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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
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Historical Note

This accession documents the career of Roxie C. Laybourne, a pioneering forensic scientist at the Smithsonian Institution whose expertise in identifying bird feathers helped government agencies and jet engine manufacturers take measures to keep birds away from aircraft. Laybourne worked in the Division of Birds for more than 40 years before retiring in 1988 as curator emeritus. In later years, she served as a consultant to the division of law enforcement of the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory and taught biology at George Mason University as an adjunct professor.

Descriptive Entry

Records consist of correspondence, awards and certificates, articles and biographical materials about Laybourne, law enforcement files, and research materials.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Feathers
Forensic science

Ornithologists
Ornithology

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Manuscripts
Newspapers

Names:

George Mason University
Laybourne, Roxie C., 1910-2003
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Container Listing

Box 1

Awards and Certificates:

- Box 1 of 1 Meredith Alumnae
- Box 1 of 1 George Washington University Alumnae
- Box 1 of 1 Miscellaneous Awards and Certificates

Public Relations Files:

- Box 1 of 1 Books and Forwards
- Box 1 of 1 Pamphlets and Newsletters
- Box 1 of 1 Newspaper Articles (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 1 Bill Adair Articles
- Box 1 of 1 Magazine Articles
- Box 1 of 1 Miscellaneous Articles
- Box 1 of 1 Resumes - Laybourne History
- Box 1 of 1 Obituaries
- Box 1 of 1 Talks and Exhibits

Correspondence:

- Box 1 of 1 Correspondence - Professional, 1964-1990
- Box 1 of 1 Correspondence, 1962-1985
- Box 1 of 1 Correspondence - Lester Short, 1965-1972
- Box 1 of 1 Correspondence - Tom Burleigh, 1962-1972
- Box 1 of 1 Correspondence - Dan Tallman, 1967-1997
- Box 1 of 1 Letters of Thanks and Acknowledgment

Law Enforcement:

- Box 1 of 1 Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Cases, 1987-1996

Box 1 of 1	Parrot Eggs
Box 1 of 1	Law Enforcement Correspondence, 1964
Box 1 of 1	Law Enforcement Articles, 1992
Box 1 of 1	Incoming Evidence Log, 1980-1988 (2 folders)
Box 1 of 1	Trials
	Research Files:
Box 1 of 1	Birds of Paradise
Box 1 of 1	Pigeons
Box 1 of 1	Goura Pictures (2 folders)
Box 1 of 1	Gynandromorphic House Sparrow
Box 1 of 1	Hybria Warbler