

A Guide to the Martha K. Roane Papers

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of the papers of Dr. Martha K. Roane(1921-1996), retired Adjunct Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science, and member of the American Rhododendron Society, Middle Atlantic Chapter, ca. 1901-1989, containing 740 items (4 Hollinger boxes, 1.5 linear shelf feet), pertaining to her study of rhododendrons, and containing manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence, negatives and photographs of microscopic views of rhododendrons, news clippings, and electrostatic copies of printed journal articles. The earliest dated materials are copies of articles and monographs about rhododendron research by leading experts in the field.

There are also individual files on publication by Martha K. Roane concerning rhododendrons which include: "Chromosome Numbers for Ericaceae in Virginia, " Compendium of Rhododendron & Azalea Diseases, "The Ericales of Virginia, " "The Lycopodiums -Running Pine, Ground Cedar and Other Club Mosses" in The Virginia Explorer, "Native American Rhododendrons: A Botanical Treasure," "A Revision of Kalmia, Menziesia, and Rhododendron in Virginia" and "The Species of Rhododendron Native to North America. " Other notable files include one with general correspondence about rhododendrons; the American Rhododendron Society Meeting in 1988; Diseases of Rhododendron and Azalea Slide Set Syllabus file; a miscellaneous papers file containing a vita for Roane, a copy of the notice of her death in the Mid-Atlantic Rhododendron News and Notes, news clippings, organizational bulletins, and a press release regarding the publication of a monograph on Chestnut Blight by Roane and two other researchers; and two folders of correspondence between Martha K. Roane and Miss Josephine de N. Henry of the Henry Foundation for Botanical Research, who co-authored "The Species of Rhododendron Native to North America" with Roane.

Martha Ann Kotila Roane(1921-1996) was born in Munising, Michigan, to John Ernest Kotila(1893-1951), who was also a plant pathologist, and Matha Olsen Kotila(d.1941). She attended Michigan State University(1940-1944, B.S.), the University of Minnesota(1945-1946, M.S.), the University of Michigan(1946-1947, graduate studies), and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University(1968-1971, Ph.D.). Roane taught mathematics at both Radford College and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University from 1956-1968, and biology, botany, and plant pathology at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University from 1970 until her retirement.

She was a member of the American Phytopathological Society, the Mycological Society of America, the American Rhododendron Society, the Virginia Academy of Science, Botany Section, and lists her major areas of interests as the taxonomy of higher plants (Ericaceae, especially rhododendron) and fungi (plant pathogenic fungi, especially endothia).

Item Listing

American Rhododendron Society Meeting - 1988

Unit Date 1986-1988

Container Box 1

Articles re Rhododendrons, including one on mushrooms

Unit Date 1930-1985

Container Box 1

Articles re Rhododendrons, A-H, formerly collected in a three-ring binder

Unit Date 1920-1973

Container Box 1

Articles re Rhododendrons, J-L, formerly collected in a three-ring binder

Unit Date 1954-1980

Container Box 1

Articles re the Rhododendron Leaf, formerly collected in a three-ring binder

Unit Date 1901-1970

Container Box 1

Articles re Rhododendron Taxon, formerly collected in a three-ring binder

Unit Date 1914-1971

Container Box 1

"Chromosome Numbers for Ericaceae in Virginia" by Martha K. Roane

Unit Date ca. 1985

Container Box 1

Compendium of Rhododendron & Azalea Diseases, including manuscripts and correspondence

Unit Date 1960-1987, n.d.

Container Box 2

Extent

(8 folders)

Compendium of Rhododendron & Azalea Diseases - Contract with the American Phytopathological Society

Unit Date 1984-1985

Container Box 3

Correspondence

Unit Date 1972-1989

Container Box 3

Diseases of Rhododendron and Azalea Slide Set Syllabus compiled by Molly N. Cline and Martha Roane

Unit Date 1987-1988

Container Box 3

"The Ericales of Virginia" by Martha K. Roane

Unit Date 1989

Container Box 3

Excerpts from "Dwarf Rhododendrons" and "The Larger Species of Rhododendrons" by Peter A. Cox

Unit Date 1973, 1979

Container Box 3

"The Genera of Ericaceae in the Southeastern United States" by Carroll E. Wood

Unit Date 1961

Container Box 3

Henry Foundation for Botanical Research - Correspondence

Unit Date 1971-1984, n.d.

Container Box 3

Extent

(2 folders)

"The Leaf Anatomy of Southeastern Shrub-bog Plants" by Joseph P. McMenamin

Unit Date 1940

Container Box 4

"The Lycopodiums - Running Pine, Ground Cedar and Other Club Mosses" in The Virginia Explorer by Martha Roane

Unit Date 1987

Container Box 4

Miscellaneous Papers

Unit Date 1970-1987

Container Box 4

A Monograph of Azaleas Rhododendron Subgenus Anthodendron by Ernest Henry Wilson and Alfred Rehder

Unit Date 1921

Container Box 4

"Native American Rhododendrons: A Botanical Treasure" by Martha K. Roane

Unit Date 1983

Container Box 4

Extent

(2 folders)

Photographs of Rhododendrons under the microscope

Unit Date 1973

Container Box 4

"A Revision of Kalmia, Menziesia, and Rhododendron in Virginia" by Martha K. Roane

Unit Date 1970 May 30

Container Box 4

"The Species of Rhododendron Native to North America" by Martha Roane and Josephine de N. Henry"

Unit Date 1981

Container Box 4

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