

Background:

Edward (Eddie) Roux was born 24.4.1903 in Johannesburg. He died on 2.3.1966. Eddie was a plant physiologist, chemist and political agitator. He was the eldest of 6 children born to Phillip R. Roux, a pharmacist and wife, Edith May Wilson.

Roux went to Jeppe High. He went onto Wits University where he obtained a B.S.c in botany and zoology in 1924. It was during 1929 that he obtained a Ph.D. at Cambridge. It was at this time that he became involved in communist activities. He began to organize Black workers in Durban, when Oswald Pirow, (Minister of Justice) banned him from the city.

In 1936 he resigned from the Communist Party. In 1946 he became senior lecturer in plant physiology at Wits. In 1957 he joined the Liberal Party, he was already chairman of the South African Rationalist Association. In 1962 he was promoted to Prof of botany.

In 1964 he was banned from entering or lecturing at any educational institution or publish any papers. His most important works are: "Rebel Pity", "Time longer than rope", "A history of the black man's struggle for freedom in S.A.", "Harvest & health in Africa", "The how & why of science". He also wrote numerous scientific papers.

This collection consists of: correspondence, publications, newspaper clippings, photographs, articles, manuscripts, drawings and miscellaneous items.

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A CorrespondenceA1-43, 1928 – 1986

- 1 Postcard sent by Eddie to Enid Roux – 20 July 1928
- 2 Card sent by Margaret Butchin – 29 Dec 1964
- 3 Letter from E. Roux to Mr Isaacson, 14 June 1965
- 4 Condolence letter to Mrs Robertson from R. Mason, 3.3.1966
- 5 Condolence letter to Enid from M. Pitt, 3/3/1966
- 6 Condolence letters to Mrs Robertson from J.W. Perry, 3/3/1966
- 7 Card from Petuce and another from Joy Wright (undated)
- 8 Letter sent by G.W. Wakeford to the Roux's (undated)
- 9 Card to Enid from D. Saul 11/3/66
- 10 Note from Dr A.O.D. Mogg 25/3/66
- 11 Condolence letter sent to Enid from L. Phillips, 6/3/66
- 12 Condolence letter sent to Mrs Roux from C. Japan 7/3/66
- 13 Condolence letter sent to Enid from Mary 7/3/66
- 14 Condolence letter sent to Mrs Robertson from speech Clinic Staff at Wits, 9/3/66
- 15 Condolence letter from H. Lamont, 13/3/66
- 16 Condolence letter from Prof N.P. Badenhuizen 11/3/66
- 17 Condolence letter from R.S. Brown 11/3/66
- 18 Condolence letter from J.E. Anderson, 12/3/66
- 19 Condolence letter from Miss C.W. McPhail 14/3/66
- 20 Letter from B. Strachan, 16/3/66
- 21 Condolence letter from Jean & Ken Hill, 22/3/66
- 22 Condolence letter from Beppie Hartman 2/4/1966
- 23 Letter from Bertrand Russell 6/4/1966
- 24 A selection of notes from: Audrey Cobden, C. Edwards, A.V. Boyd, Hain & family, M. Veitch, and W. Taylor; donating funds in memory of E. Roux.
- 25 Letter to Mrs Roux from Liberal Party of S.A., 12/4/66
- 26 Letter from P. Naidoo 20/4/66
- 27 Letter from H. Lamont, 26/4/66
- 28 Letter to Mrs W. Roux from Jabula Shellhole Memorable Order of Tin Hats, 27/4/66
- 29 Letter from M. Feldmann 28/5/1966
- 30 Letter from J. Freislich, 31/5/66
- 31 Letter to Dr Roux from A Nicholls, 19/6/66
- 32 Letter sent to Mrs Roux from Y. Downey, 29 July 1966
- 33 Letter from Roux (relative) 9/8/1966
- 34 Condolence letter sent by W. Jishwe 29/8/1966
- 35 Letter to Mrs Roux from Neville Colman, 8/9/66
- 36 Letter sent to Mrs Roux, from Paul Edwards, editor of the Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 30/9/66
- 37 Letter sent to Mrs Roux from W Waddell, 9/10/66

