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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Melbourne Armstrong Carriker Papers
Identifier:	Accession 05-254
Date:	circa 1900-1969, 2000
Extent:	2 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes)
Creator::	Carriker, Melbourne Armstrong, 1879-1965
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the travels and family of Melbourne Armstrong Carriker, ornithologist and entomologist specializing in bird lice. His association with the Smithsonian Institution began in 1940, when he collected birds in Vera Cruz, Mexico, for the United States National Museum (USNM). From 1941 to 1952, Carriker conducted collecting expeditions to Colombia for the USNM. From 1953 until his death, Carriker held the honorary post of Collaborator in the Department of Entomology of the National Museum of Natural History.

Carriker's travels documented in this accession include expeditions and collecting trips to Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, and Costa Rica as well as family vacations throughout the United States. Materials primarily include photographs and negatives, but also include narratives, diaries, and other writings; clippings; correspondence; and maps. Some materials were created about Carriker shortly after his death. Also included in these records is a book written by his son, Melbourne Romaine Carriker, about the Carriker family in 2000, titled *Vista Nieve: The Remarkable True Adventures of an Early Twentieth Century Naturalist and His Family in Columbia, South America*. The book was written using the materials in this accession.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Birds -- Central America

Birds -- South America
Entomology
Ornithology
Scientific expeditions -- Central America
Scientific expeditions -- South America

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Books
Clippings
Color photographs
Diaries
Manuscripts
Maps

Names:

Carriker, Melbourne Armstrong, 1879-1965
Carriker, Melbourne R. (Melbourne Romaine), 1915-2007
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Entomology
United States National Museum

Geographic Names:

Bolivia
Colombia
Costa Rica
Peru

Preferred Titles:

Vista Nieve: The Remarkable True Adventures of an Early Twentieth Century Naturalist and His Family in Columbia, South America (Monograph : 2000)

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-1, New York to Pampa de los Arrieros
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-2, Neptune Party; W. H. Misti; Pampa de Arrieros; La Paz
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-4, Santa Ana - Idunay (?)
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-5, Teoponte - Chiniri
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-6, Down Rio Kaka - Sipiapo
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-7, Chiniri - Susi - Rio Beni
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-8, Susi and Chatarona - Rio Beni, Bolivia
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-9, Chatarona, near Reyes, Bolivia
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-10, Coming through the rapids, Rio Kaka, Bolivia
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1934-11, Calabata and Sandillani
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia 1934-1935: 1935-1, Hichuloma, La Cumbre, Irpavi
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker and Colombian Family
- Box 1 of 2 Collecting trips - Unlabelled negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Negatives printed from Computer - River Beni Bird Collection
- Box 1 of 2 Negatives and prints brought from Bucaramanga after (M.A) Carriker's death
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-1, Altiplano, south
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-2, Altiplano, south
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- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-5, Altiplano, south
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-6, Rio Lepeo to Bemejo
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-7, Fortini Campero & return to La Merced
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-8, Entre Rios to Villamonte
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-9, Villamonte to Lagumillas
- Box 1 of 2 M. A. Carriker Negatives - Bolivia, 1936: 1936-10, Rio Azero to Sucre
- Box 1 of 2 Popayan house negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Cincinnati, Las Flores, Santa Marta negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Vista Nieve, Las Flores, Dad collecting in Venezuela negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Vista Nieve negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Popayan collection/Miscellaneous negatives
- Box 1 of 2 House in Santa Marta negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Camp Carmelita, on road from Cincinnati to Santa Marta & La Villa negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Sioux Co. collecting trip, Merritt Cary (deceased) & self (Carriker) - Sioux Co., Nebraska 1900
- Box 1 of 2 Miscellaneous from Cincinnati & Vista Nieve and Santa Marta, Colombia
- Box 1 of 2 Peons & families, Vista Nieve negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Cincinnati - San Lorenzo negatives
- Box 1 of 2 New Popayan house negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Popayan and Bouda negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Felisa de Carreta negatives
- Box 1 of 2 Beechwood and Tom's River
- Box 1 of 2 Family Negatives
- Box 1 of 2 House and family at Bucaramanga; Station at San Alberto
- Box 1 of 2 Vista Nieve - Farm scenes and family
- Box 1 of 2 Las Flores and Santa Marta

Box 1 of 2 Cincinnati
Box 1 of 2 House in Beechwood/Tom's River
Box 1 of 2 Images of children, January 1932

Box 2

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Box 2 of 2 1904 diary Costa Rica Expedition
Box 2 of 2 Popular writings, newspaper clippings, Colombian collecting sites
Box 2 of 2 Map: Magdalena, Colombia 1969 (Cieraga Grande)
Box 2 of 2 John Carriker (M. A. Carriker Jr.'s cousin)
Box 2 of 2 Clippings
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, M. A., 1938-1942
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, M. A., 1942-1955
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, M. A., 1956-1965
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, M. A., final arrangements, 1965-1966
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, M. A., (post death)
Box 2 of 2 Carriker, Meb. Biographic, letters (post & humus), professional
Box 2 of 2 "Vista Nieve" by M. R. Carriker (son)
Box 2 of 2 Miscellaneous visual media