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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	William F. Foshag Papers
Identifier:	Accession 91-144
Date:	circa 1935-1949
Extent:	2.58 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes) (1 tall document box)
Creator::	Foshag, William F. (William Frederick), 1894-1956
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting William F. Foshag's studies in Mexican geology. Foshag's notes on literature about Mexican geology make up a large portion of the accession. Also included are illustrations and photographs for published papers, manuscripts, maps of stratigraphic sections, contour maps, and field notebooks (including some observations of the Parícutin Volcano). Notebooks on Foshag's 1949 study of Central American jade objects include rubbings of objects and also small samples of jade taped into the notebooks.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Geology -- Mexico
Jade
Volcanoes -- Mexico

Types of Materials:

Artifacts
Black-and-white photographs
Books
Brochures

Clippings
Drawings
Manuscripts

Names:

Foshag, William F. (William Frederick), 1894-1956

Geographic Names:

Parícutin (Mexico)
Parícutin Volcano

Container Listing

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