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## **Abstract**

The George Washington National Forest Oral History Collection, 1994, is comprised of audio recordings and transcripts documenting interviews conducted by a JMU student intern with Jacob Kagey and Earnest Dickerman, employees of George Washington National Forest National Park, on the topics of botanical and wilderness history.

## **source**

Pisciotta, Dominic

## **Extent**

0.2 cubic feet 3 folders, 6 audiocassettes, 8 cds

## **Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

# **Administrative Information**

## **Access Restrictions**

Access to the Oral Histories is governed by agreements with the narrators. Researchers must register and agree to copyright and privacy laws before using this collection. Please contact Research Services staff before visiting the James Madison University Special Collections Library to use this collection.

## **Use Restrictions**

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## **Acquisition Information**

Donated by Dominic Pisciotta, March 7, 1995.

## **Processing Information**

The original accession included six video cassettes of interview with Ernest Dickerman, 2 audiocassette tapes for transcription, 2 regular cassette interview tapes, and three audiocassettes. The videocassettes were not found at the time of inventory in 2019. There are two additional preservation cds of SdArch 6-2d that were noted as blank and corrupted, and not included in this finding aid.

## **Preferred Citation**

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# **Bio/Historical Note**

Dominic Pisciotta was a senior at James Madison University, conducted these interviews in fulfillment of a JMU student internship, during the fall of 1994. The project was funded in part by the U.S. Forest Service.

# **Scope and Content**

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# **Keywords**

Forest reserves -- George Washington National Forest (Va. and W. Va.)  
Forest management -- George Washington National Forest (Va. and W. Va.)  
Wildlife management -- George Washington National Forest (Va. and W. Va.)  
Botany -- George Washington National Forest (Va. and W. Va.)  
Zoology -- George Washington National Forest (Va. and W. Va.)  
Biodiversity conservation  
Wildlife conservationists -- Virginia  
National parks and reserves -- Virginia  
Trees -- Diseases and pests

Pisciotta, Dominic  
Sierra Club  
Wilderness Society (U.S.)  
United States (Title of work: Wilderness Act.)

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Oral history project proposal, Pisciotta

**Unit ID** SA0006-01

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/18380

**Unit Date** 1994 September 14

**Mixed Materials [1000898332]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folders

#### Scope and Contents

Background research paper describing the purpose of the oral history project on "the diverse biology of the George Washington National Forest and the efforts to preserve . . . [its] forest and wilderness areas." Also includes historical perspective on "The American wilderness movement" and "A biological synopsis of the George Washington National Forest."

### Jacob Kagey interviewed by Dominic Pisciotta

**Unit ID** SA0006-02

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/18428

**Unit Date** 1994 September 16

**Unit Date** 1994 September 22

**Creator** Kagey, Jacob Daniel, 1922-2010

**Creator** Pisciotta, Dominic

**Extent** 2 interviews

#### Access Restrictions

Oral history is open for research.

#### Use Restrictions

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#### Scope and Contents

These interviews record the recollections of Mr. Jacob Kagey, retired cabinetmaker and naturalist/flora expert, one of two individuals interviewed for an oral history project, the purpose of which was to "make an historical record of the diverse biology of the George Washington National Forest and the efforts to preserve . . . [its] forest and wilderness areas." Records Mr. Kagey's interests and vast knowledge of George Washington National Forest flora including information, some previously undocumented, on native, prolific and rare plants: Mentions early interest in trees and flowers, hiking partners and the Appalachian Trail Club. Describes in detail various flora and their locations in the area, primarily in Rockingham and Augusta Counties. Specifically mentions various species of orchids, ferns, lady slippers, trillium, shale barren plants, star flowers and oak trees. Talks about approach to finding plants, contacts with other local experts/botanists and discoveries which have been recorded in "The atlas of the Virginia flora." Mentions invasive plants and other environmental factors impacting flora. Recorded at the home of Mr. Jacob Kagey of Bridgewater, Va. on Sept. 16 and Sept. 22, 1994.

### Digital access copies

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**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/32423

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**Container** SA0006-02 (Digital-Materials)

**Extent** 2 digital files1 MP3; 1 PDF/A

## **Transcripts and supplemental documents**

**Unit ID** SA0006-02

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/18429

**Unit Date** 1994 September 16

**Unit Date** 1994 September 22

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**Extent** 1 folders

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**Unit Date** 1967-1985

### **Deerfield Quadrangle, map #1**

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### **Edinburg Quadrangle, map #2**

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**Unit Date** 1980

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### **Elliott Knob Quadrangle, map #3**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27062

**Unit Date** 1967-1978

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### **Rawley Springs Quadrangle, map #4**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27063

**Unit Date** 1967

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### **Reddish Knob Quadrangle, map #5**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27064

**Unit Date** 1980

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## **Earnest Dickerman interviewed by Dominic Pisciotta**

**Unit ID** SA0006-03

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/18436

**Unit Date** 1994 October 11

**Unit Date** 1994 October 19

**Creator** Dickerman, Ernest M. (Ernest Miller), 1910-1998

**Creator** Pisciotta, Dominic

**Extent** 2 interviews

### **Access Restrictions**

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### **Use Restrictions**

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### **Scope and Contents**

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### **Digital access copies**

**Unit ID** SA0006-03

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/32424

**Mixed Materials** SA0006-SET-001 (network storage)

**Container** SA0006-03 (Digital-Materials)

### **Transcript and supplemental documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/18437

**Unit Date** 1994 October 11

**Unit Date** 1994 October 19

**Mixed Materials [1000898332]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

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### **Access Restrictions**

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