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Hannah T. Croasdale Collection
Hannah Croasdale Preserved Seaweed Collection 02-20

1928-1999

1 flat box

HANNAH CROASDALE COLLECTION

HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

Hannah Thompson Croasdale was born in 1903 in Tredyffrin Township, Pennsylvania, daughter of John P. and Mary G. Croasdale. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Pennsylvania in 1928 and also received master's and doctoral degrees there in 1931 and 1935 respectively.

She wrote her thesis on the freshwater algae of Woods Hole and received a Sigma Xi prize for this. She spent many years involved with the Woods Hole scientific community. She was a translator of scientific Latin and an illustrator for botany textbooks.

In 1935 she joined the staff at Dartmouth Medical School and later became a technical assistant in the zoology department. She spent her entire career at Dartmouth, becoming an assistant professor in 1959, full professor in 1968 and retired as professor emeritus in 1971. However she continued teaching for another 7 years and doing research for a further 20 years.

She specialized in phycology, the study of freshwater and marine algae. She was known as an authority on arctic plant life.

Hannah bought a home on Glendon Road in Woods Hole in 1963. She moved to Florida year-round in 1994. She died in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, August 10, 1999.

Source: Falmouth *Enterprise*, Obituary, August 13, 1999.

SCOPE

Some of the items in the collection had been placed with MBL material before being boxed on their own. The first items received were two photo albums in 1987: a large one with Hannah Croasdale's scrapbook and photos, and a small one labeled Gladys Bulmer, 1928 – late 1930s. The small one was sent to "Marge" (?) by Hannah herself, from Dartmouth ("no one wants it, as far as I know. Laura (now dead) gave it to me.")

A second collection was received in 2002. It contains 3 groups of preserved seaweeds belonging to Hannah Croasdale.

There is also an old Xerox copy of Hannah Croasdale's publication: *The Fresh Water Algae Of Woods Hole* by Hannah T. Croasdale, PhD. Philadelphia, 1935.

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1. Hannah T. Croasdale: Material about

- a. Newsclipping. Obituary, Falmouth Enterprise, August 13, 1999. Xerox copy.
- b. Newsletter. The Collecting Net (The Marine Biological Laboratory), Vol. 3, No. 1, June 1985.
Page 4 features an article on Hannah Croasdale. "Croasdale Honored by Northeast Phycological Society."
- c. Extra copy of Page 4, The Collecting Net (The Marine Biological Laboratory), , Vol. 3, No. 1, June 1985.
- d. Typed ms. In Honor of Hannah Croasdale, Marine Biological Laboratory, April 28, 1985.
- e. Newsletter excerpt. Phycological Newsletter, October 1987, Volume 23, Number 3. Article on Croasdale Fellowship. Xerox copy.

2. Typed ms. Maurice Rayon by Hannah Croasdale.

3. Preserved Seaweed Collection 1, Accession Number 02-20

3. Preserved Seaweed Collection 2, Accession Number 02-20

3. Preserved Seaweed Collection 3 , Accession Number 02-20

4. Photo album. Patterned paper covered album with photos pasted in and photos, clippings and notes tucked in loose. Accession Number 78-87 (1987). Belonged to Gladys Bulmer. Photos of MBL buildings, labs, Woods Hole area, collecting on Penikese, beach parties, 1928, 1929.

Behind cover:

- a. Loose photo: Two women in knickers, shirts and ties with oars, labeled Gladys Bulmer (holding lantern) and Hannah Croasdale (right).
- b. Newsclipping: Boating Party Turns Out To Be Rather Thrilling.

Tucked in after page 8: MBL scenes and a photo of the wheel of the *Charles W. Morgan* at Round Hill, New Bedford.

Tucked in after page 14: 1920s photo of Hannah T. Croasdale, Polaroid photo of Hannah T. Croasdale ("HTC, Raleigh, 1979").

5. Scrapbook and Photo Album, 1937. Accession Number 78-87 (1987).

6. Book. Xerox copy of The Fresh Water Algae Of Woods Hole by Hannah T. Croasdale, PhD. Philadelphia, 1935. Prize Paper, University of Pennsylvania Chapter Sigma XI, 1935. Published by the Author.