38 Letter to Mrs Roux from W. Tsi Icwe 17/10/66
39 Letter to Mrs Roux from J. Schermbrucker from the S.R.C. office at Wits, 23/11/66
40 Letter sent to Mrs Roux (unknown writer)
41 Letter sent by Mrs Roux to the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, 20/2/67
42 Letter addressed to Enid from Margaret, 18 May 1974
43 Letter sent to Enid Robertson from Oxford University Press, 23/1/1986

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B Publications(1919 – 1970)

1 "Evolution" by D.R. Roux 1919
2 "How to get Higher wages" by L. Saffery, S.A.I.R.R. 1941
3 "Education through reading" by E. Roux, 1942, S.A.I.R.R.
4 "Harvest and health in Africa" by E. Roux, 1942, London
5 "The cattle of Kumalo" by E. Roux, 1943, Cape Town
6 "Linkomo Zomzi, Ka-Khumalo, Ngu", by E. Roux, 1943, Cape Town
7 "The races of mankind" by R. Benedict & G. Weltfish, 1943
8 "Religion in many lands" by J.D. Mackin, 1944, Cape Town
9 "Famous American negroes" by P. Podbrey, 1944, C.T.
10 "Who are the coloured people?", C. Ziervogel, C.T., 1944
10.a "Russia's secret weapon", by D. Carter, 1944, Great Britain
11 "Bantu Babel" by J. Nhlapo, Cape Town, 1944
12 "Colour and cleverness" by A. Lee, Cape Town, 1944
13 "How men are governed" by Z. Marsh, 1944, Cape Town
14 "Town and country" by A.J.A. Goodwin, 1944, Cape Town
15 "Easy English handbook" by E. Roux, 1944, Cape Town
16 "Intelligence and education" by J.G. Taylor, 1944, C. Town
17 "The first Men on Earth" by Dr L. Herman, 1944, Cape Town
18 "Great English books & writers" by P. Segal, 1945, Cape Town
19 "The story of Christianity" by J. Casson, 1945, Cape Town
20 "The How & Why of Science" by E. Roux, 1945, Cape Town
21 "The Black Man in Africa" by A.J.H. Goodwin, Cape Town, undated
22 "Life in America" by E. Rosenthal, 1945, Cape Town
23 "The veld and the future" by E. Roux, 1946, Cape Town
24 "James Mabeta goes to sea" by E. Roux, 1949, Johannesburg
25 "The Native Reserves & Post-war re-construction" by E. Roux, 1955
26 "The African you work with" by E.R. Silberbauer, 1966
27 "Grass, a story of Frankenwald" by E. Roux, Cape Town 1969
28 "Rebel Pity, The life of E. Roux", (autobiography) by Eddie & Winifred Roux, 1970, London

Roux CollectionA2203: C1-36

C Press Clippings1 file 1932 – 1972

1 "Where is Roux the Red?" "Banished Man vanishes", Sunday Times – 13 Nov 1932
2 "Elusive Mr Roux, Bops up at Meeting, will not be banished", 14 Nov 1932
3 "The demand for 'vitamin A' has given us a new Industry", The Outspan, 12 November 1943
3a Scrapbook: 1946 – 1948, topics include science, obituary's, etc
4 "Botanist is refused passport to attend scientific congress", Star, 19 June 1958
5 "Roux still at large" – "said to walk city streets by day", Rand Daily Mail, 21 November
6 "In demand" (undated)
7 "Big task for Botanists outlined" (undated)
8 "Nat outburst about him is 'damaging' says Dr Roux", Sunday Times, 4 November 1962
9 "People say", Sunday Times, 4 November 1962
10 "Professor turned his back on riches" (undated)
11 "Choice of lecturers attacked" (undated)
12 "Apartheid keeps on master, slave idea" – Prof Roux, Rand Daily Mail, 18 April 1963
13 "Rare plant sought by American" – Rand Daily Mail, 6/9/63
14 "Named man is new professor" (undated)
15 "Afrikaners not brainy?", Sunday Express, 1963
16 "Afrikaners, onnosel en drinkers, Hoor Holland", Dagbreek en Sondagnuus, 23 Februarie 1964
17 Death Notice (undated)
18 "I.Q. scores of races" (undated)
19 "Still at large", Star, 27 Nov
20 "Misconceptions about librarians", Star, (undated)
21 "English Reader for beginners" (undated)

