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Descriptive Summary

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Dr. August E. Kehr

Extent

ca. 2600 items

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

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Acquisition Information

These papers were given to the University of Virginia Library on July 17, 1986, by Dr. August E. Kehr of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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Biographical Sketch

See World Who's Who in Science, page 916, and American Men and Women of Science, (12 edition), page 3214.

Scope and Content

This collection contains ca. 2600 items (8 Hollinger boxes, 2.5 linear shelf feet), 1930-1986, chiefly the correspondence of Dr. August E. Kehr with nurserymen and other members of the American Rhododendron Society concerning the many facets of growing various species of azaleas and rhododendrons.

In addition to correspondence, the papers include articles, diagrams of the chromosome structure of azaleas, notes for speeches and talks, a journal of a 1977 trip to China containing notes on Chinese agriculture, newsletters, a brief history of the American Rhododendron Society, nursery price lists, photographs, a group of completed questionnaires on rhododendron breeding, and issues of the magazine Rhododendron, 1961-1970.

General topics of discussion in Dr. Kehr's correspondence include: exchanges of seed, pollen, cuttings and plants; registration of new hybrids, research on rhododendrons; publications; gardens; botanical expeditions; plant crosses; rhododendron subjects for talks at meetings; rhododendron controversies and disagreements; plant shipments; plant diseases; azaleas and other flowering plants; tissue culture; the merits of various rhododendrons, and magnolias.

Other particular items of note include: studies of rhododendron genetics (Bump, 1981 Jan 28; Green, 1981 Jan 21 & Feb 3); research & literature on rhododendrons (Binford 1980 Nov 24, 1983 Jan 28; McDonald 1983 Mar 18); handbooks and articles (Binford, 1983 Feb 7; McDonald 1984 May 8); The American Magnolia Society (Hickman 1980 Aug 26; Heineman 1980 Aug 11; Hopkins -many; Johnson -all; Melnick -most); a translation of a Chinese book on Chinese rhododendrons (Gambrill 1978 Nov 24, 1980 Mar 5; Young 1978-1980); Kenyan culture and agriculture prior to its independence from Great Britain (Cook -all); a reprint of the Royal Horticulture Society color chart (Egan 1983 Jul 1); Malesian Rhododendrons (Deul 1976 Sep 1 & 21); importing plants from England (Frisbie 1967 Aug 15, 1968 Apr 15, 1968 Oct 30, & 1968 Dec 29); Hardgrove hybrids (Hager 1975 Aug 18); Rhododendron Species Foundation (Hatheway 1980 Jan 23); and a Kehr genealogy (Purtak 1967 Oct 4 & Dec 11).

Organization

The collection has been arranged into two series, correspondence and topical files. The correspondence files are arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent, all of whom are listed separately in the guide; topical files are arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each folder.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence

Correspondence - Aincluding: William L. Akerman, John H. Alexander, American Rhododendron Society Research Foundation, Carl R. Amasson, Edmond Amateis, Kenichi Arisumi, Elaine Averitt, and Esther Avery

Unit Date 1962-1985

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Bincluding: Bob Badger, Marge Baird, Sam Baldanga, Warren Baldsiefen, Dean E. Barber, Colonel [Paul?] Barber, Bob Barnett, John S. Basford, Jean Beaudry, D. Michael Benson, Warren E. Berg, Fred W. Bergman, Esther Berry, Benjamin Blackburn, Philip Blamey, Os Blumhardt, Bernis L. Bonney, Paul R. Bosley, Bob Bovee, Bruce Briggs, Dr. Edwin C. Brockenbrough, J. Judson Brooks, Maurice Brooks, Dorothy Brown, P. H. ("Jock") Brydon, Dr. Forrest E. Bump, Sidney V. Burns, and Dr. Max Eugene Byrkit

