Floyd Alonzo McClure Papers, 1913-1970

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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Floyd Alonzo McClure Papers
Identifier: Accession T90028
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Extent: 10.38 cu. ft. (9 record storage boxes) (2 16x20 boxes)
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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 correspondence, research notes, photographs, and diary notes documenting McClure's research. A small amount of personal correspondence and photographs is also included.

Names and Subject Terms
This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Bamboo
Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Journals (accounts)
- Manuscripts
- Scrapbooks
- Sound recordings

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

Geographic Names:
- China