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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Records
Date:	1846-1948
Identifier:	Record Unit 2
Creator::	Smithsonian Institution. Board of Regents. Executive Committee
Extent:	2.25 cu. ft. (3 document boxes) (1 half document box) (1 bound volume)
Language:	English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

An Executive Committee of the Board of Regents was provided by the Act of August 10, 1846, creating the Smithsonian Institution. In the early years this body discharged many responsibilities for the Board, which met only twice a year and could scarcely be assembled with any speed, given the state of transportation. Thus, many of the early members were Regents already residing or stationed in Washington. The Permanent Committee, created in 1894 by the Regents, was responsible for detailed management of bequests and gifts to the Institution. In practice the Permanent and Executive Committees frequently merged in their functions. While some of the Executive Committee's more routine duties, such as auditing Smithsonian accounts, have been delegated to professional administrators, the Committee remains a central agenda body for the Regents.

Descriptive Entry

These records document the meetings of the Committee. From them are taken the printed versions which appear in the Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Museum finance
Museum trustees

Museums -- Administration

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Smithsonian Institution -- Administration
Smithsonian Institution. Board of Regents
Smithsonian Institution. Board of Regents. Permanent Committee
Walcott, Charles D. (Charles Doolittle), 1850-1927

Container Listing

Series 1: RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1846-1948.

Box 1

Box 1 of 4	Manuscript bound volume of minutes of the Committee, 1846-1849
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Box 2

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Box 3

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Box 3 of 4	Folder 3 Proceedings of the Regents and Report of the Executive Committee, June 30, 1894
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