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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Polaris Expedition Records
Identifier:	Record Unit 68
Date:	1871-1876
Extent:	1.94 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 half document box) (1 16x20 box)
Creator::	Smithsonian Institution
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Descriptive Entry

The Polaris Expedition was undertaken for scientific observation in the Arctic during the period from 1871 to 1873, under the direction of the Navy. The Smithsonian Institution was involved, especially in meteorological observations, and acquired part of the records with a view to publishing them. This collection consists of the records themselves plus the preparatory work of Dr. Emil Bessels, who oversaw their publication in *Scientific Results of the United States Arctic Expedition, 1876*.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Meteorology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Bessels, Emil, 1847-1888
United States North Polar Expedition (1871-1873)
United States. Navy

Geographic Names:

Arctic regions -- Discovery and exploration

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 3 Data Sheets (58 folders)

Box 2

Box 2 of 3 Data Sheets

Box 3

Box 3 of 3 Logbook