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## Walter Richardson Spofford Papers, *circa* 1958-1968

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Walter Richardson Spofford Papers
<b>Date:</b>	<i>circa</i> 1958-1968
<b>Identifier:</b>	Accession 97-088
<b>Creator::</b>	Spofford, Walter Richardson
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<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Walter R. Spofford (1908-1995) was a neuroanatomist and a member of the medical faculties at Cornell University, Vanderbilt University, and the State University of New York at Syracuse. He was also interested in raptorial birds and conducted early experiments in biochemical taxonomy, the forerunner of studies on DNA fingerprinting.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers document Spofford's research on the biochemical taxonomy of raptorial birds and include correspondence, laboratory notebooks, and note cards containing data from the analysis of the electrophoresis of egg-white proteins in birds.

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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:

- Animals -- Classification
- Birds of prey
- Chemotaxonomy
- Neuroanatomy
- Ornithologists
- Ornithology

Types of Materials:

Laboratory notebooks  
Manuscripts

Names:

Cornell University  
Spofford, Walter Richardson  
Upstate Medical Center (N.Y.)  
Vanderbilt University

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## Container Listing

	Box 1
Box 1 of 3	Note Cards
	Box 2
Box 2 of 3	Note Cards
Box 2 of 3	Graph Cards
	Box 3
Box 3 of 3	Note Cards
Box 3 of 3	Letters on Asia and South America
Box 3 of 3	Albumen Samples, 1959
Box 3 of 3	Record Book
Box 3 of 3	Notes
Box 3 of 3	Correspondence, 1964
Box 3 of 3	Correspondence, 1958-1963