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Herbarium	Natural History Museum (BM)
Collection	Plant Collectors
Resource Type	Reference Sources
Contributor	Natural History Museum (BM)
First name(s)	David Hunt
Last name	Linder
Initials	D.H.
Life Dates	1899 - 1946
Collecting Dates	1926 - 1927
Specification	Plant collector
Groups collected	Bryophytes Fungi
Organisation(s)	A (main), FH (main), B, BM, BPI, BR, CINC, CUP, DAOM, F, GH, IA, IAC, ILL, K, LE, LP, LPS (currently LP), MICH, MO, NSPM, NY, OSC, OTF (currently PFES), P, PAC, PFES, PUR, RMS, S, TRTC, UC, UPS, W, WIS
Countries	Brazilian region: Brazil North American region: Canada, United States Tropical Africa: Congo, Democratic Republic, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe Tropical South America: Guyana Central American Continent: Mexico Caribbean region: Trinidad and Tobago
Associate(s)	Bequaert, Joseph Charles Corneille (1886-1982)(co-collector) Bissell, Charles Humphrey (1857-1925)(co-collector) Cook, S. (fl. 1922)(co-collector) Dorrat-Haaksma, E. (fl. 2000)(co-author) Eaton, Richard Jefferson (1890-1976)(co-collector) Ellis, Roger Pearson (1944-)(co-author) Graves, Charles Burr (1860-1936)(co-collector) Johnson, Lawrence Alexander Sidney (1925-1997)(co-author) Long, Bayard Henry (1885-1969)(co-collector) Pease, Arthur Stanley (1881-1964)(co-collector) Rogers, Donald Philip (1908-)(co-collector) Ronse Decraene, Louis-Philippe (1962-)(co-author) Rourke, John Patrick (1942-)(co-author) Rudall, Paula Jane (1954-)(co-author) Smets, Erik F. (1957-)(co-author) Steiner, Kim E. (1953-)

(co-author)Stern, William Louis (1926-)(co-author)Stock, W.D.
(co-author)Thaxter, Roland (1858-1932)(co-collector)

Biography

American mycologist. Linder was renowned for his work as curator of the Farlow Herbarium, Harvard University, from 1932 until his premature death in 1946. David Linder was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, and grew up in the rural town of Canton where his father was a chemist. His father and his uncle, W.G. Farlow, were also keen botanists and horticulturalists, passing on this passion to David. William Gilson Farlow, Linder's great uncle, especially instilled in him a love of fungi on visits to his home in Cambridge and during trips to his summer home in New Hampshire. Farlow died while Linder was an undergraduate, but the pair corresponded beforehand about the identification of fungi.

Linder entered Harvard University in 1917, serving in the Students' Army Training Corps for the remainder of World War One. In the next few years he made trips to Europe and to Dutch Guiana and the West Indies, and after gaining his PhD in 1926 he travelled on the Harvard African Expedition to Liberia. On his return he took up the post of botany instructor at George Washington University in St Louis, Missouri, and as mycologist at Missouri Botanical Garden. Here he met Elinor Alberts, an orchidologist, whom he married. Sadly she died in the 1930s and Linder busied himself with work; he had been appointed assistant professor in cryptogamic botany at Harvard in 1931 and took up his curatorship of the Farlow Herbarium in 1932. He married again in 1939.

At Harvard, Linder was well liked for organising a card catalogue for the Farlow Library, acquiring many more publications and organising the archives of more than 2,300 botanists. He was also instrumental in establishing the mycology journal *Farlowia* in 1943, of which he was editor-in-chief. Linder was known for his studies of Imperfect Fungi groups, authoring about 35 papers on cryptogams while he was a herbarium curator. His 1929 monograph of the Helicosporous Fungi Imperfecti was considered pioneering. Linder was a charter

member of the Mycological Society of America, serving as its president in 1940. He died at the age of 48 after a heart attack.

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