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Collection Overview

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Title: Floyd Alonzo McClure Papers
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Historical Note

Floyd Alonzo McClure (1897-1970) was one of the world's leading authorities on the bamboo plant. Born in Shelby County, Ohio, McClure went to China as a teacher in 1919 after completing his undergraduate work at Ohio State University. He stayed in China for 24 years, working most of the time as professor of economic botany at Lingnan University in Canton. When the Japanese invaded China, McClure returned to the United States and became a consultant on bamboo for the United States Department of Agriculture. In the 1940s, he was appointed honorary research associate for the National Museum of Natural History, a position he held until his death in 1970.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of an addition to the papers of Floyd Alonzo McClure. Materials consist primarily of correspondence with his wife and family, as well as some materials concerning the school where he taught in China, and reprints of his publications. The papers also consist of assorted materials, mostly in Chinese, including scrolls and books.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:
Subjects:
Botany

Types of Materials:
Artifacts
Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Manuscripts
Maps

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Ling nan da xue (Guangzhou, China)
McClure, Floyd Alonzo, 1897-1970
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
United States. Department of Agriculture

Geographic Names:
China