Unit Date 1963-1985

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Janet E. Binford

Unit Date 1980-1985

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Cincluding: Francis H. Cabot, Hugh A. Caldwell, Jr., Dr. H. Furman Cantrell, Ray Carter, Christine Casey, Carol R. Cerimele, Charles E. Merrill Trust, Arthur A. Childers, Bill Childers, J. Harold Clarke, Sir Ralph Clarke, Frederick W. Coe, Gerald E. Coe, Joseph H. Coleman, Jr., S. D. Coleman, Alleyne R. Cook, Ruth Cook, Douglas A. Cox, Peter Cox, Valteau C. Curtis, and W. J. Curtis

Unit Date 1961-1986

Container Box 1

Correspondence - William B. Cook

Unit Date 1963-1964

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Dincluding: S. A. Dadlani, Ross B. Davis, Jr., Carl A. Deul, Charlie Dewey, Michael A. Dirr, Tom Dodd, Jr., Frank Doleshy, John Doppel, Robert P. Doss, Gerry C. Douglas, R. J. Downs, Peter Dummer, Henry Dumper, Edward B. Dunn, Ken Durio, and [Ged?] Dykrtia

Unit Date 1966-1984

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Weldon E. Delp

Unit Date 1981-1984

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Eincluding: S. Chris Early, [?] Edwards, James Egan, John E. Eichelser, Otto Eisenhut, John E. Elsley, Larry Englander, Dr. Arthur L. Ennis, Alva L. Erisman, Arthur T. Erwin, and Dr. John P. Evans

Unit Date 1961-1986

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Edward and Fran Egan

Unit Date 1979-1984

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Fincluding: Everett E. Farwell, Jr., Marge Farwell, Rudy D. Fecteau, Bill Fetterhoff, T. H. Findlay, Gerald Firak, Mary Fleming, Flick Family, Karl E. Flinck, Lewis Flint, Dr. David G. Fluharty, Harry Fowells, Ray Fowlers, Robert P. Fox, Marion Francisco, and Bob Furman

Unit Date 1963-1985

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Leonard F. Frisbie

Unit Date 1961-1969

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Gincluding: Joseph B.& Caroline Gable, Frank B. Galyon, Kendall W. Gambrill, Rosie Gammons, Clifton Gann, R. D. Gantrell, James L. Gaupp, Bill Gensel, Juannie Gibbens, A. C. Gibson, Susi Gilbert, Russell Gilkey, Jeanie Gillis, Jerry Goodman, Jane Goodrich, Roger Gossler, Ana [Graeatt], Hugo O. Graumann, Kathy Green, Emma E. Greve, Gro/Tech Inc., and Molly Grothaus

Unit Date 1961-1986

Container Box 1

Correspondence - Fred C. Galle

Unit Date 1961-1981

Container Box 2

Correspondence - H-INCLUDING: Velma Haag, Honoreand Roy Hacanson, Betty Hager, E. Halas, Glanville Hall, Fred R. Hamilton, Ruth M. Hansen, William E. Hanson, Shirley B. Harry, William H. Hatheway, F. L. Haynes, Hank Hedges, John Heinze, Meta Heller, Leona& Rudolph Henny, Ethel M. Herbert, Dr. J. Heursel, Joseph W. Hickman, Philip H. Hickson, Andrew G. Hilen, Polly Hill, R. J. Hilton, H. J. Hohman, R. O. Holland, Mable Hollowell, Rhoda& Ira Holzman, Sir James N. Horlick, Geoffrey Houghland, Dick Houghton, Shiu Ying Hu, Bob Huber, Clay G. Huff, Regina Hughs, D. G. Huttleston, and C. Ingram

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Container Box 2

Correspondence - Harry Heineman

Unit Date 1980-1986

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Correspondence - W. D. Hogan

Unit Date 1981-1985

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Correspondence - Harry Hopkins