- 22 "Named Man is new professor" (undated)
- 23 "Varsity heads confer on Vorster threat", "Prof Roux has "no plans for future", Sunday Express, 20 Sept 1964
- 24 "The Banning of Dr Eddie Roux", The Auricle, March 1965
- 25 "Professor Roux", Auricle, March 1965
- 26 "Prof in exile: Eddie Roux", Wits Students 1965
- 27 "Roux, scientist's plea to Vorster" Sunday Times, 20/3/165
- 28 "Roux ban holds up big work on trees", Rand Daily Mail, 22 March 1965
- 29 "Honour for banned professor", Star, 1965
- 30 "Banned Botanist to stay in S.A.", Sunday Chronicle, 30 May 1965
- 31 "Wits head concerned" (undated)
- 32 "E. Roux mourned" (undated)
- 33 "Baton on the campus", Rand Daily Mail (undated)
- 34 "Eddie Roux's death, deep national loss", Rand Daily Mail, 1966
- 35 "Last salute to E. Roux", Wits Student – March 1966
- 36 "Winifred Mary Roux", "Memorial Service", "The Rationalist", May – June 1972

Roux CollectionA2203: D1-52

D Photographs1922 – 1954

- 1 Photo Album of snaps taken in South Wales, September 1922
- 2 Photo Album of family holidays etc, 1930
- 3 Photo Album of Roux family – undated
- 4 Family Photo Album of Roux's -
- 5 Family Photo Album of holidays, etc, 1932 – 33
- 6 Family Photo album – holidays ie. Durban, Aliwal North, England, Pretoria, etc, 1933 – 1954
- 7 Album called "Shafts from Pacific Quiver", a souvenir of South Sea Islands, undated.
- 8* Photograph of E. Roux as a young man, undated. Folio.
- 9* Photograph of Eddie's grandfather, Edward Hauman Roux, Born at Caledon 1931. Died 1919 (undated). Folio.
- 10* Unknown portrait of a young lady, undated. Folio.
- 11* Portrait of Eddie Roux's mother, Edith? (undated). Folio.

Note: * 12, 14, 18, 20, 22 24 have been removed (Most are duplicates)

Dec 24 Photos of Edith Mary Wilson, Eddie Roux's mother when she was a sister and nurse (before her marriage) 1896 – 1902.

Note: * 12 – 24: Some historic photos – E.M. Wilson nursed in British field hospitals during the Anglo Boer War.

- 25 Photo of Phillip and Edith Mary Roux (Eddie's parents) undated (x 3)
- 26 Photo of Eddie & Claud as small children, 1908?
- 27 Photo of Edna, 1 year old (undated)
- 28 Family photo of Eddie Roux's parents and their 6 children (undated)
- 29 Photo of the Roux brothers? (undated)
- 30 – 31 Photo of baby (unknown) undated.
- 32 Group photo (unidentified)
- 33 – 36 Photos of P.R. Roux (Eddie's father?)
- Note: Missing? (Are these not 41 – 44?)
- 37* Photo of Aliwal North, (undated)
- 38* Photo of Bezuidenhout Valley 1902
- 39* Postcard of Kimberley Mine (undated)
- 40* Photo of a horse drawn cart with prisoners (Note: marked scabs), (undated)
- 41* P.R. Roux (Eddie's father) during the Boer War, standing outside Kitchner's house (undated). (Note: Group photo with)
- 42* Photograph of P.R. Roux (Eddie's father).
- 43* Photograph of P.R. Roux in uniform in the Bechuanaland Campaign (undated)
- 44* P.R. Roux (undated)
- 45 Enid Roux (Robertson) (undated)?
- 46 Patricia Roux (daughter of Eddie Roux)
- 47 – 52 Photos of Edith Roux with granddaughter Patricia.

