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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Edward Albert Chapin Field Notebooks
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Edward Albert Chapin (1894-1969), a leading authority on beetles, received a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1916, a master's degree from Massachusetts State University in 1917 and a Ph.D. in Zoology from George Washington University in 1926. From 1917 to 1920 he worked for the Bureau of Biological Survey. He then worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (from 1920 to 1926 in the Bureau of Animal Industry and from 1926 to 1934 in the Bureau of Entomology). In 1934 he joined the United States National Museum, Division of Insects, and remained there as curator until his retirement in 1954. After moving from Washington, DC, to West Medway, Massachusetts, he became an associate of the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of field notebooks from his travels in Cuba, Jamaica, Colombia, and Chile. The typewritten notebooks include journal entries, correspondence, photographs, news clippings, maps and checklists.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Beetles
Zoology

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Field notes
Journals (accounts)
Manuscripts

Names:

Harvard University. Museum of Comparative Zoology
United States National Museum. Division of Insects
United States. Bureau of Animal Industry
United States. Bureau of Biological Survey
United States. Bureau of Entomology
University of Massachusetts (Amherst campus)
Yale University

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1 Field Notebook, Cuba and Jamaica Trip (1937) and Jamaica Trip (1941). Includes photos of Margery Ann Davidson as a child taken in 1947 and a checklist of the ants in Jamaica.

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Box 1 of 1 Field Notebook, Colombia (1941-1942)

[Digital Content:](#)

Box 1 of 1 Field Notebook, Chile (1945)

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