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MS 7173 George J. Gibbs Letterbook

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 7173 George J. Gibbs Letterbook
<b>Date:</b>	1874-1878
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS7173
<b>Creator:</b>	Gibbs, George J. (George Judson), approximately 1833- Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887 (Correspondent) Evans, John (Correspondent) Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878 (Correspondent) Hutchings (Correspondent) Inglis, W.R. (Correspondent) Lefroy, J.H. (Correspondent) Musgrave, Anthony, Sir (Correspondent)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Book 300 Pages
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

B.G.E. St.Aubyn, Windsor House, Cayman Islands, British West Indies gift July, 1973 74-1

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## Biographical / Historical

Virtually no biographical information is available. From the text, a birthdate for George J. Gibbs of ca. 1833 has been deduced. In the manuscript, Gibbs states that his father was the Honorable George Gibbs "of these islands" and that his uncle was William H. Gibbs who died ca. 1876. G.J. Gibbs lived on Grand Turk Island of the British West Indies, at that time a Jamaican dependency, was married, and had children (number unknown). According to the text, he became an invalid due to an illness ca. 1875.

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## Scope and Contents

Copies of correspondence between George J. Gibbs and others on a variety of topics, especially anthropological, ornithological, and geneological. Included is correspondence with Spencer Baird and Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian Institution; John Evans; Joseph Hutchings; W.R. Inglis, "late" president of the Turks and Caicos Islands; J.H. Lefroy, "fomer" governor of Bermuda; Sir Anthony Musgrave, governor of Jamaica; and Joseph Hutchings. Also included are photographs of Baird, Evans, Hutchings, Inglis, Lefroy,

and Musgrave; a copy of James Smithson's will; sketches of artifacts; geneological information regarding the original colonists of the Bermudas, and excerpts from other sources.

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## Arrangement

chronological

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

8.5"x13" bound

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## Local Note

Date of birth determined by extrapolation from text: on page 286, 1878, Gibbs says that for 42 years he knew no illness, but "three years ago" [1875] he became ill from exposure on a hunting trip and has ever since been an invalid. [1875 - 42 years = 1833, hypothetical birth date.]

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## Other Title

"A correspondence relative to Ancient Stone Implements etc., etc. between George J. Gibbs of Grand Turk and Caicos Islands, W.I. and John Evans Esquire F.R.S. & F.S.A., Honorary Secretary of the Geological and Numismatic Societies of London etc., etc. (the author of a work established in London in the year 1872 entitled 'Ancient Stone Implements, etc. of Great Britain') also with Joseph Henry Esquire Secretary and Diretor of the Smithsonian Intitute and of the National Museum of the United States of America at Washington, D.C. and with other partners on various subjects."

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Anthropology -- Indians -- Americas -- West Indies  
Archaeology -- Stone tools -- West Indies  
Language and languages -- Documentation  
Natural history -- Ornithology -- West Indies  
Social history -- geneology -- Bermuda -- West Indies -- England

Types of Materials:

Letters

Names:

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887  
Evans, John  
Hutchings, Joseph F.  
Inglis, W.R.  
Lefroy, J.H.

Musgrave, Anthony, Sir  
Smithson, James, 1765-1829  
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