Edward Oscar Ulrich Papers, 1908-1944

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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

Edward Oscar Ulrich (1857-1944) was an invertebrate paleontologist and authority on Paleozoic fauna and formations. He developed an interest in fossils as a youth, collecting in the rich formations around his home in Covington, Kentucky. Ulrich attended German Wallace and Baldwin College at Berea, Ohio, and the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, but did not receive a degree from either. In 1877, he was appointed Curator of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History. After working many years as a freelance geologist and paleontologist on many of the state geological surveys, Ulrich accepted appointment with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in 1897. He remained with the USGS until his retirement in 1932. He continued his paleontological studies as a Research Associate at the United States National Museum until his death.

Ulrich was an authority on Paleozoic invertebrates, especially the Bryozoa, Ostracoda, and conodonts. His bibliography included over 120 titles, with Revision of the Paleozoic System (1911), generally considered his classic work. He conducted extensive field work in the United States, England, and Europe. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America (GSA), President of the Paleontological Society, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). He was the recipient of the Mary Clark Thompson Medal of the NAS in 1930, and the Penrose Medal of the GSA in 1932. Ulrich was awarded the honorary M.A. (1886) and D.Sc. (1892) from German Wallace and Baldwin College.

Descriptive Entry

This accession includes correspondence, notes, maps, photographs and negatives documenting Ulrich’s research.
Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Geologists
- Geology
- Paleontologists
- Paleontology

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Manuscripts
- Maps

Names:
- Baldwin-Wallace College
- Cincinnati Society of Natural History
- Geological Society of America
- Geological Survey (U.S.)
- National Academy of Sciences (U.S.)
- Ohio Medical College
- Paleontological Society
- Ulrich, E. O. (Edward Oscar), 1857-1944
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