Unit Date 1975-1985

Container Box 2

Correspondence - J-Kincludng: Robert D. Jackson, Don Jenkins, Jenkins Arboretum, Richard T. Johnson, Adele Jones, Grady Jones, Henry Jones, A. G. Juknis, Mary Karr, Dr. Gary J. Keever, Bill Kehr, John R. Kehr, Wayne Kein, Don Kellam, Austin C. Kennell, Howard Kerrigan, Alden C. Kelly, Bruce G. Keyser, Don King, Edward King, Roy Klehm, Michael Klein, Anton M. Kofranek, Dr. Mark G. Konrad, Bob Korn, Howard Kuhn, Masaaki Kunishige, E. B. Kurtz, Jr., M. Kutschker, and W. H. Kvam

Unit Date 1959-1985

Container Box 2

Correspondence - Mary Lou Kehr

Unit Date 1968-1980

Container Box 2

Correspondence - Lennarth Jonsson

Unit Date 1983-1986

Container Box 2

Correspondence - Lincludng: George H. Lacy, Rose K. Lall, Bernice Lamb, Ben& Rose Lancaster, Dr. Henry Landis, Mitch Langbart, Dennis Ledvina, Chang Bok Lee, Betty M. Leishear, Dr. Tom Lelliott, [S.?] Lem, M. D. Levin, Lee A. Lichtenwalner, Bob Lindermann, Michael Lister, Anita Lockhart, Madeline Lotruglio, and Roger F. Luce

Unit Date 1962-1986

Container Box 2

Correspondence - David G. Leach

Unit Date 1961-1985

Container Box 2

Correspondence - Mincludng: Thurston J. Mann, William J. Manning, Harold J. Marchant, Wallace Marley, Alex Martin, Howard W. Mason, Dick Matsuura, Marionand Vernon May, Marthaann Mayer, Dan E. Mayers, John J. McCabe, Joe McDaniel, Sandra McDonald, Jane McKay, Dianne E. McLeod, A. D. McNees, Gustav Mehlquist, Harry A. Menser, Louis Mensing, Dorothy& Raymond Miller, Ferris Miller, Julian C. Miller, William C. Miller III, Gary W. Moorman, Edward L. Morin, Frank D. Mossman, Bob Munger, and Mrs. J. C. Murphy

Unit Date 1963-1986

Container Box 3

Correspondence - Alfred S. Martin

Unit Date 1976-1985

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Correspondence - John May

Unit Date 1968-1986

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Correspondence - Sandra McDonald

Unit Date 1980-1985

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Correspondence - Virginia Melnick

Unit Date 1975-1986

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Correspondence - George T. Miller

Unit Date 1962-1975

Container Box 3

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Correspondence - George T. Miller

Unit Date 1976-1985

Container Box 4

Correspondence - Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1965-1985

Container Box 4

Correspondence - N-Ofincluding: Perry Narten, Harry L. Nash, Jr., John Neal, G. G. Nearing, Ben F. Nelson, Ross Nelson, Erik T. Nilsen, Arthur H. Norris, Dan C. Opgenorth, Al O'Rear, Sr., Hadley Osborn, and Walter Ostrom

Unit Date 1967-1984

Container Box 4

Correspondence - P-including: Edwin K. Parker, Ben Parry, Andy Paton, Harold Pellett, Melvin& Elizabeth Pellett, Dr. Carl H. Phetteplace, A. A. Pickard, Mary Adelaide Scott [Pierreport?], Radcliffe B. Pike, Lonnie M. Player, Gustav H. Poesch, Ward F. Porter, Basil C. Potter, Betty Powell, Orlando S. Pride, Martha Prince, and Otto [Pryl ?]

Unit Date 1961-1986

Container Box 4

Correspondence - Adolf and Eric Purtak

Unit Date 1967-1968

Container Box 4

Correspondence - Q-R-including: Mike Rachinsky, Herbert Racoff, Dr. G. S. Rai, Carol Ramsey, Paul E. Read, Dr. Reese, Louise Reich, Dr. Max L. Resnick, G. Reuthe, Olaf K. Ribeiro, Dr. Thomas L. Ring, Paul& Joyce Robinson, Dorothy W. Robinson, Mary Jane Rodgers, Dr. Tsuneshige Rokujo, R. De Roo, Royal Botanical Gardens, Royal Botanic Gardens, Royal Horticultural Society, Mary Ruegger, Ralph Rushing, and James Russell