Note: Photos marked with * have been removed from the original collection of papers and stored in room 27 with the photograph collection.

* Roux CollectionA2203: E 1-31

Articles:

- 1 "Spermatogenesis in the Bryophyta" by M. Wilson, *Annals of Botany*, April 1911.
- 2 "Plant distribution in the woods of North-East Kent", *Annals of Botany*, October 1911.
- 3 "Observations on *Marsilia Macrocarpa* Presl" by E. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. XXVI, p 311-317, 1929.

- 4 "A combustible soil from the Witwatersrand", by E. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. XXXIII, p 337-342, 1937.

- 5 "The role of sorbitol in the C-Metabolism of the Kelsey Plum", by I. Donen and E. Roux. *The Biochemical Journal*, Vol. XXXIII, p 1947-1956, 1939
- 6 "Respiration and Maturity in Peaches and Plums" by E. Roux, *Annals of Botany*, New Series Vol. IV, p 317-328, 1940.

- 6a "A form of low-temperature injury in detached leaves" by E. Roux, *The New Phytologist*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 3, 1940.
- 7 "South African Fish Products" Part XXIII. "Variations in the oil and vitamin A contents of the liver of the Cape Hake" by E. Roux and C.J. Molteno, *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, Oct 1946, p 281-284.
- 8 "The Growth Rate of the Cape Hake or stockfish", *South African Science*, Vol. I, 1947.
- 9 "Migrations of the Cape Hake or stockfish (*Merluccius Capensis*, cast) on the West Coast of South Africa" by E.R. Roux, *Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa*, 1949, p 217-231.
- 10 "Hake catch Data from the West Ground", E. Roux *South African Science*, 1949, p 144-148
- 11 "Interace" – S.F.S. (undated)
- 12 "Interspecific plant Hybrids" by E. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, 1950, p 67-73, Vol. 47, No. 3
- 13 "The effect of Antibiotics Produced by *Trachypogon plumosus* on the Germination of seeds of the Kakiebos" by E.R. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, June 1953.
- 14 "The Nitrogen sensitivity of *Eragrostis Curvula* and *Trachypogon plumosus* in relation to grassland succession" by E.R. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, 1954 February, p 173-176.
- 15 "A further investigation of the Nitrogen sensitivity of veld grasses" by K. Jong and E.R. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. 52, 1 August 1955, p 27-28.
- 16 "Photosynthesis" by E. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. 52, No. 10, May 1956, p 234-238.
- 17 "Academic Freedom in South Africa" by E. Roux, *The University Liberation*, No. 5, winter.
- 18 "Human dignity and conscience" by Prof A. Geysler, "Sabotage and the S.A. way of life" by Prof G.H. Le May, 1962.

- 19 "The veld and the Future" (inaugural lecture), by E.R. Roux, Wits Press, 1963.
- 20 "The Australian acacias in South Africa" by E.R. Roux, *Ecological studies in Southern Africa*, 1963.
- 21 "Studies in the autecology of the Australian acacias in South Africa" by E.R. Roux and E. Middlemiss, *South African Journal of Science*, June 1963, p 286-290.
- 22 "Symbiotic Nitrogen fixation in acacia *Cyclops*, A. cnn" by E. Roux & J.L. Warren, (summary), *South African Journal of Science*, June 1963, p 294-298.
- 23 "Rhizobial Nitrogen Fixation in some South African acacias, by Prof E.R. Roux and C.C.G. Marais, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. 60, 1964, p 203-204.
- 24 "Salt tolerance in four invasive exotic acacias of the Cape Peninsula" by Prof E. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. 61, 1965, p 438-439.
- 25 "Convocation commentary", 1965.
- 26 "The role of Lomasomes in wall formation in *Penicillium vermiculatum*" by R. Wilsenach and M. Icessel, *J. Gen. Microbiol* 1965, p 401-404.
- 27 "On the function and structure of the septal pore of *Polyporus rugulosus*" by R. Wilsenach and M. Icessel, 1965, *J. Gen. Microbiol*, p 397-400.
- 28 "The New African" July 1966.
- 29 "Frontier" June 1966
- 30 "Eddie Roux Memorial Issue", *The Rationalist*, Vol. 11 – No. 3, 1966
- 31 "Obituary – Prof E.R. Roux, *South African Journal of Science*, Vol. 62, 1966, p 172.
- 31a "Ilingi" a report by P. Hall, January 1969.
- 31 "Plant succession on iron age 1 sitas at Melville Koppies (Joburg) by the late Prof E. Roux, *S.A. Journal of Science*, 1970, p 48-50.

