Fothergilla parviflora Kearney in Small, Fl. SE U.S. 509. 1903.

According to Small (Fl. SE U.S., 1903), type collected by T. H. Kearney, Jr. on 4 June 1893 at Jesup, Georgia and deposited in the Herbarium of Columbia University (now NY). Specimen not located at NY or OS.

LABIATAE

Scutellaria integrifolia L. var. *multiglandulosa* Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 482. 1894.

SYNTYPES: FLORIDA: Lake county, Eustis, Jul 1894, G. V. Nash 1126, NY, det. as Isotype of *S. multiglandulosa* Small by C. Epling, 1938 (*S. multiglandulosa* (Kearney) Small is actually a new combination based on Kearney's variety); St. Mark's, May 1843, Rugel s.n., NY, det. as *S. integrifolia* L. subsp. *hispidula* (Benth.) Epl. by C. Epling, 1938.

Scutellaria venosa Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 571-2. 1897.

HOLOTYPE: TENNESSEE: Summit of Bluff Mtn., near Lemon's Gap, 28 Aug 1897, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 873; OS; ISOTYPE: US, det. as *S. ovata* Hill. subsp. *venosa* (Kearney) Epl. by C. Epling, 1938.

Teucrium Nashii Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 484. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Eustis, 1894, G. V. Nash 1516, OS- marked "Type" by Kearney; PARATYPES: FLORIDA: Eustis, 1894, G. V. Nash 1496, NY; Duval county, [date unknown] A. H. Curtis 1975, NY; 1836, Chapman 96, NY, all 3 det. as *T. canadense* L. var. *angustatum* Gray by E. McClintock, 1945.

Trichostema suffrutescens Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 483. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Eustis, 1894, G. V. Nash 625, OS- marked "Type" by Kearney; ISOTYPE: NY.

LEGUMINOSAE

Stylosanthes riparia Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 565-8. 1897.

SYNTYPES: TENNESSEE: Cocke county, French Broad River between Paint Rock and Del Rio, 1 Sep 1897, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 674, NY, OS- 2 sheets, US- fragment only; Cocke county, French Broad River near Wolf Creek, 2 Aug 1894, T. H. Kearney, Jr., s.n., OS.

PRIMULACEAE

Dodecatheon pauciflorum Greene var. *****

ALASKA: Point Gustavus, Glacier Bay, 10 to 12 Jun 1899, F. V. Coville & T. H. Kearney, Jr. 747, (Collected on Harriman Alaska Expedition). Specimen at OS marked "new species" but never published.

Steironema intermedium Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 264. 1894.

SYNTYPES: ALABAMA: Talladega county, Alpine Mountain, 25 Sep 1892, C. Mohr s.n., NY; Talladega county, Alpine Mountain, Jul 1893, C. Mohr s.n., OS; KENTUCKY: Harlan county, Pine Mountain, Aug 1893, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 121, NY, OS- 2 sheets, US; TENNESSEE: Knox county, Jul 1891, T. H. Kearney, Jr. s.n., OS; Knox county, 9 Jul 1894, T. H. Kearney, Jr. s.n., NY- 2 sheets, OS- 2 sheets.

Steironema tonsum Bicknell var. *simplex* Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 571. 1897.

HOLOTYPE: TENNESSEE: Cocke county, Wolf Creek Station, 6 Sep 1897, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 831, OS; ISOTYPE: NY, det. as *Lysimachia tonsa* (Wood) Knuth by James D. Ray, Jr., 1951.

RANUNCULACEAE

Cimicifuga rubifolia Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 561-2. 1897.

SYNTYPES: TENNESSEE: Knoxville, 8 Sep 1890, T. H. Kearney, Jr. s.n., NY, OS, NY specimen det. as lectotype by G. W. Ramsey, 1965; Tennessee River near Knoxville, Oct 1897, A. Ruth s.n., NY, OS- 2 sheets; Knoxville, 6 Sep 1891, T. H. Kearney, Jr. s.n., OS.

ROSACEAE

Agrimonia mollis (T. & G.) Britton var. *Bicknellii* Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 565. 1897.

HOLOTYPE: TENNESSEE: Cocke county, Wolf Creek, 2 Sep 1897, T. H. Kearney, Jr. 691, OS; ISOTYPES: NY, US.

SOLANACEAE

Physalis arenicola Kearney, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 21: 485. 1894.

HOLOTYPE: FLORIDA: Eustis, 1894, G. V. Nash 1170, OS- marked "Type" by Kearney; ISOTYPES: NY- 2 sheets.

VERBENACEAE

Lippia maritima Kearney ex Moldenke, Résumé of Verbenaceae, Avicenniaceae, Stilbaceae, Symphoremaceae, and Eriocaulaceae of the World. p. 314. 1959. *pro syn.* = *Phyla lanceolata* (Michx.) Greene.

VIRGINIA: Princess Anne county, Virginia Beach, 3 Aug 1898, *T. H. Kearney, Jr.* 2033, OS. Kearney did not publish this name, but Moldenke apparently recognized the name from herbarium sheets (at US?).

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