Unit Date 1960-1985

Container Box 4

Correspondence - George W. Ring

Unit Date 1967-1985

Container Box 4

Correspondence - S-including: Homer W. Salley, Dr. A. F. Serbin, Peter A. Schick, Dorothy Schlaikjer, Urban Schlitz, Lohna Schmidt, Brian Schram, L. R. Schreiber, Dr. Henry Roland Schroeder, Sr., Peter B. Schultz, Robert G. Shanklin, Francis Shield, Terry& Peter Sheuchenko, June Sinclair, Jim Skonieczny, Cecil C. Smith, W. David Smith, Molly Smith, Peter Smithers, Leon C. Snyder, Dr. Herbert A. Spady, Dr. Wolfgang Spethmann, Otto Spring, Ray& Esther Squires, Don Stanton, Dick Steele, Dr. Evelyn [Stevens?], Marshall G. Stilwell, Barbara Stone, Donald Stryker, Eleanor Stubbs, Pete Sulb, Maurice Sumner, Hideo Suzuki, Nancy Swell, Bernie Swenson, Dorothy Swift, and John Swisher

Unit Date 1963-1985

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Correspondence - S(continued, see list above)

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Correspondence - T-Vincluding: Pat Tatum, Marie A. Taylor, A. J. Teese, Robert L. Ticknor, Bill Tietjen, Yu-Chen Ting, Jacob H. Tinga, K. R. Tobutt, Jim Todd, W. H. Tolstead, Charles E. Tubesing, University of Washington Arboretum, Ted Van Veen, and Bishop W. Von Wettberg

Unit Date 1966-1986

Container Box 5

Correspondence - Clarence Towe

Unit Date 1978-1980

Container Box 5

Correspondence - Wincluding: L. K. Wade, Pat Walton, May & Cy Ward, Warid A. Warid, John Weagle, Dr. Franklin H. West, Ed Weston, Bob Whalley, Dr. Thomas Wheeldon, Frank B. White, Jr., Mark P. Widrlechner, John B. Wight, Jr., David G. Williams, Jack Wilson, Wanda A. Winner, Harry L. Wise, Bob Wister, John C. Wister, John A. Wott, Daniel C. Wright, Edmund Wright and Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Unit Date 1961-1986

Container Box 5

Correspondence - K. Wada, Hakoneya Nurseries in Japan

Unit Date 1967-1969

Container Box 5

Correspondence - X-Zincluding: Maletta Yates, John S. Yeates, Dr. Ernest H. Yelton, Judy Young, and Don & Edith Zaun

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Container Box 5

Greeting Cards

Unit Date 1959-1985, n.d.

Container Box 5

Professional Correspondence of Dr. August Kehr

Unit Date 1949-1977

Container Box 5

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Articles by Dr. August Kehr

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Azalea Drawings and Labels

Unit Date ca. 1980

Container Box 6

Information on Yellow Carolinianum

Unit Date 1976-1977

Container Box 6

Journal of a trip to China, with notes re Chinese agriculture

Unit Date 1977

Container Box 6

Miscellaneous Materials

Unit Date 1957-1983, n.d.

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Miscellaneous Printed

Unit Date 1930-1979, n.d.

Container Box 7

Newsletters and Conference Materials from various Rhododendron and Azalea Societies

Unit Date 1966-1985

Container Box 7

Notes and Articles re the history of the American Rhododendron Society

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Notes re a Speech Honoring Dr. Julian C. Millerby Dr. August Kehr

Unit Date 1961

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Notes re a Talk on Rhododendron Breeding at Portland, Oregon

Unit Date [ca. 1983?]

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Notes re Talk in Seattle, "Putting Research to Work For You"

Unit Date 1983

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Nursery Price Lists

Unit Date 1961-1985, n.d.

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Photographs and Drawings

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Questionnaire re Rhododendron Breeding

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Rhododendron

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The Rhododendron Species Foundation

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