Roux CollectionA2203: F1-5

F Notebooks

- 1 Notebook containing poems, essays, etc, 1916.
- 2 "Jeppe High" exercise book for compositions, 1917 (E.R. Roux)
- 3 "Jeppe High School" exercise book for the subject of English, 1919, (E.R. Roux)

- 4 Edward Roux, English composition, exercise book at Jeppe High School, Form IVA, 1920.
5 E. Roux English composition exercise book, 1921.

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G Drawings

- 1 Drawing of "Linksfield ridge" – from Bez Valley.
1a Drawing of corner Bracket, 16 May 1917.
2 "Oupa and Gran in back garden at Bez Valley – chiefly a study of the jacaranda tree".
3 "at Frankenwald"
4 "Trees, near stream, Bez Valley"
5 Painting by A.R. 20.4.1947
6 Drawing by E.R.R. 27.12.1947

07 Oct Drawings and paintings have no title and are (undated).

11 Portrait of a women 5.9.1948

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H Miscellaneous

- 1 Card in Memory of Elizabeth, wife of B.G. Wilson who died 24 December 1877.
2 Deed of sale: concerning property, Lot No. 667, First Street, Bezuidenhout Valley, 1 August 1900.
3 Pamphlet entitled: "The Independent Party, Demonstration in Pretoria", 1 April 1910.
4 "Wreight's" school magazine (situated in Faversham, England) No. 13, 1912. The magazine contains an article about Malcolm Wilson who was a botanist (possibly E. Roux's maternal grandfather).
5 Aerial post card from the Red Cross to the public of the Tvl, November 1918.
6 Poem entitled "Fire Bob" a day.
7 International May Day Programme 1920.
8 Programme of the University of the Witwatersrand graduation ceremony – 26/3/1927 (H shows Roux having the degree of Master of Science conferred on him).
9 National registration, identity card, 1943.
10 Official programme of the "victory celebrations", 8 June 1946.
11 Ration book, 1946 – 1947.
12 Clothing books, 1945 – 1947.
13 Chart reflecting cranial capacities of various nationality's (undated).
14 Chart showing a study done by Davenport & Steggerda in respect of race crossing in Jamaca. (American Army tests) (undated).
15 A card showing an old hall called "somecotes" where Tennyson & E. Roux's grandparents stayed at the same time (undated).
16 Pamphlet entitled "Beka record" (undated).
17 A copy of the notice sent to Roux in respect of sio of the Suppression of Communism Act 1950, 3 December 1964.
18 Card – stating that the relatives of the late Edith Stephens wish to thank all for kindness (Edith died at the time of Eddie's funeral) 30.3.66.
19 History of E. Roux (undated).
20 Details of books & scientific papers of E. Roux (undated).
21 The Jeppe High School Magazine July 1920
22 The Jeppe High School Magazine July 1921
23 The Jeppe High School Magazine December 1921
24 Sketch book belonging to Edith M. Wilson, it consists of dried plants, leaves, etc. (1900-02) i.e. specimens of SA's wild flowers.
25 Map of family tree, 1690 – 1782.

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I Organisations:

- 1 Black Sash
Advice office reports for Transvaal region, 1965 – 1967.