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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

circa 1910s-1950s

**Language**

English .

**source**

West Virginia University. Department of Biology

**Extent**

22.5 Linear Feet 18 record cartons, 15 in. each

### **Physical Location**

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### **Repository**

West Virginia and Regional History Center

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Transfer from Donna Ford-Werntz, Professor and Herbarium Curator, Department of Biology, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University, 2022 September 01.

### **Preferred Citation**

[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number], John E. Reed Plant Encyclopedic Scrapbooks, A&M 4560, West Virginia and Regional History Center, West Virginia University Libraries, Morgantown, West Virginia.

## **Biographical / Historical**

John E. Reed (1884-1959) was born in Alverton, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He worked with his family on their farm and after high school, he worked as a teacher. After some time, he moved to the Pittsburgh area and worked at the United States Steel Corporation until his retirement in 1958. In his free time, he liked to collect pictures and articles about different types of plants. He maintained this hobby throughout most of his life and compiled 153 scrapbooks/volumes featuring clippings about various plants. His magazines and other paper clippings about various plants came from across the world, including South Africa, India, New Zealand, Austria, England, Mexico, Canada, and Germany.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection includes 153 handmade scrapbooks in which John E. Reed gathered and pasted newspaper and magazine articles, pamphlets, pictures, definitions, and handwritten notes about different plants. These scrapbooks are alphabetized by the botanical/scientific names of each plant, and the collection also includes four index books for reference. It also includes copies of two pages of correspondence between John Reed and William H. Witte with background about the scrapbooks (Box 1).

## **Keywords**

Botany  
Horticulture  
Floriculture  
Gardening  
Biology  
Scrapbooks  
Plants -- Classification  
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## **Custodial History**

The collection was originally donated by the children of John E. Reed, Kenneth Reed and Lois M. (Reed) Miller, in November 1967 to West Virginia University (according to note on inside cover of scrapbooks). It was then transferred from the Department of Biology to the West Virginia and Regional History Center by Donna Ford-Werntz, Professor and Herbarium Curator, Department of Biology, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University, 2022/09/01.

## **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Some of the scrapbooks have fragile bindings that are peeling or are coming undone--handle with care.

## Arrangement

Scrapbooks are arranged in boxes alphabetically by type of plant/biological specimen--filed under their botanical/scientific name.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Books: A-ANT and Correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196516

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Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

### Books: ANTH-BIL

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Unit Date circa 1910s-1950s

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

### Books: BIN-CARI

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196518

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

### Books: CARL-COCH

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196519

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Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

### Books: COCO-DAP

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196520

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Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

### Books: DAR-EQU

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Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

### Books: ERA-GER

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196522

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Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

**Books: GEU-HYD**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196523

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Books: HYDR-LIM**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196524

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)

**Books: LIN-MICO**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196525

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)

**Books: MICR-OP**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196526

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)

**Books: OR-PHLO**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196527

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 12 (Box)

**Books: PHO-PRUNUS**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196528

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 13 (Box)

**Books: PRUNUS-ROCC**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196529

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 14 (Box)

**Books: ROCH-SHI**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196530

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 15 (Box)

**Books: SHI-TAR**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196531

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 16 (Box)

**Books: TAS-U**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196532

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 17 (Box)

**Books: V-Z, index books**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/196533

**Unit Date** circa 1910s-1950s

**Mixed Materials** 18 (Box)