It was fortunate that Dr. Wildman and we had the opportunity to tape a session with Dr. Thorp prior to the MAPSS meeting. We had hoped to include in this issue an edited Transcript of those conversations; however, space limitations prevented this. It will appear in the Summer 1985 issue of Soil Survey Horizons. The conversations provide further insight into the lives of both Drs. Marbut and Thorp.

During 1983, several of us worked with the Marbut relatives and many friends to establish the C. F. Marbut Collection of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the Univ. of Missouri. In addition to a detailed Curtis Fletcher Marbut vitae, we are including a listing of materials in the Marbut Collection so that biographers, historians, and scholars can utilize this wealth of information. We consider this issue as a “Handbook” for the people interested in further study of Dr. Marbut’s life and work.

Mrs. Mark Baldwin, who knew Dr. Marbut and some members of his family through the years, provided some leads and documents which found their way into the collection. Additionally, Mr. Philip M. Moomaw, grandson of Dr. Marbut, obtained many family documents from Mrs. James Moomaw and Miss Helen Tarbut. They have a personal interest in the historical significance of the Marbut collection. Nancy Lankford, the associate director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, provided valuable assistance and a strong, dedicated interest in preserving the papers, in the proper selection of historical items, and in the presentation of the collection.

We would encourage readers who have additional information not included here to contact the Western Historical Manuscript Collection staff or ourselves, so that we can have the most complete collection that is possible. This collection actually began when several of us visited with Helen Marbut at the Marbut home in 1976 and saw the wealth of information in Dr. Marbut’s personal library and study. We are grateful for the assistance we have received from the many interested people who have made possible this unique issue of Soil Survey Horizons dedicated to Dr. Marbut.

**Dr. Curtis Fletcher Marbut: Reflections Upon an Ozark Heritage**

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Dr. Curtis Fletcher Marbut, July 19, 1863/Aug. 25, 1935, an internationally famous scientific pioneer, has had numerous accolades. Academic communities have praised his contributions to soil classification, geography, morphology, and the general advancement of agriculture. His family and those who knew him, personally or professionally, rememb...